



Raymond Red Bone Ray

October 5, 1947 - February 8, 2023

Raymond LeRoy “Red Bone” Ray, 75, of Centralia, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, February 8, 2023 at his home with his wife by his side. Funeral Services will be held Monday, February 13, 2023, at 1:00 PM at the Hillcrest Lakeside Mausoleum in Centralia with Pastor Steve Upchurch officiating. A visitation will be held Monday morning from 11:00 a.m. until the time of service at the Hillcrest Lakeside Chapel. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Centralia Humane Society or Six Lemons and will be accepted by the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home 235 North Sycamore Street Centralia, IL 62801 (618) 532-3523, who is honored to be of service to the Ray Family. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com.

Red Bone was born October 5, 1947 in Salem, the son of Raymond Lewis Ray and Mabel (Freisner) Ray. He married Docia “Dody” Deadmond on September 1, 1967 in Salem and she survives.

In addition to his wife of 55 years, he is also survived by his three daughters: Chantal Ray Nation and husband Kurt of Dallas, Texas, April McCrary and husband Brad of Leawood, Kansas, and Heidi Hesper and husband Casey of Troy, Illinois; six grandchildren: Baylor, Avery, Brody, Ainsley McCrary, and Colton and Teegan Hesper; a sister: Janet Holland and husband Harvey of Shattuc; brother-in-law: Tom Betti and wife Lori of New Mexico; three nieces: Shelley Koelmel and husband Rodney of Shattuc, Tabitha Jentsch and husband George of Irvington, and Allie Gregory and husband Austin of

Centralia; nephew: Michael English and wife Stacy; several great nieces and nephews and his longtime Navy friend: Tuna Hentges of Jefferson City, Missouri.

He was preceded in death by his parents: sister: Beverly Tolley, father and mother-in-law: Ralph and Lucy Metzger, and brother-in-law: Marty Metzger. Red Bone served in the U.S. Navy. He retired from the U.S. Postal Service after 26 years of employment. He was a member of the Centralia Enduro Team and the Ambassadors Fishing Club.

Red Bone and his Hot Rod crew could often be found at his shop discussing politics and religion along with watching NASCAR, Judge Judy, and The Price is Right.

Red Bone cherished the time he spent with his family, friends, Breakfast Buddies and Hot Rod Crew. There wasn't anything Red Bone couldn't do and he will be remembered for his classic car restoration skills, award winning Chili and outstanding ability to catch record breaking Bass and Crappie.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 13. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Hillcrest Cemetery
2500 Old 51 Hwy
Centralia, IL 62801-6150
(618) 532-6122

Funeral Service

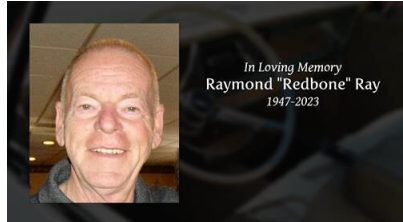
FEB 13. 1:00 PM.

Hillcrest Lakeside Chapel

Tribute Wall



“ *Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Raymond Red Bone Ray*



Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services - February 13, 2023 at 11:03 AM

BM

Such a loving and beautiful family!R.I.P. Redbone Ray!

Betty Moses-Grotts - February 15, 2023 at 02:15 PM

KM

Such a beautiful memorial.

Kittie McMillan - February 17, 2023 at 10:51 AM

JH

Rest In Peace dear brother. Lots of memories!

Janet Ray Holland - February 17, 2023 at 09:54 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Raymond Red Bone Ray.*



February 12, 2023 at 03:11 PM

DT

“ Our deepest sympathy, hugs n love to all whom knew him! Prayers for the family! 🙏🙏 Our thoughts n prayers are with you all! Jack and Donna Trainor

Donna Trainir - February 11, 2023 at 08:18 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Raymond Red Bone Ray.



February 11, 2023 at 12:48 PM

TM

“ He seemed to be in his element at car shows and visited with everybody. Stayed a little while and then he and Dody would head out to cruise. Sorry for the family, you all and he has been through alot.

The Morgans - February 11, 2023 at 12:22 PM

MH

“ Marilyn (Ross) Hertz lit a candle in memory of Raymond Red Bone Ray



Marilynn (Ross) Hertz - February 10, 2023 at 09:51 PM

MH

He was a wonderful man and lots of fun. I worked with him at the Centralia Post Office. Prayers of comfort for you, Dody, and your family.

Marilynn (Ross) Hertz - February 10, 2023 at 09:52 PM

JH

“ *So sorry for your loss!*

janice hostmeyer - February 09, 2023 at 11:25 PM

DS

“ *My heartfelt sympathy to the Ray family! Gone too soon!*

Dee Dee Spagna

Dee Dee Spagna - February 09, 2023 at 11:19 PM

CB

“ *So very sorry for your loss Dodie and family.
Our deepest sympathy to you.*



Cindy and Larry Brammeier - February 09, 2023 at 09:17 PM

CS

“ *Connie G Schwartz lit a candle in memory of
Raymond Red Bone Ray*



Connie G Schwartz - February 09, 2023 at 09:05 PM

CS

Redbone will be missed greatly, I had a lot of fun with him and Dody years ago, we fished, drank and partied together. He was a lot of fun and always had a smile, he loved Dody and his girls very much.

Connie G Schwartz - February 09, 2023 at 09:07 PM

BS

Dody my heart is full of sadness for your loss and happiness also to have had 55 years with Redbone.

Brenda Sanders - February 10, 2023 at 03:47 PM

SL

Thoughts and Prayers Dody to you, your family, and all who loved Ray.

Sally Lackey - February 13, 2023 at 07:15 AM