



Raymond G. Bourne

May 7, 1937 - June 22, 2021

On June 22nd, 2021 Raymond Gene Bourne peacefully went to be with the Lord. He was born to Archie and Viola Bourne on May 7th, 1937 in Manton, Michigan. He attended school until the 11th grade and then entered the United States Air Force in 1955 as a jet engine mechanic. He then worked for Oscar Mayer in Madison, Wisconsin. On December 7th, 1968, he married Shirley Ann Retrum and they moved to Kalamazoo, Michigan. Ray retired from General Motors after 25 years of service and became a snowbird traveling between Florida, Wisconsin and Michigan.

Ray loved music, he recorded hymns and old country and western songs on CD's so that everyone could enjoy them. He also participated in a singing quartet that performed for his church in Florida. Playing cards, Yahtzee and putting together puzzles were some of his favorite past times. He volunteered for the Michigan Blood Bank and could be seen at the Senior Center in South Boardman on Tuesdays and Thursdays. He was also crowned Senior King for the 2019 Trout Festival in Kalkaska.

Ray loved spending time with his family even though when they said they were coming to visit him he was "Heading down to the Keys!" When the kids came to visit they would always be asked, "Have ya had a spanking yet today?"

Ray was a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Kalkaska, Michigan.

Ray is survived by his wife of 52 years Shirley, six children, Jeffrey Retrum, Brenda (Gordon) Weggen, Rene (Bryon) Dopkins, Tamra (Todd) Brueggeman, Steven (Donna) Bourne, and Archie Bourne. 13 Grandchildren: Amelia, Caryssa, and Felicia Retrum, Emily (Richard) Johnson, Eric Serocki, Kyle (Ashley) Dopkins, Jason Dopkins, Sarah (Maurice) Rimmer, Kimberlee Thomas, Hilleree LaBelle, Brittany and Marissa Bourne and Lauren Kindig and 25 Great-Grandchildren. He is further survived by his siblings Edith (Carl) Ingersoll, Edna Mae Wahl, Elaine (Harold) Scribner, DeVere (Darlene) Bourne, and Wayne Bourne, many other family members and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, former wife Beverly Stricker and a great grandson James Johnson.

Ray never met a stranger and will be dearly missed by those who knew him.

There will be a memorial service with full military honors at Clark Cemetery, also known as Springfield Township Cemetery, Fife Lake, Michigan at 11 am with a meal to follow at the Springfield Township Park on 21 August 2021.

Ray's family would like to thank the Cowell Family Cancer Center for their loving care.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Kalkaska Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

Cemetery Details

Springfield Township Cemetery (Clark Cemetery)

10995 Coster Rd.
Fife Lake, MI 49633

Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG **21**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Wildflower Seeds - Build A Memory Garden was purchased for the family of Raymond G. Bourne.*



June 28, 2021 at 06:02 PM



“ *I love you more than words can speak grandpa & I am beyond proud to be your granddaughter. I love & miss you soooo much!*



kimberlee Thomas - June 28, 2021 at 03:05 PM



“ *I have so many fond memories of Uncle Ray from my childhood. He always had such great stories to tell. He loved listening to John Denver (I remember listening to his cassettes while riding in the back of his truck as a kid). During one of my recent visits, he shared his love of music. He sang a bit and shared some of his recordings. We watched a documentary about the life of none other than John Denver. Aunt Shirley and Uncle Ray have always been a loving, caring part of our family. I've always felt welcome in their home. Sending loving thoughts, hugs and prayers to his beautiful, loving family. Cherish all of the wonderful memories and keep them close to your heart. Love, Debbie and Gregg Wirth 💕💕*



Debbie Wirth - June 28, 2021 at 01:37 PM

DN

“ Deborah Newell lit a candle in memory of Raymond G. Bourne



Deborah Newell - June 28, 2021 at 09:46 AM

LF

“ Love, Jack, Juanita and Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Raymond G. Bourne.



Love, Jack, Juanita and Family - June 25, 2021 at 10:44 AM

JR

“ I can still hear Ray's voice, when he sang "In The Garden" at a relative's service. He is now walking in that garden with his family that had left before him. Cherish the great memories until you walk in that garden with him. Love to all - Jack, Juanita and Family.

Juanita Retrum - June 25, 2021 at 10:21 AM

DN

So sorry to hear of Raymond's passing. I never met him but he was always so kind to call and check on us while my dad was in the hospital and after he passed away. We will be keeping his family in our prayers. Sincerely, The family of Betty Ingersoll.

Deborah Newell - June 25, 2021 at 08:10 PM

FH

Shirley, so sorry to hear about Ray, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I want you to know how much I appreciate all your many deeds and help you both did for many needed people in Florida. Also we had a good group until the bad apples came in. Just remember the good times. Love Fran Hayes

Fran Hayes - June 28, 2021 at 06:39 PM

BB

S sorry to hear of Raymond Gene's passing, I am sure he will be missed by all who knew him. Prayers for his family. Myron and Betty Blake

Betty Blake - June 28, 2021 at 08:19 PM