



## Raymond Lamar

September 25, 1950 - February 9, 2022

Raymond (Ray) Lamar Jr, born September 25, 1950 to Raymond Sr and Jerry Garland Lamar, passed away in the early morning hours of Wednesday, February 9, 2022 at King's Daughters Hospital in Brookhaven, after a very short illness.

He was preceded in death by both his mother and father, and by his younger sister, Linda Lamar.

Survivors include wife Patti and their family, Brandon and Sara Kate Lamar of CS, Jarrod, Sara, Adam and Carley Hood of Hattiesburg, and Ryan, Melissa and Jude Lamar of New Windsor, NY, as well as step-mother Ina Lamar and sister Caroline Lamar Walker, her husband Steven, and children Lindsey and Reese. A huge close-knit family of cousins stretching from Eastern Georgia to Alaska will also miss him deeply.

Ray was a life-long member of Crystal Springs United Methodist Church, and a man of deep and abiding faith in his Lord. He was born into a family of fresh-market produce brokers, beginning with his grandfather Ernest Garland who founded Crystal Produce in the early 1920's, passed down to his dad Raymond, and then to him, until his retirement in 2019. He loved the challenge of sellin' taters nation-wide every year, beginning with the first early potatoes being shipped from south Florida, then moving on up to North Fla for a summer crop. He has left behind a potato-world full of friends who will be

sad to hear of his passing.

As an avid outdoorsman in his "younger" years, he loved deer and duck hunting, and he passed that passion on to his boys. He loved to fish with his buddies, but a Yucatan sunset cruise was the best- beholding the beauty of God's handiwork, that great ball of fire that set with great majesty over the water each evening. And a camp-fire was his claim to fame in the fall! Everybody who was there on weekends would join the Lamar campfire, making lasting memories.

He lived an interesting and jam-packed life in his 71 years, and as someone remarked once, it seemed that we were always on vacation, even though most of that time was spent working! And his hand-turned bowls are, in themselves, a beautiful piece of art, as his Ray-bowl fan club will readily attest, and it was his greatest pleasure to be the first one to see what only God had seen, as he gouged into that wood, chips flying!

As his wife of 31 years, trying to describe this loving, kind, caring, generous man and the gift that he has been to me, is like trying to describe Mt McKinley - there may be adequate words, but the truth and joy of their meanings can only be fully understood by the writer. He was one of a kind; a friend and a brother to everyone who knew him; a man's man, and certainly a ladies' man, but he was our man - A loving husband and a great dad who will be sorely missed for the rest of our lives.

The service of celebration for this life well-lived will be Saturday, February 12, 2022. Visitation will be from 1:00 to 3:00, at Crystal Springs United Methodist Church with a celebration of his life at 3:00. Burial will be at Poplar Springs Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## **Poplar Springs Cemetery**

Harmony Road  
Crystal Springs, MS 39059

# Tribute Wall



“ *Stringer Family Funeral Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Raymond Lamar*



Stringer Family Funeral Service - February 11, 2022 at 01:43 PM

LE

*He was a man of all men! Blessed by the Lord God above! Beautiful memories!*

Linda Estes - February 12, 2022 at 02:19 PM



“ *Raymond Lamar*

January 28, 2023 at 04:45 PM

HC

“ *Always a gentleman and a pleasure to do business with. So enjoyed the visit to Clarks Summit. May Ray's name always be for a blessing.*

Harris Cutler - February 17, 2022 at 01:38 PM

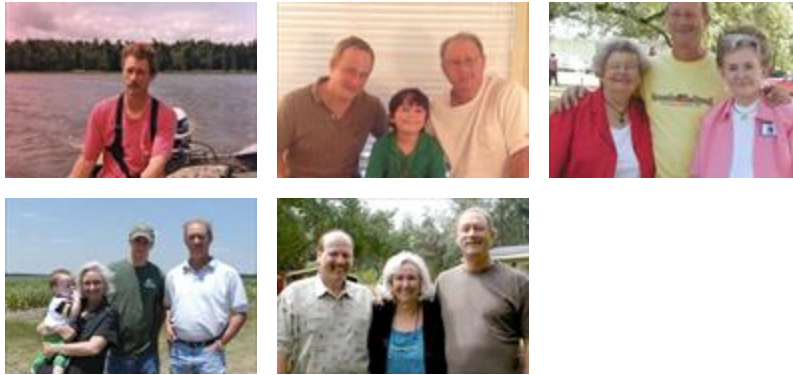
PL

*Thank you, Harris...His great respect and fondness for you, Trish, your sons, and all your staff ran deep, and he certainly missed his job and the camaraderie he shared with all his friends in the business after Mr Hall sold the farm...please remember us in your prayers! 🙏💔🙏*

Patti Lamar - February 25, 2022 at 02:40 AM

DT

“ I already miss my cuz Ray so much! For parts of our childhood (3 months apart) we were more like brother and sister than cuz's. I was grateful to make it to CS for the Memorial and family/friend time. Love to Patti and all those who are grieving the loss of this incredible man. I wanted to share some photos. (I tried to stay away from duplicates of others posted here and at the service.) I love you Ray. Forever my Cuz!



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**Dorothy Nell Thomas** - February 14, 2022 at 07:22 PM

DT

IF YOU SCROLL DOWN A LITTLE UNDER PHOTOS, YOU'LL FIND CAPTIONS I PUT. THEY'RE ALMOST HIDDEN.

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**Dorothy Nell Thomas** - February 14, 2022 at 07:27 PM

MW

“ Yucatan nor the world will never be the same 😭 Rest easy Brother!

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**Michael Wiggins** - February 12, 2022 at 10:47 PM

LH

“ *Our family sends prayers*



Lacey and Travis Humphries - February 12, 2022 at 03:30 PM

CP

“ *Cindy Payne lit a candle in memory of Raymond Lamar*



Cindy Payne - February 12, 2022 at 03:25 PM

TZ

“ *Toni Zarate lit a candle in memory of Raymond Lamar*



Toni Zarate - February 12, 2022 at 12:10 PM



“ *I offer you my condolences. Seventy-one is too young in this modern age to be taken, and my heart brims with sympathy for you, Patti, and the family at the passing of Ray. Your words, Patti, make him live for those of us who did not know him or did not know him well. May God bless you and guide you in the days ahead.*

Dorothy A. Day - February 12, 2022 at 10:21 AM

DM

“ *My heart is breaking for my life long buddy. He was the best friend you could ever have. RIP RAY*

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**Don Miller** - February 11, 2022 at 09:16 PM



“ *Love and Prayers With Ya'll...John 14*

*Sandra Cliburn*



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**Sandra Cliburn** - February 11, 2022 at 08:39 PM



“ *1 file added to the album LifeTributes*



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**Stringer Family Funeral Service** - February 11, 2022 at 05:44 PM

DT

*Awwwww. Look at that Ray-Ray and Dabney. Lotta love back and forth with those two!!!*

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**Dorothy Nell Thomas** - February 14, 2022 at 08:14 PM



“ 111 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Stringer Family Funeral Service** - February 11, 2022 at 01:29 PM



“ *I deeply regret the loss of this great friend! I always felt better after I'd visited him, and I'll miss his sharp wit, his keen memory, and his positive attitude. Ray was a smart, resourceful, and talented man--- a unique and irreplaceable fellow who loved his God, his family, and his friends.*

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**Jim Kitchens** - February 11, 2022 at 11:38 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Raymond Lamar.*



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February 11, 2022 at 10:56 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Raymond Lamar.*



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February 11, 2022 at 09:34 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Raymond Lamar.*



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February 11, 2022 at 09:08 AM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Raymond Lamar.*



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February 10, 2022 at 11:37 PM

RM

“ We grew up together as neighbors!! Ate a lot of sugar biscuits at big mamas house after school every day. Rode horses and kept a little Shetland pony from getting fat by sticking our feet in his flanks and see how long we could stay on. Stayed in the woods most Saturdays. Played baseball football and basketball at Aunt Junes. We were together the day Aunt Jerrie and Linda had their accident. So many wonderful memories. Uncle Raymond, Ray’s dad, would stick us in a big tire send us down the hill until a tree would stop the tire. Once we found a beer in the boat opened it in the house and beer sprayed to the ceiling. Spent hours trying to clean up. We would all jump on uncle Buddy in the living room. Oh so many precious memories!!! We love y’all!!!

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**Robert McLendon** - February 10, 2022 at 07:38 PM