



Reverend Ray A. Adcox

April 23, 1958 - August 31, 2025

Our beloved Reverend Ray Allen Adcox entered into the presence of our Lord, on August 31, 2025 at the age of 67 years old. Ray was born to Charles and Bonnie Adcox in Kansas City, Kansas. He was a graduate of J.C. Harmon High School in 1976. Ray worked at a young age at Circle B Market as a sacker, then promoted to cashier. Later, Ray would become store manager. Owner, Joe Benskin loved and trusted Ray in his abilities and his integrity insomuch that he would leave the country and leave the store in Ray's hands, with never a care. Ray was a minister of the gospel of Jesus Christ, called and chosen at the age of 12. He exemplified what a good Christian should look like. He didn't talk the talk, but walked the walk. Although Ray was often quiet and shy at times, you could find him most often studying the word of God preparing for a sermon, a wedding, or a funeral. Ray was very talented and gifted in music. He could play the piano, organ, drums, electric guitar, acoustic, tambourine and bass guitar, all by ear. Music brought Ray and others much joy especially at church functions and family gatherings. Ray had a love for fishing. The fish catch was not as important as meditating and speaking to the Lord. He was a fisherman for souls. Ray was a family man who loved his wife Debbie of 42 years, his children Ray Jr., and Rachel. In 2023, Ray's health had started to decline, insomuch that we were unsure if he would have the opportunity to meet his 1st grandson baby James. But God saw Ray's will to live and his heart and gave him an extension of life. He has faced many health problems in his lifetime, but chose to put his life in God's

hand and never complained. Many miracles have taken place throughout his life. At the age of 19, he was on his way to church on a Sunday morning on his motorcycle with family not far behind. He was struck by a drunk driver going 55 mph only to land on top of the hood of another car and thrown in the ditch. The doctors gave no hope of Ray's survival other than a vegetative state. Ray defeated all odds. He was a real miracle. God restored his health once again. God's blessings continued to follow Ray with another grandbaby #2 soon to arrive in February 2025, Hannah Grace. Ray truly felt the joy of being a grandpa (pops) to his two precious grandbabies as Ray's life should have ended two years prior. But God...

If Ray was here today, his desire for you would be to surrender your life to Jesus Christ and ask Jesus into your heart. Ray loved Jesus with all of his heart and wanted you to do the same as he had a personal relationship with the Lord. Ray is survived by his loving wife Deborah Jo (Hale) Adcox; son Ray Adcox, Jr.; daughter Rachel and husband Caleb Drake; grandchildren James Michael and Hannah Grace; siblings sister Marilyn and Bruce Hodges; brother Dan and Linda Adcox; brother Tim and Anette Adcox; sister Debbie and Karl Van Waters; brother Dave and Shelley Adcox; brother Bruce and Teresa Adcox.; and many nieces and nephews. Special thanks to his niece Laura and Jamie Parker for their love and care during these difficult times. We find comfort in knowing that Ray is finally home in the presence of Jesus, where he longed to be. So today, we celebrate you home Ray. We will miss you, and will go forward to lift up the name of Jesus and proclaim that He is Lord. We wish to thank all the doctors and nurses at KU Hospital for their wonderful care. Thank you to Olathe Hospice House for his one day stay. Thank you to our family, church family and all our friends who prayed diligently for Ray the last two years. It meant alot to us, when times were hard and difficult. In Ray's memory, please consider a generous gift to your local church to continue to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ that souls will be saved.

A Graveside service will be held at 1:00 PM Tuesday, September 9, 2025 at the Maple Hill Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Maple Hill Cemetery

2301 S 34th St
Kansas City, KS 66106
(913) 262-6610
info@maplehillfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Graveside Service

SEP 9. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

KB

“ I ran into Ray when I lived across the street from the church found out we were 3rd cousins my mom's side , but Ray was always kind and you could talk with him about anything and he would listen,Everytime he would see me outside he'd come over and ask if I wanted to come over and eat with the family , he would ask me to go to church a few times so I finally said ok on one condition if I could sit in the back and turn off the light above where I'm at but kick that fan on big lol i didnt think.hw took me seriously but he.did and I enjoyed the service , I wish I had known he had passed well before this ,he was a great guy a great pastor Godbless you rest in peace brother



Kevin boyle - December 08, 2025 at 11:37 AM

DW

Kevin, we hope you are doing well. Thank you for your kind words. We miss Ray tremendously each and every day. Now we must pick up our cross and go forward and bring souls to Christ and help others. This is what we were born to do. We thank God for you Kevin. Ray thought a lot of you. So go forward, serve Jesus with all your heart. Love in Christ to you Kevin. The Adcox Family!

Debbie Van Waters - February 24 at 10:02 AM

GA

“ To the friends and family of Rev Ray Adcox- My sincerest condolences and prayers. A good person taken to soon. Ray was a true inspiration to everyone he met. Always a smile , listening ear and sincere advice. He will truly be missed by all who knew him. I pray that God gives you strength and comfort at this very sad time.



Gail - September 06, 2025 at 11:47 AM

DW

Thank you Gail for your kind words. ❤️❤️

Debbie Van Waters - September 09, 2025 at 10:31 AM

BA

“ My brother Ray. There is so much to say, so may memories of you being the greatest Big Brother a kid could ask for. From you teaching me to ride a bike... and our years together as I sacked for you as you ran the cashier at Circle B, to the many church services where you preached your heart out to bring me the gospel in a way I could understand, Lastly to the Sunday trips we would take to Lincoln MO to share Sunday church with our brother Timbo. You were so weak, you would need to rest all the way home. You are my hero. My confidant and my friend. I will miss you so much. You have fought the good fight, you have finished your course, and your reward if great. Thank you for being the man you are! Humble and Grateful, Your little brother, Bruce

Bruce Adcox - September 05, 2025 at 05:12 PM

LB

“ Love, Cheryl, Bill & Will Boatwright purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Reverend Ray A. Adcox.



Love, Cheryl, Bill & Will Boatwright - September 05, 2025 at 11:44 AM

DW

“ A true man of God. Bible in hand ready to do another funeral at Maple Hill. This would be the last funeral that Ray my brother was ever able to do due to his failing health.



Debbie Van Waters - September 03, 2025 at 10:06 AM

DW

“ Ray, as your younger sister I always looked up to you not because you were so tall, but because you were everything I wanted to be as a Christian. If you had two of anything which you did, you always gave one away. You touched so many people's lives that were hurting through the gospel of Jesus, or through a meal, or buying mother's milk for their babies. You were the best big brother any little sister could ever ask for. I just hope I can finish my course strong and fearless like you did. I love you big brother. Tell Mom and Dad and sister that I love them and will see them soon. I miss you already beyond measure. Love your sister.

Debbie Van Waters - September 03, 2025 at 09:59 AM



Debbie, I'm so sorry sweetie. This Karen (Siebert) Kline. Hey give me a call. I don't live in Kansas anymore. I live in Arizona. My number is 913 244 9924

Karen Kline - September 04, 2025 at 10:50 PM



Keeping you and your family in Our thoughts and prayers 🙏

Karen Kline - September 04, 2025 at 10:50 PM

DW

I miss you Karen. I will give you a call after things settle down. I love you my friend.

Debbie Van Waters - September 09, 2025 at 10:27 AM

MN

“ *Mark, Susan, Parker and Nonny purchased the Grand Meat & Cheese Gift Crate for the family of Reverend Ray A. Adcox.*



Mark, Susan, Parker and Nonny - September 03, 2025 at 09:35 AM

SK

“ *3 files added to the album Cousins*



Sherry Kirkpatrick - September 03, 2025 at 09:19 AM

DC

“ Reverend Ray Adcox was more than just a brother in Christ to me - he was a mentor, a friend, and a shining example of what it means to live a life of service to others, especially during my time at the church in Kansas City Kansas where I saw him in action. When I was just starting out in ministry, Ray was there to offer guidance and support every step of the way. I'll never forget the countless hours we spent working together, praying together, and laughing together. To the Adcox family, I want you to know that we're praying for you and loving you through this difficult time, This world lost a great a great warrior but Heaven received a great man of God praising his Jesus.

Love you brother!

Pastor Dale

Dale Carter - September 03, 2025 at 06:12 AM

SK

“ 1 file added to the album Cousins



Sherry Kirkpatrick - September 03, 2025 at 06:07 AM

KB

I was going to say hey that girl looks just like my cousin , then after scrolling I seen your name hello sherry , I knew Ray he was a great guy definitely an angel god put here for a short while , he will be missed , God less

Kevin boyle - December 08, 2025 at 11:41 AM

SK

“ At 6 months apart, we were always close growing up. I have so many memories like hearing him preach for the first time as a teen. He was nervouc but let me look over his notes beforehand and WOW, I knew he was meant to be a minister....The time he bought me Bible I wanted even though it was an NIV and told me he wouldn't do that for just anyone...the time he took me to lunch for my birthday when my husband was too sick to do anything...I think anyone who knew Ray Allen could spend hours bragging on his wonderful attributes and of course he would hate it. He never wanted any glory for himself. No fuss he would say. What I will remember most is the love he poured out to people and the unselfish giving, always doing good for others. There is a song that talks about when we enter the gates of Heaven and wanting to hear the Lord say, "Well done my good and faithful child. Welcome to the place where you belong." I know he heard those words so I will just add, Love you my dear cousin. Well done.

Sherry Kirkpatrick - September 03, 2025 at 05:56 AM

BS

“ I have known Ray for many years and his entire family. Ray was the signboard for God he loved everyone and just a great all around guy. So kind to all. Love you Ray and I know you are having great time setting next to God.

Bud Smith - September 03, 2025 at 12:51 AM

DW

Bud what a great friend you have been to our family. Thank you for sharing your love with Ray. I know he thought a lot of you. God bless you Bud.

Debbie Van Waters - September 09, 2025 at 10:29 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Reverend Ray A. Adcox.*



September 02, 2025 at 10:51 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers to you all. Thinking of you and sending prayers for comfort during this difficult time. Your family in NH ❤️🙏*

Shirley McCord - September 02, 2025 at 09:08 PM



“ *I remember Ray fondly. He was a significant role model in my young life. He felt like a big brother, always offering kindness and humor. Please accept my love as you say goodbye to this beautiful soul. Love, Tammy McCleary Robinette*

Tamara Robinette - September 02, 2025 at 08:35 PM



Tammy I have really missed you over the years. We had a lot of good memories didn't we. I miss you. I pray you're doing well.

Debbie Van Waters - September 03, 2025 at 03:00 PM



“ *His friends at Compass Controls purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Reverend Ray A. Adcox.*



His friends at Compass Controls - September 02, 2025 at 05:55 PM

HC

“ His friends at Compass Controls planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Reverend Ray A. Adcox.

His friends at Compass Controls - September 02, 2025 at 05:55 PM



“ We didn't see Ray a lot, but when we did, he was full of joy and oh what a sense of humor. I think he loved to keep people with a smile on their face. He loved his family dearly. We are grateful to have been a small part of his life. I'm sure he is singing and playing music with our Lord right now! We will see you on the other side. The Drake Family

Susan Drake - September 02, 2025 at 02:10 PM

DW

Ray, as your youngest sister I always looked up to you not because you were so tall but because I saw how served God and serve others. If you had two of anything which you did, you would always give one away. I remember you picking up armless Larry and taking him for a cheeseburger and had to eat it with his toes. But you Ray wasn't ashamed what others might say. You were the best big brother that any little sister could ask for. I just hope that I can finish my course strong and fearless like you did. I love you Ray. I will miss you more than I can even say. It won't be long. Tell Mom and Dad and our sister that I love them and will see them soon. Love your sister, Debbie

Debbie Van Waters - September 02, 2025 at 07:26 PM

DW

Ray, as your youngest sister I always looked up to you not because you were tall, but because you were everything I wanted to be as a Christian. If you had two of anything you would give one. You touched so many lives, people that were hurting through sharing the gospel or sharing a meal, or buying mother's milk for their babies. That was you Ray big brother. I hope to finish my race strong like you did. Tell Mom and Dad and sister I will see them soon and I love them. Love you Ray, I miss you already beyond measure. 🙏🙏

Debbie Van Waters - September 03, 2025 at 08:46 AM