

Jimmy Ray Lomax

December 25, 1940 - March 29, 2024

Big Stone Gap, Virginia

Jimmy Ray Lomax, 83, passed away Friday March 29th, 2024, at Lonesome Pine Hospital, in Big Stone Gap, VA.

Jimmy Ray is one of four children, born to Fred and Bessie (Pierce) Lomax on December 25th, 1940, in Osaka, VA. He grew up in a home where there was always music. He was taught to play guitar by father, Fred Lomax, and continued teaching himself after his father's passing and taught himself to play the piano. Jimmy had a beautiful baritone voice and sang at places like church in youth programs and school functions. Jimmy Ray graduated from Bland High school in 1959 and sang "He" by Wintley Phipps during graduation. After graduation, Jimmy joined the Army and was stationed at Fort Jackson and later stationed in Germany. Jimmy then moved to Buffalo, NY, where he was employed by General Motors. Once retired, he returned to Big Stone Gap, VA.

Jimmy was preceded in death by parents, Fred and Bessie (Pierce) Lomax, and half-sister, Rebecca (Carl) Hale, brother, Richard Allen Lomax, and sister-in-law, Vivian Pierce.

He leaves to cherish his memories, Children: Seymon (Arthur) Miller of Knoxville, TN, Sean Lomax of Big Stone Gap, VA, Shanee Lomax of Big

Stone Gap, VA. Grandchildren: Jasmine (Nathaniel) Smith, Brittany Mooney, Kendall Lomax, Trey Lomax, Robert (Kiera) Hartsock, Brieann (Landon) Lomax, Debra (Jacob) Burton, Autumn Hartsock, Alyveiah Lomax, Zavier Lomax, Julian Lomax, and Elijah Lomax. Siblings: Donald Pierce-Lomax of Roanoke, VA and Annie Ruth Lomax-Juanso of Lexington, KY. Nephews: Ramon (Becky) Juanso of Lexington, KY and Renaldo Juanso (Michelle) of Oakland, CA; and a host of great grandchildren, great niece and nephews, and friends.

The Visitation for Jimmy Ray Lomax will be held on Saturday, April 6, 2024 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Holding Funeral Home in Big Stone Gap, VA.

The Funeral Service will be held following in the funeral homes' chapel. Special music will be provided by: Nathaniel Smith.

A graveside committal service will be held on Sunday, April 7, 2024 in Joseph Garfield Long, Sr. Memorial Cemetery. (Oakview Cemetery) at 4:30 where he will be laid to rest with his family. Those wishing to attend are asked to meet at the cemetery at 4:20.

A memorial video has been created for family and friends at:
<https://www.tributeslides.com/tributes/show/F92DDGW44QCT9MQZ>

An online register is available for the family at www.holdingfuneralhome.com

Holding Funeral Home is honored to be serving the family of Mr. Jimmy Ray Lomax.

Cemetery Details

Oakview Cemetery

1204 3rd Avenue, E
Big Stone Gap, VA 24219

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 6. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ I miss you so much Dad. I wish you were here.....Christmas is just not the same without you.....I love you very much.

Seymon Michele McCoo-Lomax Miller - December 11, 2025 at 06:48 PM



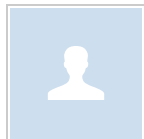
“ Happy Father's Day, Dad....I know you are with your brothers and Grandmommie and Grandfather Fred. I love you Dad.

Seymon Lomax-McCoo-Miller - June 14, 2024 at 08:36 PM



“ My special memory of Jimmy Ray was gathering around the TV to watch a local channel as he sang and played the guitar! That was a treat because I had never seen anyone from Big Stone Gap on TV, especially an African American. He made us proud! Sheila Long Purnell

Sheila Purnell - April 24, 2024 at 06:41 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Jimmy Ray Lomax.



April 05, 2024 at 09:19 AM



“ Your ModivCare Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jimmy Ray Lomax.

Your ModivCare Family - April 05, 2024 at 09:19 AM

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“ *Rest in peace, my Yankee buddy!-John R. Hagan*

John R. Hagan - April 02, 2024 at 04:19 PM

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“ *Curtis, Ryan & Susan Mullins and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Jimmy Ray Lomax.*

Curtis, Ryan & Susan Mullins and Family - April 01, 2024 at 01:29 PM

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“ *Curtis, Ryan & Susan Mullins and Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Jimmy Ray Lomax.*



Curtis, Ryan & Susan Mullins and Family - April 01, 2024 at 01:29 PM