Edward "Kool Papa" Lee Wray Sr.

February 28, 1943 - November 22, 2017

Edward “Kool Papa” Lee Wray, Sr., 74, of Troy, Missouri, passed away on Wednesday, November 22, 2017 at his residence. He was born on February 28, 1943 in Troy, Missouri, the son of Hazel May Wray and step-father Joseph Walker Sr. He was united in marriage to Geraldine Mary Bucker on September 7,1963 in Troy.

Edward was educated through the Troy School District. He started working at a young age as a laborer for Israel Brother Construction and owned a local tavern, Ed’s Silver Slipper. Edward later worked as a gravedigger for the local funeral homes in Troy, MO for many years. He was a member of the Kingsmen Gun Club in Wentzville MO. Edward enjoyed fishing, hunting, gambling, especially on the dog and horse races. He was quite the handyman to have around, especially when it came to vehicles. Edward was an avid collector of many ‘treasures’. He also liked watching wrestling and cheering on the St. Louis Cardinals with his wife. Edward treasured the time spent with his family and friends.

Edward is survived by his loving wife of 54 years, Geraldine Mary Wray of Troy, MO; his children: Edward Lee Wray Jr. (Lee Ann) of Columbia, MO, Darlene Denise Morgan (Darrin Davell) of Wentzville, MO, Marcus Dewayne Wray of Troy, MO and Barbara Ann Bogan (Willie James) of Columbia, MO; grandchildren: DeAngelo, Tiane, Devon, Dominic, Tyson, LaToya, Roary Jr,

DeAndrew, Bella, Andrea and Jaida; fourteen great-grandchildren, one great-great grandchild, four sisters: Marjorie, Teresa, Annette and Arlene; one brother, Joseph, two sisters-in-law, two brothers-in-law; numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. He was proceeded in death by his infant son, Paul Anthony, one granddaughter, Tyra Chapman, his mother, Hazel May Wray, step-father, Joseph Walker, Sr., mother-in-law and father-in-law, Mary Margaret and Claude Buckner and brother-in-law, Claude Buckner, Jr.

Friends will be received from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 26, 2017 at the KEMPER-MILLARD-KEIM Family Funeral Chapel, located at 351 Monroe Street Troy, MO 63379. A Homegoing Celebration will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 26, 2017 at the chapel. Expressions of sympathy may be made to The Family of Edward “Kool Papa” Lee Wray, Sr., in care of KEMPER-MILLARD-KEIM Family Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 222 Troy, MO 63379.
Arrangements are under the direction of KEMPER-MILLARD-KEIM Family Funeral Chapel; 351 Monroe Street Troy, MO 63379. Online condolences may be made atwww.kempermillardkeimfamilyfuneralchapel.com Phone 636-528-8221

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **26**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Kemper-Keim Family Funeral Chapel - Troy
351 Monroe St.
Troy, MO 63379
(636) 528-8221
millardchapel@aol.com

Service

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Tribute Wall

Edward "Kool Papa" Lee Wray Sr.

January 30, 2023 at 12:08 AM

Edward "Kool Papa" Lee Wray Sr.

January 29, 2023 at 10:26 PM

LB

Geraldine, and family, I would like to extend my deepest sympathy for your loss. Kool Papa was a great man, and always wore a smile. I know he will be greatly missed.

Lisa Blossom-Payne - November 27, 2017 at 02:37 PM

BM

"Cool Pappa" will be missed by many but remembered by more. He either loved ya or hated ya but playfully loved to hate ya if you know what I mean. Those who knew him best know exactly what im talking about. John will have a special place in many hearts and mine being one of them. Rest in Peace "Cool Pop". Heaven just got a new Handy Man.

Bunt Mathews and Family.

Bunt Mathews - November 27, 2017 at 11:46 AM

BP

Brenda And Donnell Perkins lit a candle in memory of Edward "Kool Papa" Lee Wray Sr.

brenda and donnell Perkins - November 26, 2017 at 04:04 PM

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brenda and donnell Perkins - November 26, 2017 at 10:27 AM

JD

Jacqueline Dryden sent a virtual gift in memory of Edward "Kool Papa" Lee Wray Sr.

Jacqueline Dryden - November 26, 2017 at 03:03 AM

MH

Melissa Hunter sent a virtual gift in memory of Edward "Kool Papa" Lee Wray Sr.

Melissa Hunter - November 24, 2017 at 08:44 PM

FC

Felicia Cockrell-Walraven sent a virtual gift in memory of Edward "Kool Papa" Lee Wray Sr.

Felicia Cockrell-Walraven - November 24, 2017 at 12:08 AM

We have lost a great man in the family, he was loved by everyone. Our thoughts and prayers go to the rest of the family. He will always be missed but he moved to a place where he is free of pain. We love John with all our hearts May God bless the family & comfort them at this time. Our prayers are with you all.

Laurie & Eugene Sparks
Joe & Becky Parker
Kelly & Chris Vogler

Laura Sparks - November 23, 2017 at 08:12 PM

MS

Cool Papa John your going to be greatly miss from Anna Marie Bledsoe and Mary Schmid and family

Mary Schmid - November 23, 2017 at 11:34 PM