



Mr. Ray Leon Armstrong

September 30, 1937 - October 27, 2019

A celebration of the life of Mr. Ray Leon Armstrong, 82, of Longview, Texas will be held 4-7 p.m., Saturday, November 9, 2019 at Leon's Steakhouse Saloon on Eastman Road in Longview.

Mr. Armstrong was born September 30, 1937 to the marriage of Richard Brooks Armstrong and Elizabeth Marvin Burton. He passed this life October 27, 2019 at his home in Longview.

Ray graduated from Carthage High School and then served in the United States Army. He had a colorful career ranging from dance instructor to spending over 20 years managing various Harley's Liquor stores in East Texas until his retirement in 1996.

A lifelong bachelor and something of a loner, Ray opened the "It'll Do" bar in 1997 to pass the time in retirement. He spent the next two decades bouncing around Longview, swapping out bar names nearly as often as he moved locations.

"Ray Gene" as he was affectionately known to his many friends and patrons will be greatly missed by all he served.

Ray would ask that all tears be donated to someone else in need, however, any shed will be understood.

Comments



“ Ray Gene was held in high esteem by those in his orbit. His tentacles went out a long way over the years. He was a veritable font of information about the history of Longview. He would sit back behind the bar seemingly oblivious to the chatter. But when it came time he'd deliver the knock-out bon mot that would slay those within earshot. He loved Willie. As Willie sang: "He was a friend of mine ..., every time I think of him, I can't help but cryin' ..." R.I.P. "Poppa Ray", you are greatly missed.

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