



Coach Ray V. Shempert

July 27, 1951 - November 15, 2023

Coach Ray V. Shempert, 72, of Wynne, died on Wednesday, November 15, 2023, in Searcy.

Ray was born in Wynne, Arkansas, on July 27, 1951, to the late Alton and Eva Dean Hughes Shempert. He was a 1969 graduate of Earle High School. His love for football led to him becoming a high school football coach. In 1978 he began coaching football for the Wynne Yellowjackets, coaching for 33 years. Ray was a great mentor for so many who attended Wynne High School. Ray also taught drivers ed for several years. He married Miss Brenda Owens in 1979. They had two girls, Cassie and Katie. Ray enjoyed yard work, hunting, fishing, 4wheeler riding and cruising the streets. His favorite job was having a family and being a grandfather. He was a member of Wynne First Assembly of God.

He is survived by his wife, Brenda Owens Shempert of Wynne, daughters, Cassie Shempert Moore and husband Kenneth of Wynne, Katie Shempert Solis and husband Oscar of Wynne, twin sister, Kay Rogers of Earle, brother, Jim Shempert of Yellville, grandchildren, Shelby, Kasen, Haven, Harrison, Preslee, and Hayes Moore, Eden, Beckham and Lynee Solis. He was preceded in death by his parents, Alton and Eva Shempert and sister, Linda Harbison.

Visitation will be Saturday, November 18, 2023, at Wynne Baptist Church from 10 until 11 AM. Funeral services will follow at 11 with Rev. Matt Hodges officiating. Burial will be in Crosslawn Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Wynne First Assembly of God, P. O. Box 1085, Wynne, Arkansas 72396.

Cemetery Details

Crosslawn Cemetery

2950 Hwy 1
Wynne, AR

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Wynne Baptist Church
1200 East Bridges Ave.
Wynne, AR 72396

Funeral service

NOV 18. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Interment

NOV 18 (CT)

Crosslawn Cemetery
2950 Hwy 1
Wynne, AR

Tribute Wall

RW

“ Coach Shempert was my PE teacher in the 9th grade and my football coach in the 10th grade and up (Class of 88). he had some interesting moments in that class :) haha, great memories. He was hard on us football players but for good reason. Not only that, he was also wise as well. He would run us ragged lol, but at the end of the day we knew we were not just being coached, we were being taught about life as well.

After high school I loved seeing him out and about because he would stop to chat with my family and I and he would say "Hey Williams" :). I was Honored to get to know him. Also, I was blessed to see him love his Jesus and his family! He definitely scored the winning touchdown! Long live his memory! I pray for you, his family often. Continue to love like Jessus. I am confident that that is what coach would want you to do.

Russell Willims - January 09, 2024 at 12:28 PM

JV

“ Jerry Jan Voyles lit a candle in memory of Coach Ray Shempert



Jerry and Jan Voyles - November 18, 2023 at 11:06 PM

GV

“ Brenda and family, I am so sorry for your loss. Ray was a great person and I know God will give you all comfort in the days to come. Until you meet again, God bless you all. Glenda Vance

Glenda Vance - November 18, 2023 at 10:37 AM

LM

“ Rays gone home. I got to know Ray when I was coaching at Marion. Obsusialy we were rivals but soon became friends. Then he married a sweet lady from Marion. Ray and Brenda are God's people. Brenda I am so happy Ray's journey is complete...Touchdown ! Brenda just know I am a phone call away.

Lutian Murphy - November 18, 2023 at 07:26 AM

RS

“ Susan & I knew Coach & knew him to be Godly, empathetic, and loved by many. RSP Peace

Rick skillen - November 17, 2023 at 09:48 PM

LJ

“ I worked with Ray for many years. Wow-the patience he had and stories he told about Driver's Ed! The whole community will miss him and we will always remember him. May God bless the family today and in the days to come.

Larry Jones - November 17, 2023 at 05:40 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Coach Ray V. Shempert.



November 17, 2023 at 05:05 PM



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November 17, 2023 at 01:48 PM



“ *Very deepest condolences for Ray's family. He will be missed. May God bless you all and bring you peace and comfort.*

Debbie Lunsford Yates and the entire Lunsford Familu.

Debbie Lunsford Yates - November 17, 2023 at 11:33 AM



*We have you in our prayers. He will be missed! God bless.
Gerald & Connie Britton*

Gerald & Connie Britton - November 18, 2023 at 10:30 AM



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November 17, 2023 at 10:48 AM



“ *Pat & BeLinda York, St. Joe, AR planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Coach Ray V. Shempert.*

Pat & BeLinda York, St. Joe, AR - November 17, 2023 at 10:48 AM

RS

“ Sending prayers for the family, Coach Shempert was a fine person, so sorry for your loss. Rhonda Sullivan

RHONDA SULLIVAN - November 17, 2023 at 10:13 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Coach Ray V. Shempert.



November 17, 2023 at 12:32 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Coach Ray V. Shempert.



November 16, 2023 at 11:15 PM

JW

“ I regret that I will not be able to attend Ray's service. Rest in Peace, Ray Shempert..

Joel Wood - November 16, 2023 at 09:42 PM

JW

“ Ray Shempert and I were classmates in the Earle School system from the first grade until we graduated from Earle High School in 1969. Ray was always one of the people in our class that brought us all together.. He was also a very good athlete. The 1968 football team was undefeated and voted Class B state champions due to Ray's clutch receptions and TD's. I will miss Ray. He was a class guy..

Joel G Wood - November 16, 2023 at 08:32 PM

JD

“ Ray was such a kind, generous soul. I am so glad that he was my friend as I grew up in Earle. My thoughts and prayers to his family.

Judy Twist Dugan - November 16, 2023 at 07:55 PM

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“ ICU nurses <3 purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Coach Ray V. Shempert.



ICU nurses <3 - November 16, 2023 at 06:58 PM

DF

“ Coach was the best! A friend for more than 30 years. Loved our times together. A loving devoted man to his family, friends, and football. He will forever live in our hearts. Brenda, Cassie, Katie and family you all are in our thoughts and prayers.
Much love
Danny & Debbie Fuzzell

Debbie Fuzzell - November 16, 2023 at 05:46 PM

KA

Beanda n family, om so to hear about ur loss my prayers are with you all. Kenny Armstrong

Kenny Armstrong - November 17, 2023 at 05:31 PM

JO

*Ray was a great friend from Earle
He was a few years ahead of me he and his family was great friends
He was a Great Football player as a Bulldog
He had the greatest spirit to be around
He will be greatly missed
Prayers for the Shempert family during these times*



Johnny Organ - November 18, 2023 at 11:37 AM