



Mr. Ray Ludwig

February 12, 1934 - February 24, 2016

Funeral services for Mr. Ray Ludwig, 82, of Henderson, will be held at 10 am on Saturday, February 27, 2016 in the chapel of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home with Rev. Jerry Williams and Rev. Thomas A. Abney officiating. Interment will follow at Lakewood Memorial Park under the direction of Crawford-A. Crim Funeral Home.

The family will receive friends from 5-7 pm on Friday, February 26 at the funeral home.

Mr. Ludwig passed away February 24, 2016 at Autumn Leaves in Henderson. He was born February 12, 1934 in Houston to the late Theo and Gussie (Follett) Ludwig.

I know that I have talked to some of my friends about my grandfather, Ray Ludwig, but never in much detail. Now seems like an appropriate time to do so. Ray Ludwig was a brilliant Gospel songwriter and pianist, and a master of the Hammond B3 organ. He had a successful career as a studio musician, and was sought by numerous ensembles for his skill, as well as his peaceful touch at the keyboard. He was a close friend of Doris Akers, the famed Gospel singer and composer of "Sweet, Sweet Spirit," who I am told refused to allow most other keyboardists to accompany her! Throughout most of the 1970's, he worked closely with Jimmy Swaggart, playing the B3 before

massive congregations around the world. He was an innovator, developing unique sounds and techniques which organists still imitate to this day. He was a life-long evangelist who deeply affected countless lives, and refused to stop ministering through his music and praying for those around him until he could no longer continue. My Grandpa is a massive influence on the life and music of his entire family.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his son, Marvin Allen Ludwig.

Survivors include: wife, Jeannette Ludwig of Henderson; sons, Ray Ludwig, Jr., Gordon Kenneth Lockhart, Kenneth Wayne Ludwig, Robert James Lockhart, and Steven Charles Ludwig; daughters, Carol Webb, Brenda Smith, and Rae Marie Livsey; brother, Charles Theo Ludwig; 25 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be Ray Ludwig Jr., Kenny Ludwig, Robert Lockhart, Charles Livsey, Dennis Smith, and Steven Deatherage.

Words of comfort may be shared with the family at www.crawfordacrim.com.

Cemetery Details

Lakewood Memorial Park

1001 Van Buren St.
Henderson, TX 75652

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **26**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Crawford A. Crim Funeral Home
1414 South Main Street
Henderson, TX 75654

Service

FEB **27**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

AH

“ Taught me everything I know about playing the Hammond C3 and song writing when he played organ for Radio Revival in Houston, Texas! Went on to play for Jimmy Swaggart in Baton Rouge, Louisiana! Loved that Man! Co- Wrote several songs with me including! Touch the hand that was nailed to the tree for you and me! Also
The man with the nail scarred hand from Galilee! RIP with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

Alvin Wayne Hall - August 10, 2025 at 12:52 PM

GD

“ Anointed man of the Lord

Glen davis - October 22, 2016 at 07:10 AM

DB

“ Debra Lofton Bryant lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ray Ludwig



Debra Lofton Bryant - February 28, 2016 at 04:50 PM

AL

“ Autumn Leaves lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ray Ludwig



Autumn Leaves - February 28, 2016 at 02:57 PM



“ *Pud Patterson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ray Ludwig*



pud patterson - February 27, 2016 at 08:18 PM



“ *Stacy Thornton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ray Ludwig*



Stacy Thornton - February 26, 2016 at 08:54 PM

TC

“*Ray Ludwig was an integral part of my family's life and my Father's ministry since the early 1960's. When we touched the Piano or Organ the Holiness of God filled the room. He made us laugh, act right and not talk in church. He loved us, sometimes with strong correction.*



*Ray's ministry is responsible for thousands accepting Jesus. He was a Godly man, a great man, a trusted friend, like a Father to so many of us and mighty man of God.
My family is blessed to have known and loved him.*

Knowing in our hearts that you will always remember all the sweetest times. Then remember who you in are "a child of the Kin of Kings," and what your Dad would want, hope and expect of you. You are up to the task. Our thoughts and prayers for strength, peace, comfort and healing are with you Jean, all the children, Charles and the entire extended family. We loved him and we love all of you.

God Bless all of you!

Darryl and Terri Sutton Corbello and family

Terri Sutton Corbello - February 26, 2016 at 08:29 PM

PH

*Ray blessed so many hearts with his amazing talent. I was so blessed to know him in Houston. His wonderful musical talent influenced me in a positive way. I was blessed many times to accompany him in playing for services!
Phyllis Hinton*

Phyllis Hinton - November 22, 2023 at 06:06 PM

DS

“ *In this life there are many friends, and then there are special friends, and then there are brothers. Ray was my brother, in fellowship, in music, in love for the Lord, in serving Him together. He touched my heart years ago as he played the piano for me to sing, as we traveled together on more than one occasion rejoicing in the Lord. It was my joy to visit with him in the nursing home to sing for him and to pray with him. Just two weeks ago that experience blessed my heart and to tell him how much I loved him and what a blessing he was to my life. You may not understand this, but just this week I went to the doctor there in Henderson and made plans to visit after the doctor visit. I saw in my heart telling the young lady at the front desk "I am here again to visit my brother Ray Ludwig. She replied, he is gone".....I did not go to the nursing home, and that night my mother in law called to tell me a friend in Henderson remembered what I had said about Ray to tell me he had gone home to be with our Lord. I wept and thanked our Lord I will spend eternity with him there.*

*Dr. Jack Smith
Center, Tx 75935
CAMPGROUNDS FOR CHRIST
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DR. JACK SMITH - February 26, 2016 at 08:27 PM

KB

“ To the family,
I met Bro. Ludwig only a year ago while at Autumn Leaves to play the piano for the residents. His quiet demeanor spoke to my heart and in the moment I made his acquaintance, I gained a dear friend in Christ who loved God with all his heart. He was a true encourager who made an effort each day to minister to people, to pray for them, and to speak a kind word. I am proud that I knew him and rejoice today knowing that he is ministering in his gift of music with the saints around the throne of God. My deepest condolences to you for your loss.



Karen Bane - February 26, 2016 at 08:00 PM

BM

“ Benna McDonald lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ray Ludwig



Benna McDonald - February 26, 2016 at 05:38 PM

 Marcia Winn

“ Sorry for your loss.



Marcia Winn - February 26, 2016 at 11:32 AM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Mr. Ray Ludwig.



February 26, 2016 at 10:17 AM



“ Buddy And JoAnn Roe lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ray Ludwig



Buddy and JoAnn Roe - February 26, 2016 at 08:49 AM



“ Barbara Bowman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ray Ludwig



barbara bowman - February 26, 2016 at 07:55 AM



“ Sweet people.....I am so very sorry. ...Deona Mathis Elafros

Deona Mathis Elafros - February 25, 2016 at 11:42 PM

SJ

“ Prayers and deepest sympathy to the family.
Susan Jinkins



Susan jinkins - February 25, 2016 at 09:05 PM

LJ

“ Prayers and Condolences to Mrs. Jean and The Family. Lela Doll
Hinchen Jackson

Lela Jackson - February 25, 2016 at 10:12 AM

JW

“ JAne Williams lit a candle in memory of Mr.
Ray Ludwig



JAne Williams - February 25, 2016 at 09:44 AM

JT

“ Jill Dulany Turner lit a candle in memory of
Mr. Ray Ludwig



Jill Dulany Turner - February 25, 2016 at 07:34 AM



“ *Ouida Henson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ray Ludwig*



Ouida Henson - February 25, 2016 at 07:21 AM

TD

“ *Tom & Bobbie Sue Dumas lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ray Ludwig*



Tom & Bobbie Sue Dumas - February 24, 2016 at 11:10 PM

DB

“ *Doyle And Linda Benson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ray Ludwig*



Doyle and Linda Benson - February 24, 2016 at 09:44 PM

DB

Sending all of our love and precious memories to you Rae Marie and Charles & boys. Our deepest sympathy on the loss of your sweet daddy. Your friendship has meant a lot to us and is very much a treasure. You was one of our daughters and was special to us. Give our love to your mom too. Love you much.

Doyle and Linda Benson - February 24, 2016 at 09:51 PM

KB

“ *Kay Bateman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ray Ludwig*



Kay Bateman - February 24, 2016 at 03:12 PM

KB

Please feel my love and prayers! A day never passes that I don't think about the spiritual influence Bro. Ray had on my life! I feel more than blessed to have the opportunity to have known him and his family! As Bro. Ray said so many times...."Heaven gets sweeter each day"!

Kay Bateman - February 24, 2016 at 03:18 PM

RL

Love you. Kay.

Rae Marie Ludwig Livsey - February 24, 2016 at 10:17 PM