

Ray Massey Sr

May 11, 1941 - June 23, 2025

Mr. Ray H. Massey, Sr., was born and raised in the city of Winston-Salem to the parents of George and Cora Massey. He attended the local schools, and he was a retired employee of the city of Winston-Salem. He was married to the late Mary Ann Taylor Massey. They were both devoted members of Emmanuel Baptist Church. He enjoyed his family. He was a solid father, trusting brother, uncle, and friend. He spent many times on the road traveling from state to state with his siblings and was often the host home for the family visitors. There was no one staying in hotels; everybody would sleep at his house. The children would even bunk in the back of his truck, where he had beds installed for their pleasure.

Ray enjoyed a lot of things in life, including the Lord. Ray Sr. joined the Gilmore Funeral Home staff as a teenager, serving as an ambulance driver for Angels of Mercy, one of the lead Funeral Assistants, and a funeral home hearse driver. He was a steady presence at both the Fifth Street and Liberty locations, always mentoring new staff and leading with quiet strength. He had an amazing voice; he sang lead in his church at Emmanuel Baptist on Smith Street. He also served on the Usher Board, drove the church vans to pick up church members, and he picked up and folded the church bulletins. He was also the lead singer in the renowned group, The Golden Harmonizers, and was the last living member of the group. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, golfing,

boating, and sports. He often traveled for the experiences with his brothers, specifically George. Ray is a soul that will be missed by everyone who ever got to know him. He was known to be a sharp dresser, very prideful in his appearance, charismatic, comical, and caring. He was the epitome of a man, and we were blessed to have a deposit from him in our individual lives.

He was preceded in death by two, Zanelle Galloway and Vermella Bryant. Three brothers preceded him in death: George T. Massey, Jr., (Anette), Norman Massey, and Larry Massey;

Ray left behind the following people to carry on his legacy: two sons, Ray Massey, Jr., and Troy Massey; one daughter, Carolyn Massy; one granddaughter, Erica Pauling; one great-granddaughter, Olivia Pauling; two grandsons, Bernard (Maurice) Jefferson and Troy Massey, Jr.; one sister, Vivian Jones; and two brothers, Reverend Henry (Bessie) Massy and Rodney (Rip) Massey. as well as two goddaughters, Bobby and Stephanie Peebles; two very special nieces, his protege, he would say, Nicole Tisdale (Gavin) and Shirley Faye Boyd (Jimmy); and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Cemetery Details

Evergreen Cemetery

2124 New Walkertown Rd
Winston Salem, NC 27101

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 2. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Emmanuel Baptist Church
1075 Shalimar Dr.
Winston Salem, NC 27107

Homegoing Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ Ray, sorry for your loss. Please know you're in my thoughts and prayers.

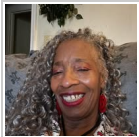


Felisha Anderson - July 04, 2025 at 07:29 PM

MP

“ Mr. Massey I'm extremely grateful to have known you. You were more than just my daughter's grandfather you were a father figure to me. We're going to miss you so much. I promise to take care of your baby your only granddaughter Erika. Until we meet again....☐😭

Monica Pauling - July 01, 2025 at 06:11 PM



“ This is a sad day knowing after 15 yrs of being neighbors, I will not get the friendly waves or the bright smiles or the permission to pick his dandelions!

The family has our deepest condolences and prayers to carry them through this time of bereavement.

Stephanie Funderburk - July 01, 2025 at 12:52 PM

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“ *Rest Peacefully Mr. Ray Massey, Sr. Your kindness, generosity, debonair attire and humor will forever be remembered and cherished.*

Your gift of 'guarding the Pearlie Gates of Emmanuel Baptist Church' has prepared you for your heavenly rewards and 'Post in the Kingdom'! Your reward awaits you!



Veronica L Bitting - July 01, 2025 at 05:24 AM

SP

“ *Stephanie P. purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Ray Massey Sr.*



Stephanie P. - June 30, 2025 at 09:48 PM

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“ *My Uncle is and will forever be everything to me and my family. Uncle Ray, this will be a huge life adjustment but we have no regrets. We loved on eachother hard to your last day. Distance never kept us far apart because we never disconnected from the heart. Forever your favorite niece.*

Love Nicole

Nicole Tisdale (Massey) - June 30, 2025 at 09:29 AM

NB

“ Ray was a dedicated member of Emmanuel Baptist Church. He took his roll as a doorkeeper in the house of God seriously as he proudly ushered members into the sanctuary. Always had that "strut" and smile. My sincere condolences to Ray, Jr., Troy, Vivian and the entire family. May God give you peace and wrap you in His comforting arms.

Nadyne Brown - June 29, 2025 at 03:41 PM

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“ So grateful for Uncle Ray and how he was there for me when I lost my daughter his great niece Briana Nicole Massey. You have earned your rest, you amazing man of God. -
Amanda Massey



Amanda Massey - June 27, 2025 at 02:38 PM

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“ The Sturdivant Family sends our deepest sympathy to the Massey Family. The Massey's lived across the street from my husband, Art's family. His grandmother was Ms. Ada Sturdivant. The Massey's were the first people I met arriving in W-S. I didn't get to know Ray as well as his Sister, Vivian, since he was older but I remember him as always looking out for his Mother and younger siblings. Their family was a great inspiration for me. So much so, I still consider Vivian my SISTER! I send my love and pray for the family.



Art and Lula Sturdivant - June 26, 2025 at 01:47 PM