



Mr. Raymond "Red" Sears

April 23, 1961 - January 25, 2025

Raymond Sears was born April 23, 1961, to the late Ida Pearl Wyrick Sears and Ronald Gene Adams of South Bend, Indiana. He met and married the precious jewel of his life, Darlene Smith-Sears (deceased), formerly of Marianna, Arkansas.

Raymond attended Walker High School in Magnolia, where he balanced his studies with a strong work ethic, he took on several jobs in the community, such as Keith's Grocery Store, the city of Magnolia, Unit Structures LLC, and Landscaping for Pitman's Nursery. Raymond's dedication and strong work ethic were evident in every role he undertook, leaving a lasting impact on those who worked alongside him.

Raymond began his career by joining the National Guard, where he proudly served for 14 years before retiring. Following his retirement, he relocated to South Bend, IN, and began working for Smurfit-Stone Container Corporation, now known as Smurfit Westrock, the world's largest containerboard and box-making company. He dedicated 18 years to the company, serving as a Union Steward.

His longtime friend, Donald Brazier, fondly called him the "Overtime King", a title earned from his relentless work ethic. Raymond's overtime hours fueled his passion for collecting impressive shoes, stylish clothes, hats, horses, and

cars, always ensuring he had the best of what he loved.

Raymond had a deep love for horses, a passion that began at the age of 12 when he owned his first Tennessee Walking Horse. He and his close friend, Elvis Doss, spent countless hours riding through their Magnolia, AR, neighborhood, enjoying the smooth gait of their horses.

His love for horses continued throughout his life, leading him to join the Black Cowboys of South Bend Organization. Through this community, he had the opportunity to own, ride, and teach others about horses, sharing his passion with family, friends, his beloved wife, Darlene, and their children.

Raymond had a deep passion for luxury and classic cars, owning several throughout his life. He was often seen cruising around town in style, dressed in a sharp suit and matching hat, with his signature license plate reading "Cool Daddy." His attention to detail extended beyond his cars, his impeccable fashion sense ensured that every outfit was coordinated from head to toe, a true reflection of his distinctive style and personality.

Raymond accepted Christ as his personal Savior early and joined Mt. Superior Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. Orlando Ray of Magnolia, AR. Raymond spent his time at church playing the drums in the Z9 Explosion Band traveling from church to church on a Sunday afternoon. After moving to South Bend, Indiana, he joined the Bethlehem M.B. Church, where the Rev. Keith Witherspoon was his pastor. He joined the choir and spent several hours helping out at the church with his wife Darlene until his health declined.

Raymond departed this life on January 25, 2025. One uncle, Tommy Adams of South Bend, IN, preceded him in death.

He leaves to cherish his memory, one son Datron Sears of Columbus, Ohio, one daughter Bre'yunda Wonzon of Magnolia AR, one stepson Marvin Smith of South Bend, Indiana, and one stepdaughter Kenya ReShay Smith of Marlow, OK. He also leaves three brothers: Billy Don Wyrick (Carla), Steve Wyrick (Michelle) of Magnolia, AR. and Undrae Adams of Allentown, Pennsylvania. One sister: Charmane Adams of Allentown Pennsylvania, Three uncles: Terry Sears (Kathy) and Bobby Sears of Magnolia, AR, and Rickey Adams of South Bend, IN. Three Aunts: Willie "Becky" Sharp (Odis-deceased) of Delhi, LA, Winnie Stuckey, and Helen Malone of Magnolia, AR. Four grandchildren: Iris Smith, D'Khari-James, Jabari-James, and Brooklyn, whom he loved dearly. Raymond also leaves a host of nieces, nephews, in-laws, and cousins.

Celebration of Life services will be held Friday, February 7th, 2025 with Military Honors, at R.L. Reed Funeral Home Chapel in Magnolia, Arkansas at 1:00 p.m., with interment to follow at Kings Hill Cemetery in Magnolia, under the direction of R.L. Reed Funeral Home, LLC. Minister

A visitation will be held Thursday {Feb. 6th}, from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m., at R.L. Reed Funeral Home in Magnolia.

"For precaution due to the COVID-19, Masks are Encouraged but Not Required While Attending the Services and During Visitation Hours. However, wearing masks ensures safety for you and others. Thank you."

Cemetery Details

kings Hill Cemetery

County Road 265
Magnolia, AR

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 6. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

R.L. Reed Funeral Home
100 Hwy 79 North
Magnolia, AR 71753
(870) 901-3536

Celebration of Life

FEB 7. 1:00 PM (CT)

R.L. Reed Funeral Home Chapel
100 HWY 79 NORTH
Magnolia, AR

Tribute Wall

JF

“ I worked with Ray during Smurfit-Stone then RockTenn (now WestRock). Very friendly and a hard worker. I just found out about his passing, our condolences. May Ray rest in Jesus' loving arms.
Jeff & Cindi Fenimore



Jeff Fenimore - March 20, 2025 at 05:45 PM

LT

“ Our condolences and prayers for the family of Mr. Raymond Sears.



Lonnie and Charlotte Taylor - February 05, 2025 at 07:35 AM

ER

“ Edna Rowden lit a candle in memory of Mr. Raymond "Red" Sears



Edna Rowden - February 04, 2025 at 09:15 AM

BF

“ *Bethlehem Church Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Raymond "Red" Sears.*



Bethlehem Church Family - February 04, 2025 at 08:28 AM

BF

“ *Bethlehem Church Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Raymond "Red" Sears.*

Bethlehem Church Family - February 04, 2025 at 08:28 AM

MS

“ *Mary Shaw lit a candle in memory of Mr. Raymond "Red" Sears*



Mary Shaw - February 02, 2025 at 03:22 PM



“ *Betty Chappel-Wright lit a candle in memory of Mr. Raymond "Red" Sears*



Betty Chappel-Wright - February 01, 2025 at 10:30 PM



“ COUSIN RAYMOND YOU WILL BE GREATLY MISSED .HUG EVERYONE UPSTAIRS FOR ME . LOVE COUSIN MAURICE (MO) BURTON SR

MO Burton - January 31, 2025 at 06:17 PM



“ Dianne Williamson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Raymond "Red" Sears



Dianne Williamson - January 31, 2025 at 06:32 AM



“ Dianne Williamson sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Raymond "Red" Sears



Dianne Williamson - January 31, 2025 at 06:31 AM



“ Nina Hamilton sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Raymond "Red" Sears



Nina Hamilton - January 30, 2025 at 06:07 PM

MC

“ *Michael Clayton sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Raymond "Red" Sears*



Michael Clayton - January 30, 2025 at 01:32 PM

FR

“ *Faye D Roby lit a candle in memory of Mr. Raymond "Red" Sears*



Faye D Roby - January 29, 2025 at 04:28 PM

FR

My prayers to the family of Raymond Sears. May he R.I.P.

Faye D Roby - January 29, 2025 at 04:30 PM

LC

“ *LaTonya Chatman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Raymond "Red" Sears*



LaTonya Chatman - January 29, 2025 at 01:58 PM

LS

“ *Linda S Sharp lit a candle in memory of Mr. Raymond "Red" Sears*



Linda S Sharp - January 29, 2025 at 07:35 AM

KW

“ *Kathy Witt lit a candle in memory of Mr. Raymond "Red" Sears*



Kathy Witt - January 29, 2025 at 07:34 AM

BW

“ *May God bless the Sears family. Billy and Patricia Williams*



Billy and Patricia Williams - January 29, 2025 at 12:21 AM

TJ

“ *Tracy Deshonda Jackson-Doss lit a candle in memory of Mr. Raymond "Red" Sears*



Tracy Deshonda Jackson-Doss - January 28, 2025 at 10:11 AM



“ *Betty Chappel-Wright lit a candle in memory of Mr. Raymond "Red" Sears*



Betty Chappel-Wright - January 27, 2025 at 12:54 PM



“ *Reginald Curry lit a candle in memory of Mr. Raymond "Red" Sears*



Reginald Curry - January 27, 2025 at 10:19 AM



“ *Linda Morgan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Raymond "Red" Sears*



Linda Morgan - January 27, 2025 at 12:49 AM



Rest in PEACE, my brother-in-law.

Linda Morgan - January 27, 2025 at 12:50 AM

GO

“ Praying for the family of Mr. Sears. May God continue to keep His loving arms of protection around you all!



Gwen O'Guinn - January 26, 2025 at 06:27 PM

KG

“ Kelly Gentry lit a candle in memory of Mr. Raymond "Red" Sears



kelly Gentry - January 26, 2025 at 06:15 PM

SS

“ Sophia Sanders lit a candle in memory of Mr. Raymond "Red" Sears



Sophia Sanders - January 26, 2025 at 05:36 PM

CG

“ Carol Garland sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Raymond "Red" Sears



Carol Garland - January 26, 2025 at 12:56 PM

DH

“ Dearlean Hughes sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Raymond "Red" Sears



Dearlean Hughes - January 26, 2025 at 11:52 AM

JW

“ Praying for your family 🙏🙏

Joann Radford Whitaker - January 26, 2025 at 11:29 AM

NH

“ Nina Hamilton sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Raymond "Red" Sears



Nina Hamilton - January 26, 2025 at 09:55 AM

NH

Praying for my friend family and friends 🙏 continue to rest in paradise my friend Raymond

Nina Hamilton - January 26, 2025 at 09:56 AM

GJ

“ George Jenkins sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Raymond "Red" Sears



George Jenkins - January 26, 2025 at 02:50 AM

MP

“ *Mary S. Pickings sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Raymond "Red" Sears*



Mary S. Pickings - January 25, 2025 at 08:25 PM

DW

“ *Dianne Willis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Raymond "Red" Sears*



Dianne Willis - January 25, 2025 at 03:34 PM

CC

“ *Cleora Claiborne sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Raymond "Red" Sears*



Cleora Claiborne - January 25, 2025 at 02:23 PM

CC

“ *Cleora Claiborne lit a candle in memory of Mr. Raymond "Red" Sears*



Cleora Claiborne - January 25, 2025 at 02:22 PM

DY

“ Darlene Young lit a candle in memory of Mr. Raymond "Red" Sears



Darlene Young - January 25, 2025 at 01:13 PM

LT

“ Lora Thomas sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Raymond "Red" Sears



Lora Thomas - January 25, 2025 at 11:45 AM

BH

“ Bonnie Hardwell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Raymond "Red" Sears



Bonnie Hardwell - January 25, 2025 at 11:07 AM

SD

“ Sandra Smith Daniels sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Raymond "Red" Sears



Sandra Smith Daniels - January 25, 2025 at 10:54 AM

RW

“ *Condolences To MY Cousins And Datron Sears.*

Rodney Dywane Butler Wheeler - January 25, 2025 at 10:48 AM

BM

“ *Betty Murphy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Raymond "Red" Sears*



Betty Murphy - January 25, 2025 at 10:35 AM

LH

“ *My prayers are with the family. May the Lord strengthen you and keep you in your time of sorrow.*



Louise Harden - January 25, 2025 at 10:21 AM