

## Ray Wedding To 'Fill Void'

KNOXVILLE (UPI) — The woman James Earl Ray will marry today says their marriage will fill a void in their lives, but they may never be able to live as a normal husband and wife.

Anna Sandhu, a 32-year-old divorcee and free-lance artist, said Thursday she and Ray, the convicted assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., love each other and she wants to help him as much as she can.

"We've both endured a lot of hardship and know what it's like not to have anyone," she said. "Now we're going to fill an empty spot in our lives."

The couple, who will be married this afternoon in a visitors' center at Brushy Mountain Penitentiary near Petros, Tenn., will not be allowed conjugal visits. Ray, 50, who has never been married, is serving a 99-year term for King's murder in 1968.

Miss Sandhu said she thought it was "terrible" the couple would not be able to consummate the wedding.

"But I think the main thing in marriage is the emotional support and shelter two people give each other."

Rev. James Lawson of Los Angeles will perform the ceremony. It will be private.

She said a number of national publications have offered her lucrative deals in exchange for her story. National Enquirer offered her "more than \$10,000," but she said she has rejected all offers to date, and will refer those in the future to an attorney.

"No amount of money is worth taking a chance to ruin the image of James as I know it," she said of Ray, whom she first met last year at a court hearing.

After the ceremony, Miss Sandhu said she will return to Knoxville to continue painting and selling her work to support herself. Each week she'll be allowed two four-hour visits to the prison.

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