

Raymond R. Small Sr.

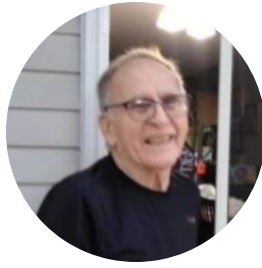
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Raymond Robert Small Sr., age 87, passed away early Thursday morning, April 22, 2021. He was born May 12, 1933 in Saginaw, MI to James and Helen (Clark) Small. Ray graduated from Arthur Hill High School in Saginaw and following graduation enlisted in the United States Navy, where he served his country during the Korean War. He worked for Howmet Corporation for 32 years prior to his retirement in 1990. In 1981, he married Mary Ann Seamen in Muskegon and she preceded him in death on November 5, 2019. Ray was a member of Jehovah's Witnesses. He enjoyed the outdoors, camping, and riding his Cushman motor scooter. Ray relished in sharing stories of his life, growing up on the family farm, shenanigans with his friends, and his travels during his time in the Navy. But most importantly, he loved spending time with his family. SURVIVORS include 2 children: Raymond R. Small Jr. and Randy (Dawn) Small both of Muskegon; 2 stepchildren: Robert (Lindsay) Kriger and Kathy (Don) Giddings both of Muskegon; 9 grandchildren; sister, Harriet Combs of Saginaw; many nieces and nephews; and his beloved pet, Lucy. Ray was preceded in death by his parents; 3 brothers; and 2 sisters. According to Ray's wishes, there will be no services. MEMORIALS to Hospice of Michigan or the Humane Society will be appreciated. Share memories with the family at their On-line Guest Book at www.sytsemafh.com Arrangements by The Sytsema Chapel of Sytsema Funeral and Cremation Services, 737 Apple Ave., Muskegon, MI 49442 (231) 726-5210



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DS

Debbie Small posted:

I remember Ray is my father-in-law he was so funny he always talked about jokes and remember all the stories he always wanted to talk about back in the day about where he used to be in his memories of his life in any come back with a joke with a big laugh he had the biggest smile on his face I always like to listen to his stories he will be missed I will miss him a a lot you're in my prayers

May 10 at 1:10 AM

TK

Tim Koneska posted:

I will miss his sense of humor because he had a quick wit. I know he truly loved Marry and spoke a lot about her. I will also miss their dog Nelly and lulu. It was a joy to serve him and have him Share his Navy stories.Tim Koneska

April 29 at 3:56 PM

CS

Cynthia Stroud posted:

Ray was a joy to work with. He is shiny high and enjoying his beloved Mary and Nellie. Cynthia HOM on call RN .

April 29 at 11:20 AM

JK

Judy Konoff posted:

Ray's beautiful smile and his gentle ways were a reminder that chivalry is not dead! He will be missed...Judy

April 29 at 10:06 AM

RW

Renee Wiard posted:

I will never forget the kind hearted man Ray was and his Smile that would light up a room! I grew up with Kathy, his step daughter and Ray would always cater to us girls when we went over and stayed with him and Mary. Always cracking Jokes too! RIP sweet Ray!

April 29 at 10:00 AM



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Mary C Chittenden posted:

To all the family of Uncle Ray, our thoughts and prayers are with you. I remember Uncle Ray most for his smile. Always, always smiling! And Dawn you are right! I forgot about the jokes! He was such a happy person and I loved that about him. Rest in peace Uncle Ray. You will be truly missed. Love, Mary (Eskew) and Doug Chittenden.

April 28 at 2:31 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Raymond by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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