



## Ray Cleo Anderson Norwood

November 28, 1920 - June 29, 2010

Ray Cleo Anderson Norwood, 89 of Conway, Arkansas formally of Morrilton, Arkansas began his eternal life with Jesus Christ on Tuesday, June 29th, 2010 at his home with his loving family by his side.

He was born November 28, 1920 in Jerusalem, Arkansas, son of the late Jessie Joseph Norwood and Dora (Watson) Norwood. He was preceded in death by two brothers and two sisters.

He served in the United States Army during World War II as a member of the 879th Bombardment Squadron. He was stationed on the island of Saipan in the South Pacific.

Upon honorable discharge from the Army he married his life long sweetheart, Violet Jean (Bartlett) Norwood on December 8, 1945. They have celebrated 64 wonderful years of marriage.

He formed his own business, Ray Norwood Excavation. Ray loved running his bulldozers and it showed in the quality of his work. Many businesses, schools, churches and individuals in Morrilton and surrounding counties benefited from his skill and workmanship. He was also an employee of Arkla-Gas for many years, overseeing the natural gas pumping station at Morrilton.

After retirement he purchased 40-acres, north of Morrilton. He enjoyed turning the acreage into a family hobby farm where he fished and tended to his cows.

Ray is survived by his wife and his daughters Renee Gates and husband, Fred of Greenbrier; Michelle Perrine and husband, Greg of Conway. His grandson, David Gates and wife, Sara of Greenbrier and granddaughter,

Kellirae Perrine of Conway, also survive him. He has one great grandson, Logan Gates.

Family visitation will be held at the Harris Funeral Home Chapel in Morrilton, Arkansas at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, July 2, 2010, followed by the Funeral services at 11:00 a.m.

Burial will follow at Old Hickory Cemetery at Hattievilke, Arkansas.

The family would like to thank Dr. Robert Rook along with Tim, Latrice, Gwen, Doris and Martha at Odyssey Health Care of Little Rock for their wonderful care and kindness.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ray Cleo Anderson Norwood*

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January 30, 2023 at 02:08 AM



“ *I want to express my deepest sympathy for your loss. I work with Renee; Mr. Norwood and the family has been in my prayers for a very long time. He will be truly missed by all who knew him but take comfort in knowing he is at peace now and one day you will see him again.*

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June 29, 2018 at 10:51 PM



“ *Dear, Violet Jean, Renee, Michelle and family. Charles & I am so deeply sorry to hear Of Ray's death. You both were such good neighbors to my parents, when you lived on St Vincent. Our prayers and heart felt sorrow are with you, girls and their's.*

*Mary Katherine & Charles*

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June 29, 2018 at 10:51 PM



“ *Michelle & Renee,  
I want to express my sympathy and let you know you, your mom and families are in my thoughts and prayers.*

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July 22, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Renee:  
Let God take you in His arms and cover you with His Love. He knows the depth of your grief and only he can give you peace. He knows it will take time for your heart to heal.*

*If there's any comfort let it be in this, that your Dad is with Jesus, in a home that's filled with bliss. There are no tears in Heaven, no more heartache and no pain, only love and happiness for all eternity.*

*May God bless you and keep you during all the days ahead. Our Love*

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July 09, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *Renee-We have been friends for over 40yrs you and your family have been in my prayers since you told me about your Dad. My heart goes out to you and know that you can call any time. Your dad was one of the best. My sympathy goes to you and your family. I will keep you in my prayers. Give your mom a hug for me and Michelle, too. Love you always. Vicki*

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July 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *On behalf of John & Fannie Norwood and daughters Mary, Lillie, Bernie, Hazel(my mother), Louvenia, and Johnnie, sincere sympathies in you loss.*

*John Moore*

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July 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ We are so sorry for your loss. May God be with you during this time. Your family is in our prayers.

Love

Johnny & Debbye Day  
Scotty & Morgan Day  
Brock, Cassie & Kennedi Moore

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July 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Rena and family, so sorry to hear of your loss, you all are in my thoughts and prayers, May God Bless you all in your time of need.

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July 03, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ My God bless and comfort you during the days and weeks ahead. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Ray was a wonderful family member. My daddy and mother Andy and Mary Lue Allen talked about the Norwood family often. Our love.

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July 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM