

## People Today

# James Earl Ray, Bride 'Honeymoon' With Guards

James Earl Ray and his bride had "honeymoon" that consisted of a few minutes of conversation under the watchful eyes of prison guards and then went their separate ways — he back to his cell and she home to Knoxville.

Ray, serving a 99-year sentence for the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Friday wed Anna Sandhu, a 37-year-old divorcee, at Brushy Mountain State Prison in Petros, Tenn.

The new Mrs. Ray said she was very nervous during the ceremony, conducted by the Rev. James Lawson, a close associate of King. Ray is serving a 99-year sentence on his appeal to the 1968 King assassination, which he has since recanted. Ray will not become eligible for parole until 1998.

"I didn't know my right hand from my left hand," the new Mrs. Ray said after the ceremony. "He had to help

me. I could feel him trembling with my arm."

A free-lance artist, Mrs. Ray said she will now return to her work.

Although the couple will not be allowed to consummate their marriage, she said she is a happy woman. "I don't think I've had a day this good in my life," she said.

Congugal visits are not allowed in Tennessee prisons, but Mrs. Ray will be allowed to see her husband twice a week for four hours each visit.

The couple shared traditional cake and punch after the ceremony and Ray was allowed to spend a few minutes with his bride in the company of guards.

"We sat at a table," she said. "We said we're glad we're married to each other. I said that to him and he agreed with me."

Ray and his attorney, Mark Lane, who also attended the wedding, are still seeking a new trial.

Lane said Friday he knows the name of a person involved in the 1968 assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King and will identify the person within two weeks.

"We have discovered evidence to show there was a group of people involved in the murder of Martin Luther King Jr.," Lane said.

Lane, a former New York State legislator who recently moved his home to Memphis in hopes of winning Ray a new trial in the King case, announced his findings at a news conference.

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ANNA SANDHU PROUDLY DISPLAYS WEDDING BAND AFTER CEREMONY