



## Donald Ray Davis

November 3, 1943 - May 6, 2021

DONALD RAY DAVIS, AGE 77

and a resident of Loranger passed away peacefully on Thursday afternoon May 6, 2021 at his home surrounded by his family. He was born in Independence, Louisiana on November 3, 1943 and was retired after a long career as a Corrections Officer at the Louisiana State Penitentiary at Angola. Donald was an excellent storyteller and shared his great wisdom with his family and others through the stories he told. He enjoyed gardening, raising his chickens and mules, and trapping wild hogs.

His family describes him as the most outstanding, giving and amazing person. He's inspirational, encouraging and God fearing. He's a man of his word. His values are high, his morals are unremarkable, he's a man of integrity, he's the most protective, loving and caring person we know. That's our Dad and we love you to infinity and beyond.

Survived by:

Wife: JoAnn Jones Davis of Loranger

Son: Daniel Ray Davis of Loranger

3 Daughters and a Son in law: Melissa Jo Davis of Amite,  
Karen Sue Davis of Loranger,  
Donna Renea and Todd Bauerle of Amite

Grandchildren and Spouses: Chase Davis,  
Dustin and Tanya White,  
Summer Creppel,  
Christian and Joseph Hotard,  
Katelyn and Robert Esponge,  
Colby and Casie Bauerle

Great-grandchildren: Chloe Hotard, Collin Hotard, Kinlee Esponge, Clara  
Esponge, Caraline Esponge, Kade Esponge, Colt Creppel, Kortlyn Holloway,  
Nataleigh Wilkinson, Jayce Wilkinson

Brother and Sister in law: Gilbert and Linda Davis of Loranger

He was preceded in death by his parents and other family members.

Following a private family ceremony, Donald was laid to rest in the Ford  
Cemetery near his home.

Obituaries can be viewed online at [www.crainfh.com](http://www.crainfh.com)

# Tribute Wall

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“ Joann and family you have been on my mind a lot lately and sorry to hear of Donald Ray’s passing. Will be praying for all of you.

Ethel Louis - May 09, 2021 at 09:27 PM

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“ He was a great man he was my supervisor at DCI in the early 90's I thoroughly enjoyed talking and listening to his stories May God bless the family (George Lumpkin)

George Lumpkin - May 08, 2021 at 09:03 PM

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“ My heart is broken to the point of being speechless. In addition to being my uncle from a very young age I always looked upon Donald Ray as a father figure. When I was a kid he always took time out to do things with me. Without a doubt realizing that because of my situation I needed it. The love that I presently have for old Case XX pocketknives and mules is a result of his influence on me. In times of personal strife he always gave me comfort and sound advice. His knowledge of the Holy Bible and our occasional conversations about it always left me feeling more fulfilled. His sense of humor would always leave me feeling as light as a feather. I loved him and in due time I hope that the father above sees fit to allow us to be reunited.

Carl Bennett Jr. - May 08, 2021 at 06:48 PM

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“ An amazing man who left this world better than he found it. He sowed into so many ministries! He will be remembered for his wisdom, generosity and love for God/Family. He was a man of God, full of honor and integrity. He leaves a huge legacy of faith and an amazing family that mirrors all the above. A major influence in my life, who I will miss. Go rest high D.R.! Thanks for the memories and thanks for being like a second dad to me. I love you. \*Heaven is sweeter with you there...



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angel lindbergh - May 07, 2021 at 10:45 PM