



David Ray Noble

April 23, 1954 - January 24, 2026

David Ray Noble, White House, TN, also known as "Santa Ray", "Papa Ray" and "The Trophy Man" April 23, 1954-January 24, 2026. Survived by his wife of 35 years, Constance Ruth Kirschbaum. Born in Nashville, TN, he graduated from Hume Fogg High School in 1972. Ray worked for Golden Flake, Airbourne Express and Fed Ex. In 2004, he opened his own business here in White House, TN, retiring in 2021. He served several local schools and teams in the area, along with businesses and corporations. Ray's motto was always appreciation deserves recognition. He was a member of the White House Chamber of Commerce and several networking groups. His biggest thrill was being Santa for the White House Christmas Parade for several years, as he loved all the children. Preceded in death by his father, John "Jack" Michael Noble, Sr. and mother, Clara Inez Law Noble; brother, John "Jackie" Michael Noble, Jr. He is survived by his wife, Constance Ruth Kirschbaum of White House; brother, Larry (Marilyn) Noble of Seymour, TN; sister, Tina (Jimmy) Castro of Gallatin, TN; children, Jeremy Lee (Melissa) Noble of East TN, Jennifer Lynn (David) Gann of Clarksville, TN and Hope Noble (Garrett) DeRosett of Madison, TN; granddaughters, Jessica and Shiloh Noble and Great-granddaughter, Aislyn Gann. Ray loved gardening and children very much. He also loved to decorate for every holiday. A Celebration of Life service is scheduled for Friday, February 27, 2026 at 7 pm in the chapel of Austin and Bell Funeral Home in White House. Visitation will be held from 5 pm to 7 pm prior to the service at the funeral home. Memorial donations may

be made to Shriner's Hospital or to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital for children. ARRANGEMENTS ENTRUSTED TO AUSTIN & BELL 533 Highway 76 White House, TN 37188 (615)672-5000 www.austinandbell.com

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 27. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Celebration of Life Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



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Austin & Bell Funeral Home - February 23 at 09:24 PM



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Connie Kirschbaum-Noble - February 15 at 01:40 PM



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Connie Kirschbaum-Noble - February 15 at 10:59 AM



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Connie Kirschbaum-Noble - February 13 at 12:47 PM

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“ *From Amelia Guenther for Hope*

Where do I even start?

Camping, busting into the bedroom singing "wake uuuuuup", the seatbelt song (which I still sing to Juniper), being elves to his Santa, Abby sleeping on his chest when she was a tiny thing, the time we stayed up too late and swore we heard someone outside so we went running into his bedroom and he came up swinging, him honking the horn at the rental car going through the tunnel on the way to North Carolina and saying "Was that a gopher fart?"

Thank you for letting me share your dad for so many years, Hopie.

Constance Kirschbaum - February 12 at 08:24 PM

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“ Sharon Williams, your BFF from HHS. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of David Ray Noble.

Sharon Williams, your BFF from HHS. - February 03 at 06:42 PM

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“ Sharon Williams, your BFF from HHS. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of David Ray Noble.



Sharon Williams, your BFF from HHS. - February 03 at 06:42 PM



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Connie Kirschbaum-Noble - February 02 at 03:47 PM



Ray is looking out after me ❤️

Connie Kirschbaum-Noble - February 02 at 03:48 PM



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Connie Kirschbaum-Noble - February 01 at 10:13 PM



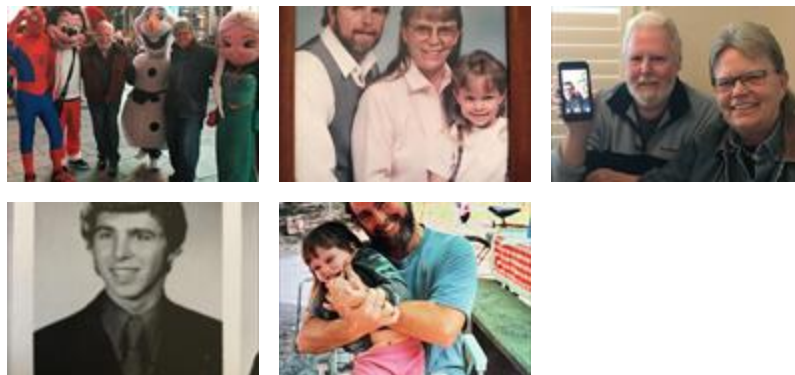
“ From Lisa Tudor Melton

I'm so sorry for your loss. He was a great man. I used to purchase trophies and plaques from him for our school. He always greeted me with a big smile. He will be missed. Thank you for all of your years of service in our community. Prayers for your family.

Connie Kirschbaum-Noble - February 01 at 10:33 AM



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Connie Kirschbaum-Noble - January 31 at 06:43 PM



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Connie Kirschbaum-Noble - January 31 at 06:36 PM

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“ Ray was one of the Good Guys. We had not seen each other in years but he was a Good Guy. My condolences to Connie and Hope.

Jeanette Coke - January 31 at 05:06 PM



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Connie Kirschbaum-Noble - January 31 at 02:45 PM



“ From Jessica Singer

So so sorry, friend!! 💔 both of your parents were such an integral part of my childhood, I feel like! Connie Kirschbaum-Noble calling me a dinker in softball because I always hit the ball just behind second base, which confused the players because no one knew who was supposed to get it 🧤 and helping us all out in band so much and really just being such a wonderful, positive presence in general! And your sweet dad drove us to our high school games sometimes and was so supportive even though we both sat the bench most of the time 🧤 a lot of my favorite memories growing up include you and your family!! ☐ I'm sending you guys all of the love I can right now!! ❤️ I'm so so so so sorry for your loss ❤️

Connie Kirschbaum-Noble - January 29 at 12:14 PM



“ From Joy Lamberson McNaughten

*Ray was in our net working groups for many years and many times held an officer position.
His smile was contagious and his willingness to help others came natural.
Connie Kirschbaum-Noble our prayers and support are with you through this difficult time.*

Connie Kirschbaum-Noble - January 29 at 12:01 PM



“ From Sally Payne

I'm so sorry to hear this. Mr Noble was a good man. I have so many beautiful items he did for me. White House has lost a true Blessing from GOD!. MR NOBEL YOU'LL BE GREATLY MISSED!!! 💔 😭

Connie Kirschbaum-Noble - January 28 at 09:25 PM



“ *From Dayle Fergusson*

So sorry to hear! We loved Ray, and he did a lot of beautiful quality jobs for us. Deepest sympathy to his family.

Connie Kirschbaum-Noble - January 28 at 09:24 PM



“ *Thus us from Brian Thomas*

“Appreciation deserves Recognition”-I appreciate all the good he did and recognize him as a great individual

Connie Kirschbaum-Noble - January 28 at 09:21 PM



“ *This is Ralph Mitchell*

Ray was one of the finest, He did a lot of knife engraving for me, I knew his brother Jack and his dad, sad to see this, prayers for the family

Connie Kirschbaum-Noble - January 28 at 09:18 PM



“ *This is from Tony Denami*

My deepest sympathies to Ray's entire family and his many friends. I knew Ray for over 25 years. Maybe thirty. He was always a happy person! We had a core group of four couples known to us as The Big Chill crew. We went to different TN state parks each spring and rented a four bedroom cabin for the weekend. Fun, music, camaraderie and good food was always a memorable annual tradition. Ray traveled to my son's house one year and played Santa Claus for my two grand daughters. My, were they surprised! Many other great times were also had such as Halloween and other frequent get togethers and parties. I'm proud to have had such a good friend. Ray will be missed by everyone that knew him.

Connie Kirschbaum-Noble - January 28 at 09:01 PM



“ *This is from Taylor Callahan (niece)*

I had the pleasure of spending a weekend with my uncle Ray and aunt Connie every year around Christmas through my whole childhood. We've had countless yummy breakfasts and many many hours spent in his trophy shop, and even in the shop room when he moved it to the house, making last minute Christmas gifts for my whole family. I got to experience the joy of Santa through him, and became his little elf when I got a bit older. I got to go with them to deliver gifts to several children every year. These are memories I will always appreciate and carry with me for the rest of my life! Thank you for everything you've done for us! Until we see you again



Connie Kirschbaum-Noble - January 28 at 08:59 PM



“ Ray was such a sweet, kind and caring soul. He did all of our trophies for our GWRRA picnics. He was so passionate and cared so much about the quality of his work, he was super patient too as I was always on a last min change up. He also did other items for all my events. Ray is the only one I trusted for the quality of work and timeless matter of completion. I am so very sorry for your loss and praying for everyone near and dear to him. He will truly be missed.

Dee England - January 28 at 04:00 PM

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“ Ray and I went to the same mutual friend at the same time to get each other's phone numbers (before cell phones) lol. I found out he loved flowers and I brought him a bouquet for our fist date and we went to Cades Cove. By the way he brought me flowers as well. And rest is our history of 35 years. ❤️

Constance Kirschbaum - January 27 at 10:52 PM

SH

I didn't get to know him when he was younger but I had the absolute honor of caring for him and let me tell you never a dull moment! Lots of laughs shared! I could definitely tell he was a funny guy and he will be greatly missed!

Stephanie Hernandez - January 28 at 06:53 AM



*Ray as in ray of sunshine...our daughters brought us together through sports...your family became family. I had the honor to sit by you and laugh scoring for opposite teams. I had the honor to meet your family at your home and feel the welcomeness of laughs and love. I have the honor to continue to share/see updates of life from Connie and Hope. I'm so grateful for your love, kindness and friendship over the years. Rest in peace Ray, keep on smiling and watching over your girls.~
Carmen*

Carmen Brosseau - January 28 at 07:36 AM

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One more memory, my kids loved to go and see him. They would let him scroll thru TikTok and he would crack up. He always enjoyed the kids coming when they could!

Stephanie Hernandez - January 28 at 03:57 PM