



Charles Ray Vance

February 21, 2023

Charles Ray Vance – dedicated husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend – peacefully passed away at his home in McAllen, TX on February 21, 2023.

Ray, as he was known to his family and friends, was born in Indianapolis, Indiana on December 7, 1938. At the age of ten, Ray and his family, including 6 siblings, moved to McAllen and called it home for more than 74 years. He graduated from McAllen High School in 1957 before attending Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas.

Over a 60+ year career, Ray served in the United States Army from 1961 to 1964 and was honorably discharged at the rank of Sergeant. From 1974 to 1987 Ray was the General Manager of the Coca-Cola Bottling Company in McAllen & Brownsville, Texas and then worked for Mayfair Minerals in McAllen, Texas until his retirement in October of 2022.

Ray met his wife, Jovita in 1971 and the two were married on August 25, 1978. Ray and Jovita raised three beloved children Victoria, German, and Valerie.

Through the years, Ray enjoyed working outdoors doing yard work and spending weekends at the family ranch in San Isidro, Texas. Some of Ray's favorite hobbies included woodworking and building projects, reading Louis L 'Amour novels, puzzles, watching old westerns, and most of all, spending time with family, especially his beloved grandchildren.

Ray is survived by his wife of 44 years, Jovita Vance; his daughters Valerie

Vance, Victoria Hoppenstedt Willis (Mark), and son German Hoppenstedt (Dina).

He is also survived by six grandchildren, Johnathan Willis (Alondra), Wesley Willis, Kaitlin Hoppenstedt Ortega (Caleb), Garrett Willis, Kelsey Hoppenstedt and Parker Willis, and one great-grandchild, Ellington Rae Willis.

A memorial service will be held at 3pm Friday, February 24, at Kreidler Funeral Home.

“Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.

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Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB **24.** 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Charles Ray Vance*

October 08, 2023 at 09:43 PM



“ *Jovita and family, We are so sorry to hear about Mr. Vance. You and your family will be in our thoughts and prayers.*

Arturo & Norma Longoria, San Isidro, TX



Norma - February 23, 2023 at 02:49 PM



“ *So sorry to hear about Ray. I remember when I worked at the Executive Steakhouse that Ray was a regular. His sense of humor and good nature will not be forgotten. Sending prayers for Jovita and family.*

Pam Simpson

Pam Simpson - February 22, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ *Jeff and I were sorry to hear of Ray's passing. We have many fond memories of our families getting together while we lived in McAllen. Our condolences to Jovita, Victoria, German and Valeries. May he rest in peace.*

Kathi Kamm - February 21, 2023 at 11:05 PM