



Raymond Rath

February 26, 1930 - May 2, 2016

Raymond Rath, age 86, of Storm Lake, Iowa died May 2, 2016 at North Lake Manor in Storm Lake.

Funeral Mass will be held Friday, May 6, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Storm Lake. Burial will be in the St. Mary's Cemetery with full military rites by the Alta VFW Post 6172. Visitation will take place Thursday, May 5, 2016 from 5-7:00 p.m. at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake. In lieu of flowers the family requests memorials be made to UnityPoint Hospice. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Raymond W. Rath was born February 26, 1930 in Portsmouth, Iowa the son of Anthony "Tony" and Susanna (Stein) Rath. Growing up, Raymond attended school in Rembrandt, Iowa where he graduated in 1949.

Following high school graduation, Ray enlisted in the Air Force and was stationed in Nevada at Nellis Air Force Base. While in the Air Force, he was trained as a mechanic and worked on plane engines during his enlistment. After Ray was discharged from the Air Force, he went on to college, attending Buena Vista and graduating from Brookings, South Dakota with a degree in agriculture. Ray was also a member of the AMVETS in Storm Lake.

Ray enjoyed the outdoors and would spend his free time fishing, hunting, and trapping. Even in his work he chose a job that allowed him to be outdoors repairing small engines on boats and lawn mowers. Though Ray never married and had a family, he enjoyed spending time with his brothers, sister, and their children. He will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

Those left to cherish his memory include his brothers: Robert Rath of Stewartville, Minnesota; Bernard Rath of Racine, Minnesota; Phillip Rath of Sioux Rapids, Iowa; Elmer (Donna) Rath of Cedar Park, Texas; sister, Lucille Fitzsenry of Storm Lake, Iowa; sister-in-law, Mary Rath of Grand Meadow, Minnesota; three nephews; ten nieces; extended family and friends.

Raymond was preceded in death by his parents, Tony and Susanna Rath; maternal grandparents: Nick and Anna Stein; paternal grandparents: Joseph and Rehilda Rath; brothers: Melvin Rath, Mike Rath and Walter Rath; brother-in-law, Roy Fitzsenry; sisters-in-law: Janica Rath; Lillian Rath; Shirley Rath; nephew, Walter Rath Jr.; and two nieces: Linda Anderson and Marlys Grieme.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 5. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Service

MAY 6. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church -- Storm Lake
320 Seneca Street
Storm Lake, IA

Tribute Wall

DC

“ Ray was good friends with my dad and visited often as i was growing up. They talked trapping and anything conservative. You could count on seeing his blue Sonoma parked outside Hardees whenever we went to Storm Lake. My condolences to his family. I know he and dad are catching up.

Dan Christiansen - May 12, 2016 at 02:19 AM

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“ Our thoughts & prayers to the Rath family.
Lary & Patty Gunville



PATTY GUNVILLE - May 05, 2016 at 08:28 PM

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“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Funeral Home - May 05, 2016 at 04:20 PM

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“ Uncle Ray was my godfather and we had a good relationship. I really got to know him better in my adult years. It was always fun to listen to him and my Mom talk about local events when he would stop by in the evenings to watch television and shoot the breeze. We would get into spirited discussions, many times agreeing to disagree, but it was in good fun. It would always end with that wonderful smile and a twinkle in his eyes. I have a memory of Mom leaving to run an errand and her instructions before she left the room to the two of us was "don't fight". Gosh, that never worked with my sister and I, nor did it work with Uncle Ray and me. I enjoyed listening to his opinions and he would listen to mine - it was that "give and take" that I cherish. I will miss him.

Sandi Outland - May 05, 2016 at 09:16 AM

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“ I will always remember Uncle Ray's quick smile and even quicker wit.

In my grade school years when Sandi, mom and dad were going to the Mayo Clinic on a yearly basis, I stayed at Grandma's house and so I spent a lot of time with Grandma, Uncle Mel and Uncle Ray. To this day every time I see an old episode of Dragnet I will always remember Uncle Ray, that was his favorite show and he would not miss it. There were so many memories from that time, too many to recount and will always have a special place in my heart.

Rest in peace Uncle Ray, I love and miss you already.

Vicki Fitzsenry Montz

Vicki Montz - May 05, 2016 at 08:52 AM



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“ *Connie Roche lit a candle in memory of Raymond Rath*



connie roche - May 04, 2016 at 07:02 PM

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“ *Many fond memories of Uncle Ray from my childhood years... Rest in peace Uncle Ray* ❤️

Diane Rath Ress

Diane - May 04, 2016 at 04:38 PM