



Lundy Ray Colvert

November 24, 1939 - October 25, 2020

Lundy Ray Colvert, age 80 of Garfield, died Sunday, October 25, 2020 at his home on Beaver Lake. He was born on November 24, 1939 at his home in Calhoun County to the late Annie Rae Colvert and Lundy Bass Colvert. Lundy Ray Colvert was a true Renaissance man, whose passions included God, family, love for his country, and love of hunting.

Lundy grew up in Thornton, AR and attended Thornton high school. During his high school career, he was involved in school and local activities. He played for the high school basketball team, was president of the Beta Club, and was named the Arkansas Farmer of the Year. During this time, he was also very active in his church, serving as the Treasurer at Harmony Baptist Church. After high school, he joined the Navy and attended college at Southern State before transferring and graduating from the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville, where he earned a Bachelor degree in agricultural engineering.

Lundy then attended flight school with the US Navy in Pensacola, where he graduated top of his class. As a reward, the Navy offered to fly him anywhere in the world, but he chose to fly to Little Rock, AR to meet his girlfriend. During a period of leave, he would later court and marry Bonnie Sue Crowder. Lundy then moved to one of his first duty stations in Point Mugu where he would lead a team of civilians and military personnel in developing a surface to air missile. Lundy's achievements and responsibilities spanned throughout his Navy career. As Squadron Commander, he would navigate his squadron on classified missions over eastern block countries, and then guide them back safely to land on aircraft carriers in the Mediterranean ocean. He also served as the nuclear weapons officer aboard an aircraft carrier, completed meteorology school, and worked as a meteorologist. He was the number one naval officer recruiter in the nation out of Little Rock, Arkansas where he would complete his Navy career as Lieutenant Commander.

After this, his civilian career included becoming a real estate agent, broker, and eventually started his own business as a builder and developer. Simultaneously, he became a rancher and cattle farmer. He was a real "do it yourself" kind of man who built a 6,000 sqft

cabin (twice) on the Little Red River, while living in a camper in the wilderness around Pangburn, AR. Here, he would entertain his greatest joy: inviting his entire family over for any and all occasions.

Lundy's greatest loves were his relationship with the Lord, his country, and his family, who he dedicated himself to tirelessly. He was a giver, he was a helper, and he always shared great advice.

Lundy is preceded in death by his parents, Annie Rae Colvert and Lundy Bass Colvert. He is survived by his sister, Frances Jewel Black and her husband Charles Steven Black of Little Rock, one daughter, Lisa Rae Jenkins of Conway, and one son, Dr. Lundy Wade Colvert of Eureka Springs. He is also survived by grandchildren Dr. Mitchell Bruce Jenkins, Dr. Timothy Drake Jenkins, and Tristan Rae Jenkins. Other survivors include; nephew Christopher Steven Black and wife Kristy Lee Black with their two children, Anna Kathryn Black and Jewelia Lee Black as well as niece Cindy Ann Thompson and her two daughters, Mollee Anne Thompson and Maely Grace Thompson.

Visitation will be Thursday from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Benton Funeral Home in Fordyce. Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m. at Benton Funeral Home with Brother Matt McManus officiating. Burial will follow at Calaway Cemetery near Thornton.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Harmony Baptist Church C/O Shirley York, Calhoun 68, Thornton, AR 71766. Arrangements are by Benton Funeral Home of Fordyce. To sign the online register visit <http://www.bentonfuneralhome.net>

Cemetery

Calaway Cemetery - Thornton

Thornton, AR,

Events

OCT 29 **Visitation** 01:00PM - 02:00PM

Benton Funeral Home

501 W 4th Street, Fordyce, AR, US, 71742

OCT 29 **Funeral Service** 02:00PM

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Comments



“ An external video has been added.



Benton Funeral Home - October 29, 2020 at 02:05 PM



“ What a nice tribute to a life well spent. Sorry it ended so soon .
Lundy was our neighbor in Lost Bridge Village John & Marie Boling

Marie Boling - November 02, 2020 at 05:15 AM



“ To the family of Lundy Ray Colvert. I was a class mate all twelve years. He was a wonder friend. I am glad I had him for a friend. I remember all the ball trips we use to travel together. I was so sorry to hear of his passing. I will miss talking to him very much. My name is Barbara Jones Dunbar. I live in West Virginia. I send up prays for your family.

Jack Dunbar - October 30, 2020 at 05:54 PM



“ My wife and I bought Lundy's amazing cabin and land on the Little Red River 3 years ago, and through that process he became our good friend. He told us his son told him: "You know that someday, dad, you will need to move closer to me so I can take care of you." Lundy agreed and, according to Lundy, his son next said, "... and, dad, this is one of these days." We really admired the fact that Lundy was willing to take his son's advice. Lundy was one of the most interesting men my wife and I have ever known. We see Lundy's amazing mind at work in all the details of the place he built, twice. And, we have learned to take a second look at everything he put in place on the land ... to see how his brilliant mind was at work in the planning and design. I take nothing for granted, for there is a special bit of Lundy in everything he did. I look for it, and smile when I see it. I would call him often to ask various questions about the place. Most recently, he told me where a particular old home place spring is located. I wish I had asked him even more. Lundy is a unique person with a wonderful zest for life and what it has to offer us all. He told us about his love of the Lord and he spoke very lovingly about his family. I asked him one time how he knew so much about so many things and he said, simply, "I grew up on a farm." Lundy liked the old ways -- like cedar fence posts and wood corrals. He was a businessman through and through ... tough but always gracious, even in the deal. He is gone too soon, and we will miss him but ... we are so thankful we got to know him. To his family ... know how much love and respect we have for Lundy. And, may the Lord comfort you all. Mike & Kathy Rainwater

Mike Rainwater - October 28, 2020 at 11:22 PM



“ I was employed by Lundy for many years as his bookkeeper. He was an awesome man and I learned so much from him in business. He was very smart about a lot of things and was always there if you asked for advice, which I did often. Such a tremendous loss for all his family and friends. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Marsena Bone - October 28, 2020 at 06:56 PM



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Cleta Glenn - October 28, 2020 at 03:44 PM



“ Frances and Lundy, 2019

Cleta Glenn - October 28, 2020 at 03:45 PM

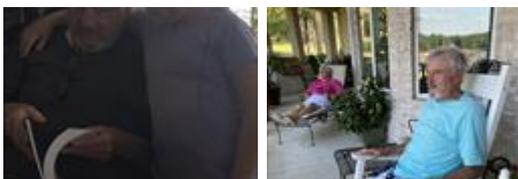


“ To Lundy's family: I'm am sorry for the loss of your father, grandfather, brother and uncle. I will remember Lundy as knowing how he loved his family dearly, was a kind and generous man and a friend to many. Lundy's accomplishments in his 80 short years is a tribute to his character as a good and honest man. I enjoyed his stories of his military career, his quail hunting adventures , his love of Ray Charles music and even his opinions of the latest sports wins and losses. To my dear friend, Lundy, Nite. Rest in Peace. Cleta

Cleta Glenn - October 28, 2020 at 03:42 PM



“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Cindy Thompson - October 28, 2020 at 03:01 PM



“ 23 files added to the tribute wall



Cindy Thompson - October 28, 2020 at 02:46 PM



“ The best Uncle in the world!! Cooked the best breakfast. The best tour guide. Fun to sight see with all over AR. Best conversationalist. I loved talking to Uncle Lundy about his top secret military missions. Such a generous person. Mollee loved her slumber parties with Uncle Lundy at Nana and Grandpa's house! Maely loved hugging her Uncle Lundy. So many memories of my childhood cooking hotdogs over a campfire, going canoeing. His love of outdoors and nature was contagious. His love of gardening from Papaw was inspiring. We planned to can food this fall with Mamaw's canning pots. His Naval influence carried over into all areas of his life. His friendships ran deep. He was generous with his time and resources to all who met him. He loved to travel the world and Arkansas. I will miss texting him, calling him, going places with him and talking to him about everything. He loved my daughters and they loved him. He impacted my life and the lives of many others. He died too soon. So many people had plans to spend time with him. He made everyone feel special. He never stopped learning. He took care of his family and friends. Uncle Lundy lived life to the fullest. Best person to eat Chinese food with in Arkansas! He made the best cup of coffee and breakfast Navy style! He achieved his goals. He made time for what mattered in life. He served others. He was smart, successful and wise. He loved going to my girls basketball games and activities. I loved him so much. I'm thankful I had the best Uncle in the world!

Cindy Thompson - October 28, 2020 at 02:23 PM



“ I met Lundy when I was Assessor in Calhoun County over 20 years ago. I thought a lot of him. He was always nice to me. I am so sorry for your great loss. My thoughts and prayers for the family. Claudia Chambliss

Claudia Chambliss - October 28, 2020 at 11:20 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Lundy Ray Colvert.



October 28, 2020 at 09:52 AM



“ There is not enough room to share the memories I had with Lundy. I am so sorry for your loss. It doesn't seem possible. I had hoped he would live forever.. I pray for you all to have the strength and faith that Lundy had. I will always remember his quick smile and the love of the land that he and I shared. Bart



Bart Langford - October 27, 2020 at 09:35 PM



“ Bart and Rita Langford purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Lundy Ray Colvert.



Bart and Rita Langford - October 27, 2020 at 09:15 PM