



## Ray Costa

May 23, 1946 - September 1, 2024

Raymond “Ray” Allen Costa, age 78 of Pleasant View, Tennessee died Sunday, September 1, 2024, at his home.

Mr. Costa was born on May 23, 1946 in Fall River, Massachusetts to the late Manuel & Hilda Shaw Costa. Ray retired from Baird Ward Printing Company (Quebecor World) in Nashville with 33 years of service in the printing industry. After retiring he began a second career in the medical field at Summit Medical Center. Ray always said the best part of his working career was spent at Summit Hospital taking care of his patients. He worked in surgery and received many awards and compliments from patients and employees for the compassion he extended to the patients and their families.

Ray possessed a unique gift in the ability to strike up a conversation with anyone he encountered. He never met a stranger. His friendly demeanor and genuine interest in others showed in the way he always wanted to know the person by name. Upon meeting that person again he would always address them by name and want to know how they were doing. People remembered him and were drawn to start a conversation whether at a store, gas station or the local convenience center.

Ray was a person that knew a little bit about everything no matter the subject. He could talk to people about any topic that came up. He loved history and

was a walking book as to how and why things were made. He was so smart and was always willing to share his knowledge and resources with family, friends or the people he met daily. He always had a \$50 bill in his wallet and would pick someone that took care of us in a store and give it to them. He was a very generous man.

Ray was a strong believer in the Jerry Lewis statement that you should tell people how you feel about them while they are living and not wait until they pass and say it to the family. He would say... I'm not going to hear it after I'm gone.

Ray loved cars, coin collecting and antiquing.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by a brother, Richard Costa; and his faithful fur babies, Dallas & Josie.

He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Carol Costa; brothers, Jim (Wanda) Costa and Roland Costa; brother-in-law, Barry (Cindy) Simpson; several nieces and nephews; and very dear friend, Debbie Felts.

If so desired, memorial contributions may be made in Mr. Costa's memory to: Proverbs 12:10 Animal Rescue, PO Box 210, Nashville, Tn 37221.

Mr. Costa's remains will be cremated and no services are planned at this time.

AUSTIN & BELL FUNERAL HOME in Pleasant View is in charge of these arrangements. 6316 Highway 41A, Pleasant View, Tennessee 37146 (615) 746-4433 [www.austinandbell.com](http://www.austinandbell.com)

# Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Carol, so sorry to hear the news about Ray. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Ray was an outstanding friend a role model. Just an overall great guy would give you the shirt back. You know we were real close. He trained me to be a pressman at Baird Ward/Quebecore and when Ray trained someone he trained someone to be the best. I have so many good memories with Ray. I truly miss him and again my prayers and thoughts are with you sincerely, Bubba Owen

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**Bubba Owen** - September 04, 2024 at 08:33 AM

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“ Watkins Family purchased the Memories 44" Sonnet for the family of Ray Costa.



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**Watkins Family** - September 03, 2024 at 08:32 PM

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“ I worked with Ray for many years. He was a special friend not only at work but in my personal life with my wife and son as well. We were running buddies and enjoyed going to some of the local runs together from time to time. His work ethics could be expressed in three words, 'a hard worker'. He was not a stand backer and watch type of guy. He did not mind getting his hands dirty. His personal life away from work was one of being totally a husband to his wife, Carol. I am a better person because of him and our paths crossing many years ago. Thanks for all of the good and beautiful memories I have of the times I got to share with you. You will be missed. You were like a brother to me, and I love you. Jimmy and Beverly , Troy and Tabatha and their daughter LeighAnn Mai Watkins.

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**Jimmy Watkins** - September 03, 2024 at 08:06 PM