



## Samuel Ray

August 10, 1990 - May 13, 2021

Samuel Ray, brilliant artist, expert craftsman, and loving husband to Alison Ray, was taken unexpectedly on May 13, 2021.

He is survived by his parents, Joe and Laurie Ray, siblings, Matt and Katie Ray, grandparents Wilbur and Mary Linda Butts and Freedonia Ray. He is preceded in death by his grandfather Leonard Ray, Sr. He will be sorely missed by his niece Eliana Ray, as well as many cousins, aunt and uncles. Sam was born August 10, 1990 in Panama City Florida. He met his wife, Ali in middle school at Reserve Christian School and from then on they were inseparable and were married for twelve years. He graduated from the New Orleans Center for the Creative Arts and went on to excel in painting, sculpture, music, and woodworking, among many other things. He was a veteran serving in the Navy and deployed on the U.S.S. Whidbey Island. He and his wife have spent the last two years volunteering for a Christian ministry in Florida called Covenant House.

Sam was a genuinely compassionate friend to all who knew him and expressed his love through- often extraordinary- acts of service. He and his siblings all found a close bond through music. His impact on those who knew him is beyond measure and he will be dearly missed.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the Visitation at the First Assembly of God Church, 3001 New Hwy 51, LaPlace on Thursday, May 20, 2021 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. followed by a Memorial Service at 6:30 p.m. To share memories or condolences, please visit [www.milletguidry.com](http://www.milletguidry.com)



# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY **20**. 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM (CT)

First Assembly of God Church  
3001 US-51  
LaPlace, LA 70068

## Memorial Service

MAY **20**. 6:30 PM (CT)

First Assembly of God Church  
3001 US-51  
LaPlace, LA 70068

# Tribute Wall



“ *Samuel Ray*

October 05, 2023 at 08:59 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Samuel Ray.*



May 19, 2021 at 10:43 PM



“ *Heart's Companion Bouquet was purchased for the family of Samuel Ray.*



May 19, 2021 at 05:34 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Samuel Ray.*



May 19, 2021 at 04:32 PM

WF

“ We love you! KB & Peggy Fabre purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Samuel Ray.



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**We love you! KB & Peggy Fabre** - May 19, 2021 at 03:34 PM



“ Heart's Companion Bouquet was purchased for the family of Samuel Ray.



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May 19, 2021 at 03:05 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Samuel Ray.



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May 19, 2021 at 02:39 PM

AD

“ Joe - Sending all of my love to you and your family.

*Adrienne*

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**Adrienne** - May 19, 2021 at 08:56 AM

AG

“ Alison I am sorry about your husband. You are my beautiful friend. You are in my prayers. I love you



Angie Gendron - May 19, 2021 at 08:50 AM



“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Samuel Ray.



May 18, 2021 at 10:13 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Samuel Ray.



May 18, 2021 at 05:33 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Samuel Ray.



May 18, 2021 at 04:50 PM

KW

“ Sam is the NOCCA student I have seen more than any other in my 14 years at the school. His is also the story I have told more than any other student in my time at NOCCA. His amazing self portrait hangs in my office and it is there because of the conversation Sam and I had after the first critique class I ever visited at NOCCA. The gift of his mind and art are with me. I plan on coming up on Thursday to be part of the community that celebrates his incredible life.

Kyle Wedberg - May 18, 2021 at 03:23 PM

LH

Sam was my son Jesse's best bud in Oklahoma. He and Jesse would always find something to get up to. They stayed busy working on projects outside while Matt and Hank stayed busy do other things. Many hours of just hanging with the Ray family . Best time were the visits to Laplace. We used to mess with all the kids. We spoiled them all. However in our pure onry selves Laurie and I used to say Sam and Jesse were our favorites ( clearly we were bad parenting 😊) we said it just to agrivate and pick on Matt and Hank. Sam and Jesse just beamed when we would do it. Probably because they were as rotten as we were. Sam was a dear. So talented so creative. Dance and create beauty in the presence of your King -Samuel Ray! Your faith is needed more. For eternity you can sit in the reality of his HOLY Presence! Sing and make music, I know the Lord with be delighted to spend time with you. 💖 Love Miss Lori Lee...

Lori Lee Hunter - May 18, 2021 at 10:49 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Samuel Ray.



May 18, 2021 at 02:50 PM



“ Jonathan and Laurie, our heartfelt prayers for you. HE will wipe away every tear from Samuel's eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.

Scarlett Karas - May 18, 2021 at 01:46 PM

FS

“ friends & colleagues at Siemens purchased the Sereene Reflections Bouquet for the family of Samuel Ray.



friends & colleagues at Siemens - May 18, 2021 at 01:16 PM

LH

“ Jonathan, so very sorry to hear about your son's passing. Your family will be in my thoughts and prayers.

Loren Havranek - May 18, 2021 at 12:26 PM

KB

“ Jonathan and Laurie, my heart breaks for you and your family. I'm so sorry to hear of Samuel's passing. Keeping you in my thoughts and prayers.

Krista Baldassaro - May 18, 2021 at 11:38 AM

FB

“ Sorry for your loss, I was Shocked and sadend to hear about the passing of your son. Dolores and my heart go out to you and your family.

Frank Baldassaro - May 18, 2021 at 10:59 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Samuel Ray.*



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May 18, 2021 at 10:25 AM



“ *Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Samuel Ray.*



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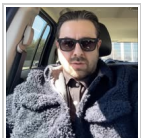
May 18, 2021 at 10:17 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of this great loss. Prayers to all the family. May God bless you and keep you and give you peace during this time of sorrow. From: The O'Barr Family of Port St. Joe Fl.*

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**The O'Barr Family** - May 18, 2021 at 01:38 AM



“ *It felt like just yesterday when we were all just flipping and doing tricks on the trampoline. I remember the energy you had. It was different. I remember the determination of that bright animated kid with curly hair. I wish I had a chance to meet you during your most creative days. Until we see each other again. Rest easy my friend. Watch over all of us.*

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**Vangeli Gelekas** - May 18, 2021 at 01:03 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Samuel Ray.*



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May 17, 2021 at 11:31 PM



“ *I'm still in disbelief. Sam was always so full of life and brought out the best in everyone around him. My sincerest condolences to his family and his wife, Ali. You both were good friends to me at NOCCA. I will always cherish those memories and the art Sam and I made together, and the music he introduced me too , ha.*

*Rest easy, brother.*



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**Logan Dixon** - May 17, 2021 at 10:50 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Samuel Ray.*



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May 17, 2021 at 10:38 PM

KA

“ It was a pleasure to meet this young man and his family at church. I send my condolences to the family.



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**Kenitha Alexander** - May 17, 2021 at 10:07 PM

KL

“ Kathy Roberts, Cassie, Quita, Grace, Gabe, Lisa purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of Samuel Ray.



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**Kathy Roberts, Cassie, Quita, Grace, Gabe, Lisa** - May 17, 2021 at 09:38 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Samuel Ray.



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May 17, 2021 at 09:13 PM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Samuel Ray.



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May 17, 2021 at 09:01 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Samuel Ray.*



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May 17, 2021 at 08:19 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Samuel Ray.*



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May 17, 2021 at 07:26 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Samuel Ray.*



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May 17, 2021 at 07:14 PM



“ *Heart's Companion Bouquet was purchased for the family of Samuel Ray.*



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May 17, 2021 at 07:13 PM

PP

“ Laurie, Joe and Ali,

*I was so shocked and saddened to learn of Sam's death. Please know that you and your entire family have been on my mind and in my prayers unceasingly. I will continue to pray for your strength and a heavenly comfort that only God can give. I love you.*

*Paula Ramsey Pickett*

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**Paula Ramsey Pickett** - May 17, 2021 at 06:38 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Samuel Ray.



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May 17, 2021 at 06:20 PM