



## Mr. Ray Toms

April 2, 1952 - February 15, 2021

Mr. Ray Toms, 68 of Worth County, died on Monday, February 15, 2021 at Cobblestone Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center in Moultrie.

The funeral service will be held at 3:00 PM on Friday, February 19, 2021 at Isabella Baptist Church, interment will follow in the Church Cemetery. The Rev. Jason Jones will officiate.

Mr. Toms was born on April 2, 1952 in Miami, FL., to the late Richard W. and Geraldine Frost Toms. He had lived in Worth County since 2017 after moving there from Alabama. Mr. Toms was a veteran having served in the United States Air Force Reserves. He retired from IBM where he worked as computer consultant. Mr. Toms was enjoyed woodworking, making wooden pens and working on the farm, but most importantly spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren. He attended Isabella Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Debra Toms of Worth County; son, Timothy Mathew Toms of Maryland; step-children, Panda Graf (Jessie) and Joshua Garcia; adopted daughter, Ashley Lunsford (Joshua); sister, Dianne Warren (Rick) of Barry , AL; grandchildren, Bruce Brantley, Alicia Brantley, Ashton Toms, Gavin Toms, Katie Ray Toms, Elijah Garcia and Gracie Garcia.

The family will receive friends on Thursday from 4:00 PM until 6:00 PM at Banks Funeral Home.

Please sign our online guest registry at [www.banksfh.com](http://www.banksfh.com).

Banks Funeral Home in Sylvester is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery

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# Events

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**Isabella Cemetery**  
201 Red Rock Road  
Sylvester, GA, 31791

**FEB 18 Visitation 04:00PM - 06:00PM**  

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**Banks Funeral Home**  
PO Box 550 210 N. Main Street, Sylvester, GA, US, 31791

**FEB 19 Funeral Service 03:00PM**  

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**Isabella Baptist Church**  
134 Old Mail Rd., Sylvester, GA, US, 31791

# Comments

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“ Even on this side of the border, Ray has made his mark. Always listening and ready to help, working with him was really great. More than the work, how much discussion we've had on so many topics. My deepest condolences to all and repose en paix mon ami.

**Pierre Jackson** - February 22, 2021 at 07:53 AM

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“ I considered Ray to be a very good friend of mine, even though we haven't really met in person. I worked here in the Philippines on night shift to be on the same time as the U.S. Since I joined IBM on 2012, Ray was my constant companion in our project, even until he retired last year 2020. There are several members of our team, but I worked with Ray most of the time. He was my mentor, my boss, he taught me almost everything I know about Maximo our project. He was so nice, very kind, calm, even though at times, I know I've done something wrong, he tried to correct me in a very positive way. He is my guiding light, he is one of those I try to emulate on the workplace, not just because Ray is very good technically, but also because of his attitude towards his colleagues. He is so warm and accommodating and friendly. My words are limited how much I appreciate him.  
My deepest condolences to the whole family and may the Lord comfort you during this times.

**Gio Paraiso** - February 21, 2021 at 11:54 PM

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“ Jim Frazier lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ray Toms



**Jim Frazier** - February 20, 2021 at 05:31 PM



“ I worked with Ray like many of you from IBM. I continued to stay in touch after he retired. Although we never met in person, I considered him a very good friend. I will miss him very much.

**Jim** - February 20, 2021 at 05:34 PM

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“ Eunice Stone lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ray Toms



**Eunice Stone** - February 20, 2021 at 09:09 AM

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“ This is truly sad news. Though I've never met Debra and the rest of the Tom's family, I can imagine how blessed you all were having had Ray in your midst, and how blessed you are to have his memory. I worked with Ray at IBM for our last assignment for several years on deploying Maximo before we each retired. Although we were each working out of our respective home office and have actually never met in person, we worked very well together, shared many anecdotes and lots of laughter. Our last email after retirement was I hoped he would enjoy this new stage of his life as much as I do, more time with family and friends, and do all that he did not have time to do. Debra, I am sorry he had to leave so soon, but you will see him again.

**Bonny Radez** - February 19, 2021 at 03:57 PM

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“ To the family of Ray Toms: We are so sorry for the loss of Ray. He was a good friend, brother-in-Christ, and he will be greatly missed. Ray and I worked together on several projects with IBM and MRO Software, and we had a great time. The first time I saw Ray, I thought he got into a fight. I asked him what happened to his eyes, and he shared that his dark eyes were a result of his birthmark!

Ray was a solid Christian and looked at life with optimism.

I know Ray is with Jesus and is in a much better place. May the Lord comfort the family and grant His Peace and Love.

In deepest sympathy,  
Keith Pittman



**Keith Pittman** - February 19, 2021 at 03:47 PM

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“ Sending my condolences to Debra and Ray's whole family. I worked with Ray for about 10 years at IBM. He was a pleasure to work with - kind, helpful, knowledgeable. He genuinely cared about his work, and about the people he worked with. We all loved to hear the stories of the progress of his blueberry bushes, and his new learning about beekeeping. He seemed to me to be the very definition of a gentleman.

May his journey Home be sweet and gentle, and may the Lord greet him with immeasurable Love and unbounded Peace.

In deepest sympathy,  
Kathy Saulino



**Kathleen Saulino** - February 19, 2021 at 02:54 PM

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“ Debra and family I am so very sorry to hear about the passing of Ray. My heart breaks for you. I cannot fully express the sorrow I feel. I lost my Mom to COVID in December. I will continue to treasure the "farm" wisdom Ray passed onto me. When the person you are closest to is gone, hold on to their memories and know that they are always with you.  
My condolences,  
Barb Chiavelli

### TOGETHERNESS

Death is nothing at all. I have only slipped away into the next room.

Whatever we were too each other, we still are. Call me by my old familiar name. Speak to me in the same easy way you always have. Laugh as we always laughed at the little jokes we enjoyed together. Play, smile, think of me, pray for me.

Life means all that it ever meant. It is the same as it always was. There is absolute unbroken continuity. Why should I be out of your mind because I am out of your sight? I am but waiting for you, for an interval, somewhere very near, just around the corner.

All is well. Nothing is past. Nothing has been lost. One brief moment and all will be as it was before - only better. Infinitely happier. We will be one, together forever.

**Barbara Chiavelli** - February 19, 2021 at 02:31 PM

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“ Donald And Eunice Stone lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ray Toms



**Donald and Eunice Stone** - February 16, 2021 at 07:45 PM



“ Ray was of the finest men I've ever know...and so very handsome, deepest condolences to his family and my Heart is breaking for Diane... I know you all are hurting...hurting and only our Lord and Savior can rescue at this hour suffering such a loss...I'm In agreement Brandi Glover - WELL STATED...

Much Love and Lots of Prayers... Donald and Eunice

**Donald and Eunice Stone** - February 16, 2021 at 07:59 PM

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“ Ray was a nice man. I enjoyed beekeeping at Chehaw Park with The Toms. Keeping all of you in my thoughts.

**Lee Brown** - February 16, 2021 at 07:40 AM

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“ Ray was one of the most respected men I know. His moral character was one of the highest I had ever seen. Without any doubt, I am certain that he is in a better place and no longer in pain. I can picture him smiling while being patted on the back by our LORD for a job well done on earth! RIP, Ray.



**Brandi Glover** - February 15, 2021 at 01:35 PM