



## Mr. Harry Ray Tillis Obituary

June 21, 1941 - December 12, 2012

Harry "Ray" Tillis, 71, of Ellijay, GA a long time resident of Albany died December 12, 2012 at Piedmont Mountainside Hospital in Jasper, GA. A graveside funeral service will be held Sunday 2:00PM at Riverside Cemetery. Rev. Richard Parker will officiate.

Born in Jacksonville, FL, lived in Albany most of his life where he retired from the United States Marine Corp. and retired from Proctor and Gamble after 20 years. He attended Christ United Methodist Church and was a member of the American Legion.

Survivors include his wife Barbara Tillis of Ellijay, GA; two daughters Toni Tillis of Dallas, GA; Harriet Tillis Fernandez of Marietta, GA; a sister Joyce Medeiros of Uncasville, CT; two grandchildren Patrick Ray Fernandez and Alan Michael Fernandez.

The family will receive friends Saturday from 6:00 to 8:00PM at Kimbrell-Stern.

In lieu of flowers please make donations to St. Judes Childrens Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105-3678 or Disabled American Veterans, P.O. Box 14301, Cincinnati, OH, 45250-0301.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **15.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Kimbrell-Stern Funeral Directors  
1503 Dawson Rd.  
Albany, GA 31707

## Graveside Service

DEC **16.** 2:00 PM (ET)

Riverside Cemetery  
200 Cotton Ave  
Albany, GA 31707

# Tribute Wall



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December 24, 2022 at 02:54 AM



“ *Pinky, I'm really going to miss you, good buddy. I'll miss calling you , and hearing your voice. My deepest condolences to the family.*

**Frank D. Nacarato,Jr. " YANK " - Columbia, MO - Very long time friend. - January 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM**



“ *barbara, so sorry to hear about ray passing away. our condolences go out to you and toni, harriet and grandsons....may god give you peace that surpasses all understanding...you are in our thoughts and prayers,always..with deepest sympathy.....take care, betty,cynthia,duane grooms...my mom has macular degeneration in her eyes,she can't see well enough to write..my oldest brother(darrel) passed away jan.18th, 2011. so this is cynthia(cindy) writing this message.. she is telling me what to write...hope you have a blessed new year..*

**cynthia grooms - jamesville, NC - friend - December 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM**

AC

“ I am saddened to learn of Ray's passing. He worked in the Pampers Operation at Procter & Gamble and would often come through my office. Ray was very pleasant and friendly; he always had something kind to say. Though I never worked directly with him, we were a team (more like a family). May you find comfort in knowing that so many care!

*THE COMFORT AND SWEETNESS OF PEACE:*

*After the clouds, the sunshine,  
after the winter, the spring,  
after the shower, the rainbow,  
for life is a changeable thing.  
After the night, the morning,  
bidding all darkness cease,  
after life's cares and sorrows,  
the comfort and sweetness of peace.  
~ Helen Steiner Rice*

*You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Anne Johnson Milledge  
P&G Co-worker*

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**Anne Johnson Milledge (Lemon) - Albany, GA - Procter & Gamble Co-worker -  
December 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM**

PF

“ Phillip and I are thinking of all of you at this time of Ray"s death. We were passing through Elijay on Friday and I had just turned to Phillip to tell him I was calling to let Ray know we were up for the weekend when I flipped the page of the paper and saw the notice.

*Please know how fond we all were of Ray. I guess the kids will always remember him as Mr. Ray with the " big gun" from the house party incident! I will always see Ray in his swim suit working in the yard as that is how we often talked, over a plant! He was a good neighbor and friend and we will miss him.*

*Call us at 229-869-3102. We have bought a house in Blairsville and will be there frequently. Love, Lynn and Phillip McDonald*

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**Phillip and Lynn McDonald - Albany, GA - friend/neighbor** - December 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ Barbara I don't know if you remember me but wanted you to know you are in my prayers. May GOD bless and keep you at this time of loss. Just remember you are loved and praying for you and family.  
*Peggy Evans Jacksonville Fla.*

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**Peggy Evans - Jacksonville, FL - Friend** - December 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ My deepest condolences to Barbara and family.

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**Bobbie Jean (Young) Wade - Carrollton, TX - AHS Classmate** - December 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Ray was a dear friend to both Robby and myself. We all met while they both were stationed at the Albany Marine Base back in the late 1960's.

Ray was a very jovial and fun loving person and I was happy when he and my goof friend Barbara Barker announced they would be marrying.

Over the years, we lost daily contact but did manage to stay in contact later...having seen Ray just recently myself, I must say, he was still in his "great spirit" as I had always known him to be.

The two of us as well as very many others will be missing him but we know that soon and very soon, we will all be reunited in God's house...

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**Robby and Barbara Robinson - Bogart, GA - Friends** - December 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you today as you deal with the loss of your husband, father, grandfather and brother. Even though we will be unable to attend today's services, our thoughts and prayers are with the Tillis family. May God grant you a peace that passes understanding and the knowledge that Harry is in a better place.

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**Kevin & Dawn Snyder - Braselton, GA - friends of Harriet** - December 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ *How sad we are at Ray's passing. We are so glad we had some time together in April as that gives us wonderful memories. May God grant you all peace and comfort at this time and in the days ahead. We love you. Linda and Robert*

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**Linda and Robert Wells - Albany, GA** - December 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *Tillis Family,*

*You are in my thoughts and prayers. Words cannot express how sad my heart is for all of you.*

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**Jana Alfiero - Atlanta , GA - Friend of Harriet Fernandez** - December 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM