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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

■ **James Earl Ray**, 70, who spent his life in prison after confessing to killing civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. only to recant his story and insist that he was framed, died of liver disease and kidney failure April 23 in Nashville. Hours after Ray died, the King family again called on the Clinton administration to investigate "new and unexamined" evidence and to establish a "Truth and Reconciliation Commission that would grant amnesty and immunity from prosecution [to] those

who come forward with information."

With Ray's death, "the question of whether [he] acted alone or in cooperation with others is unresolved and now may never be completely answered," contends Georgia Democratic Rep. John Lewis, who was a young civil rights leader at the time of King's assassination.

