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Robert Dwayne Ray

Robert Dwayne Ray, 64, of Chico, died Tuesday, Dec. 18, 2012, in Bridgeport.

Service was held Dec. 20 at Jones Family Funeral Home in Bridgeport and was officiated by Joey Vick. Burial was in Chico Cemetery.

Bobby was born May 26, 1948, in Martinez, Calif., to William Hugh and Gladys Louise (Brown) Ray. He moved to Texas in 1968 and married Barbara Bailey in June 1970. The couple later divorced, and in June 1979 he married Tammy Bank.

He was employed by Gifford Hill for 33-and-a-half years where he was a heavy equipment operator. The jack of all trades, he trained the first female Euclid drivers and was quite fond of all those “crazy ladies.” He retired in January of 2009.

His passions were riding his Harley and watching NASCAR. He loved his family, his friends, his dog Daisy and his Harley. He was quick with a joke, always ready to help anyone and would give you his last dollar.

He is survived by children Melinda Kay (Cissy) Barrett, Charles Garman Ray and Lacy Annette Ray; grandchild Hayley Nicole Barrett; and great-grandson Easton Lane Barrett.

He was preceded in death by his father; sisters Brenda Lee Gatlin and Belinda Louise Taylor; and grandsons Joshua Aaron Largent and Caleb Alexander Barrett.