



Mel Ray Coate

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Mel Ray Coate, 76, of Wheeler died Wednesday, June 29, 2022 in Wheeler.

Services will be 10:00 AM Tuesday, July 5, 2022 in Cornerstone Church in Wheeler with Erron Mercer, officiating. Burial will follow in Wheeler Cemetery in Wheeler.

Viewing will be held Sunday at the funeral home.

Arrangements are by Robertson Funeral Directors of Wheeler.

Mel Ray was born May 30, 1946 in Wheeler to Millard Ore and Zinna Mae Holley Coate. He had been a lifetime resident of Wheeler and was a graduate of Wheeler High School. He was a farmer/rancher and started Mel's Diner in Wheeler 27 years ago. Mel Ray's hobbies included fishing, hunting, camping, the outdoors and was a great dancer. He was a longtime member of the Bass Club. He married Susan Rabon on July 28, 1989.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Jim Coate; two grandchildren, Briar Coate and Jake Benefield; and an aunt, Elva Meek.

Survivors include his wife, Susan Coate of Wheeler; his sons, Rodney Coate and Juan of Edmond, Oklahoma, Brian Coate and wife Joleen of Wheeler, Wayne Benefield and Mary of Wheeler, Daniel Benefield and wife Stephanie of Destin, Florida, Tom Cook and wife RaNita of Amarillo, and Travis Cook and wife Marcie of Canyon; his daughters, Mechelle Coate and husband Dustin Marks of Celina and April Hopper and husband Steve of Wheeler; his brother, Troy Lee Coate of Stigler, Oklahoma; his sister, Sue Davis and husband Rick of Whitefield, Oklahoma; his sister in law, Angela Coate; 13 grandchildren; 4 great grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews, and lifelong friends.



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The family request memorials be sent to Cornerstone Church / PO Box 523 / Wheeler, TX 79096 or Wheeler Volunteer Fire Department / PO Box 711 / Wheeler, TX 79096.






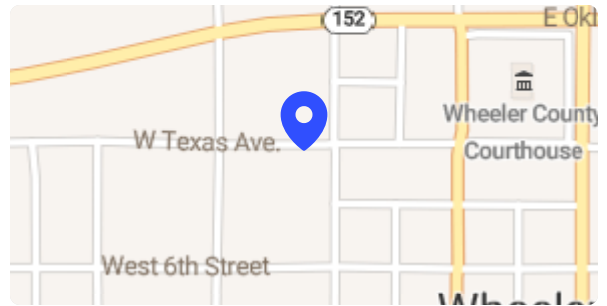
Events

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Viewing

-  **Sunday, July 3, 2022**
-  1:00 PM - 6:00 PM CT
-  **Robertson Funeral Directors - Wheeler**
508 South Canadian Street, Wheeler TX 79096




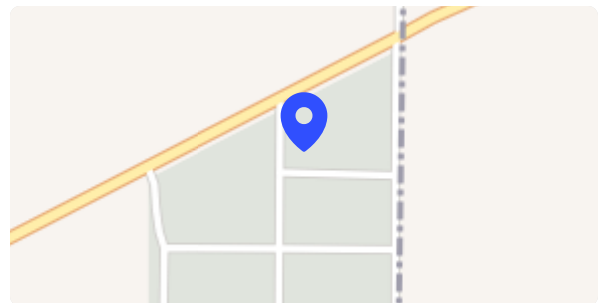
Funeral Service

-  **Tuesday, July 5, 2022**
-  10:00 AM CT
-  **Cornerstone Church-Wheeler**
601 Main St., Wheeler TX 79096



Cemetery Details

-  **Wheeler Cemetery**
16355 FM-2473, Wheeler TX 79096





Tribute Wall

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Sharon Stiles Swindler posted:

Sue and April, I am so sorry for your loss and sadness. I remember you both with thankfulness for your care for my dad, Gordon Stiles, years ago. When I am in Wheeler, I look forward to a meal at Mel's and hope to see you there. Sincerely, Sharon Stiles Swindler, Loveland, CO

July 13 at 6:07 AM



Lisa Kate Immel Hefner lit a candle in honor of Mel.

I am so sorry that Mel Ray has passed. I remember days when Aunt Elva would come to Uncle Eli's & Aunt Helen's, Mel Ray too, so many stories as we all were sitting on the back porch, these special stories that were shared about Wheeler in the day and everyone. My prayers are with you all as you remember and honor him.



June 30 at 5:23 PM



Ann Cook posted:

I am grateful you are at Peace and know you are fishing at the big lake in the sky. We had many great memories, won't forget, you were special. My prayers and LOVE to all the family and friends ,Ann Cook

June 30 at 7:08 AM



Ray Sean Coate June 10 at 7:34 PM

Very well put I have been Mia for 25 years glad to see your post.



Delbert Thomas posted:

We are so very sorry that Mel Ray has passed. We have you in our hearts and prayers! RIP buddy!

June 30 at 4:05 AM



Jane Wofford Porter July 3 at 1:37 PM

Rest In Peace my long time friend. Prayers for your family.



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Mel by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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