



## Ramon Lafayette Lake, Jr.

January 24, 1954 - August 31, 2021

Dr. Ramon Lafayette Lake Jr. was born on January 24th, 1954 to Mary Ellen (Cornelius) and Ramon Lafayette Lake Sr. in Riverside, California. He was named after his father, a pastor, a missionary dentist and a businessman. He was the middle child of the family's five children. Ramon has two older brothers, Lawrence and Leonard Lake and two younger twin sisters, Joyce Lake Wasson and Janet Lake Stark. Our parents pastored three churches in California having a son at each one. Then they went to the mission field in Mexico and had twin daughters.

Ray grew to be a tall young man at 6 feet 2 inches being on his high school basketball team and playing the bassoon in the school band. Ray went to Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, OK, graduating in 1976. He then went on to Baylor College of Dentistry in Dallas, TX, where he got his degree and license to practice dentistry. Ray took his medical exam boards in both Texas and Oklahoma. When he passed them in Oklahoma, he felt God wanted him to go there.

Dr. Ray served the community of Talihina and the Choctaw Indians of southwest OK. for nearly 30 years. He cared for patients with some twenty-two thousand dental appointments during his long career. He also volunteered with Doctors Without Borders in Central and South America relieving the pain and suffering of many needy individuals who did not have proper dental care. Ray was very active in the community as he served on numerous local boards in his spare time.

He was a son, a brother, a husband, a father, a son-in-law, an uncle, and a friend to all of us. He never met a stranger. He loved life, loved to laugh, tell jokes, and tease. He loved to make huge rubber band balls for fun. Ray collected coins, baseball cards, and Star Trek books. Ray enjoyed American History and quotes from various Presidents, as well as collecting poems. Ray's love of sports, especially the Dallas Cowboys inspired him to name his only son, Landry Sean Lake, after their coach. Landry was Ray's pride and joy. In 2020, Ray's highlight of the year, was being able to attend his son and daughter-in-law's wedding in August. Landry and Trista Nelson Lake reside in Fayetteville, Arkansas.

Ray was a Christian and knew Jesus as his Lord and Savior. We will miss you Ray, but your legacy will live on in each one of us, as we each seek to glorify God in our thoughts, words, and deeds. Only one life soon will be passed, only what's done for Christ will last.

Visitation will be on Monday, September 6th, 2021 from 3:00PM to 6:00PM at McCarn Funeral Service in Talihina, Oklahoma.

Graveside services will be on Tuesday, September 7th, 2021 at 10:00 AM at Laura McGee Cemetery in Buffalo Valley, Oklahoma with Bro. Carrol Fitzgerald officiating. Services are under the direction of McCarn Funeral Service of Talihina, Oklahoma.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 6. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

McCarn Funeral Service  
500 Dallas Street  
Talihina, OK 74571  
(918) 942-5004  
<https://www.mccarnfuneralservice.com>

## Graveside Service

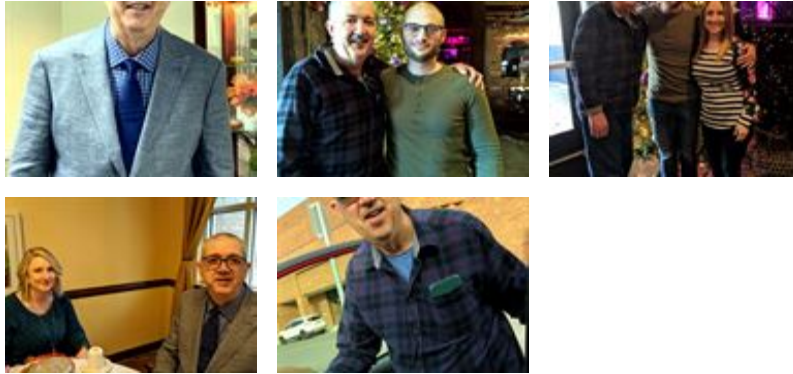
SEP 7. 10:00 AM.

Laura McGee Cemetery

# Tribute Wall



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Mccarn Funeral Service - September 05, 2021 at 05:54 PM

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“ *Dr Ray Lake not only a friend but you were my dentist for years. The only dentist I trusted. I was a friend of you and your late wife Mary. I will never forget the time you and Mary took me to have oral surgery in Ft Smith AR. You was right by my side in the surgery with the oral surgeon as a friend and my dentist. I will never forget the times we all at the first dentist office building you had where the Talihina library is now I worked in an office there in the building we all on our lunch break use to have backgammon tournaments. You also taught me some dental assistant where you would let me set in on exams with children that came in. Your son Landry and my son Travis were best friends growing up. My son spent a lot of time at your house. I will always cherish our friendship over the years but we lost in touch with one another over the last 10 years. But I will always be grateful for your friendship and our son's friendship. You will be missed my friend. God Bless!*

Kay Huddleston - September 05, 2021 at 03:14 PM

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“ Ray, Mike & I were privileged to support you in various ways, especially these past challenging years. You loved people and were a blessing to all who came in contact with you. You had a contagious laugh and smile.

We are so grateful for all the time that we did have with you. And we know that you are home at last at peace with our Lord and Saviour.  
Hugs & Love, Your Youngest Twin Sister



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**Janet LAKE Stark** - September 03, 2021 at 02:45 PM



“ Uncle Ray, you will be missed! You were such a wonderful uncle. I enjoyed the times you visited KC and I'm grateful for all the times you supported me on my mission trips. Someday we will be reunited again in heaven. <3

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**Sharon Stark** - September 03, 2021 at 02:16 PM