



## Carl Ray Schilling

July 4, 1962 - April 26, 2025

CARL RAY SCHILLING, AGE 62

And a resident of Mount Hermon passed away early Saturday morning April 26, 2025 at his son's home in Walker following a lengthy illness. He was born in Bogalusa on July 4, 1962, arriving in this world with physical challenges, but he never, ever let those challenges define what he got out of life. Carl worked for over 20 years as an overhead crane operator for Vulcan Foundry in Denham Springs and later worked as a plumbing assistant for several years. More recently, he sold watermelons and other fruits and vegetables alongside Hwy. 25 near the Bogue Chitto River Bridge. Carl loved getting out each season and meeting the customers he sold to, many coming back over and over again. He loved fishing most of all. Carl fished from his boat in nearby marshes, or in local creeks, rivers and ponds or any other body of water he could find to drop a line. He enjoyed watching Gunsmoke and other Western TV shows and movies. He was a one-of-a-kind character that enjoyed having fun and picking with his family and friends. Carl will be forever missed by all that knew him.

Survived by:

Wife of 38 years: Joe Ann Pratt Schilling of Mt. Hermon

Son: John Curtis Pratt of Walker

Grandchildren: John Carl Pratt,  
Isabella Marie Pratt,  
Allison Marie Pratt,  
Andrew Jordan Pratt

Mother: Janice Creel Schilling of Mt. Hermon

Brothers and a Sister in law: Ronald and Hope Schilling of Monticello, MS,  
James A. Schilling of Tylertown, MS  
James Ray Creel of Plainview

Sister: Gwendolyn Schilling Dickey of Brookhaven, MS

Brother in law: Fred Graham

Nieces and Nephews: Jeanette Pratt, Emily Toms, Ethan Toms, Julianna  
Pratt, Jayden Pratt,  
Crystal Woodruff

Also numerous other beloved nieces, nephews and cousins

He was preceded in death by his father Ray Schilling, brother in law Steve  
Dickey, father in law and mother in law John and Edell Pratt, sister in law and  
brother in law Diane and Robert Woodruff, sister in law Debra Sandell and  
other family members.

Visitation will be at Crain Funeral Home (1109 Bene Street, Franklinton, LA)  
on Monday April 28th from 3:00 pm until 8:00 pm. A funeral service will be  
held in the funeral home chapel at 8:00 pm Monday with Rev. Lenard Smith

and Rev. Michael Stafford officiating.

# Tribute Wall

SB

“ Susan Barber lit a candle in memory of Carl Ray Schilling



Susan Barber - April 28, 2025 at 08:21 PM

TN

“ Triad Family from Shell Norco. purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Carl Ray Schilling.



Triad Family from Shell Norco. - April 28, 2025 at 09:52 AM

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“ Triad Family from Shell Norco. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carl Ray Schilling.

Triad Family from Shell Norco. - April 28, 2025 at 09:52 AM

SB

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I love you and your family and yall are in my prayers

Sara Burch - April 28, 2025 at 08:35 AM

CF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the Schilling family during this time.  
*Dr. Christopher Foret and the family medicine residents who took care of Mr Carl*

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**christopher foret** - April 28, 2025 at 06:15 AM

JL

“ *Juanita Luper lit a candle in memory of Carl Ray Schilling*



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**Juanita Luper** - April 27, 2025 at 09:44 PM



“ *We are sorry for your loss.. Prayers for your family. May God bless and comfort you in your time of grief. From Paul and Ruth Bailey*

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**Ruth Bailey** - April 27, 2025 at 07:47 PM