



Richard Melvin Ray

October 19, 1930 - September 5, 2015

DR. RICHARD M. RAY – OPTOMETRIST

Dr. Richard M. Ray, 84, passed away peacefully Saturday, September 5, 2015 at home with his loving wife, Lois A. Ray at his side.

Richard was born on October 19, 1930 in Wellington, Ohio to Clyde & Vada Ray. He attended Wellington High School and after graduating served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War. After an honorable discharge he graduated from the University of Texas and the Southern College of Optometry. He started his Optometric practice in Manassas, Virginia in 1961 till his retirement at age 72.

He was a past member of the Manassas Host Lions Club, Manassas Rotary, Jaycees, Elks, Manassas Men's Club, Scottish Rite Freemasons and the United Methodist Church. He was an avid golfer, loved tennis, skiing, flying and traveling the world. He was always the life of the party. His greatest joy was his family, Lois A Ray, who he married on January 5, 1957, his children, Lori Ray-Butler (Robert), Marc R. Ray, Dr. Christi Ray (Alex), grandchildren, Jason L. Butler (Jessica), Samantha Ray Butler and great grandchildren, Cameron and Noah Butler. Also survived by his loving brother, Dr. Sidney Ray (Sharon), his sister, Mary Ellen Barna (Charles) and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends from 1:00-3:00 P.M. Sunday, September 13, 2015 at Pierce Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 9609 Center Street, Manassas. Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Heartland Hospice, 3900 Germantown Road, Suite 460, Fairfax, Virginia 22030 or the Alzheimer's Association.

Condolences may be sent to www.piercefh.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **13**. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

RD

“ *Our hearts go out to you and the family ! A lot of good memories of you and your family growing up ! The Kidwell family*

ruth diehr - September 14, 2015 at 07:30 AM

MC

“ *Dear Lois and family, our thoughts are with all of you right now. Wish we could be there to share this time with you. Keep in touch. Love Darrel & Mary*

Mary Cole - September 10, 2015 at 06:14 AM

SH

“ *he was my Dr. for many years-he was a gentleman and a professional*



Shirley Hughes - September 09, 2015 at 06:17 PM

DB

“ Lois,

I hated to hear about the loss of your loved one. I know the last year or two has been difficult for you. My deepest sympathy is extended to you and the family. I have had the pleasure of knowing Dick and having him as a friend since the early 60's. We served together in the Jaycees, Manassas Host Lion's club and Manassas Men's club, as well as, traveled together to Lion's Conventions, and on golf trips. He hated to lose and was always very competitive on the golf course. He will be missed. May your special memories of him sustain you and the family during this time and may God continue to comfort you and hold you in his care.

Den Boyd

Den Boyd - September 09, 2015 at 04:56 PM

LM

“ *Sending my love, hugs, and prayers to your family at this time. I have great memories of coming over to the Rays house as a kid in Hillcrest. You all were always so welcoming and I remember Dr. Rays funny comments. He always made me laugh! I loved his warm smile. I'm sure he will be missed by many. Love you all, Lori Brown Miles*

Lori Brown Miles - September 09, 2015 at 08:04 AM

MM

“ SO MANY HAPPY MEMORIES!!!! What a blessing to have lived next door to Dr. Ray! Fifty years of smiles!!! All my love and prayers to you Mrs Ray, Lori, Marc and Christi. May you be comforted by your memories and family/friends. And, may you have peace. LOVE always, Mila Bonnet Mason



Mila Bonnet Mason - September 08, 2015 at 11:02 PM

SS

“ Lois, Lori and family,
Keith and I are thinking of all of you and send our prayers and love during this time! Dick was always the life of the party and he will be so missed! Our Linda had so many wonderful times with Lori and Dick always made her feel she was part of your beautiful family!
Sending hugs and love your way!
Love, Sharon and Keith Scheltens

Sharon Scheltens - September 08, 2015 at 07:10 PM

BC

“Lois, Lori and your families,
My deepest condolences to you all! I have many memories of Dr Ray from all of the parties & gatherings I attended with my parents. He was always "the life of the party", always had a smile or a joke.

On my wedding day, he HAD to drive us across the street to the reception. He wouldn't let us walk, because my mom TOLD him to drive us! No amount of arguing would do... We got in the car!
Lois, I will cherish the time you & Dr Ray came all the way to VT to surprise me at my 40th bday party, with my parents! May your memories fill your heart with joy through these difficult days! Many hugs & our greatest sympathies!

Love,
Bev & Rob



Bev & Rob Calderoni - September 08, 2015 at 04:59 PM

JS

“Many fond memories of Richard. Along with Joe France, Charlie Whittaker and I, we were know as the MB-4. We traveled to Myrtle Beach for over 38 years to play golf.
Richard was the life of the party. He was always very competitive and hated to lose. He would always find a way to pull your chain to get an edge up on you. He touched many life's and the people who called him a friend, were better off for having Richard in their lives.
Rest in piece my friend, you will be missed.

Jack Saylor - September 08, 2015 at 02:32 PM

KA

So sad that he is no longer a here among us, but so pleased that I have nice memories of him as a great neighbor, socializer, golfer, all around fun guy. Lois, there are many of us here, widows, who will share your journey, , , , It is not easy but it is doable-especially with the help of friends and neighbors. And my sympathy to the rest of your wonderful family - a great life well lived - glad you have your memories and pictures to relive those precious times.

Katie - September 13, 2015 at 11:57 AM

TB

Lois,

I was saddened to learn of Richard's death. Mary Ellen told me he had been in failing health and spoke of your heroic dedication in seeing him through his final years.

Tom BeVier

Tom BeVier - September 13, 2015 at 02:43 PM

JW

Lois,

Just learned of Dick's passing. I'm a little late but hope you get this. Wanted you to know I am thinking about you. Hope you are well. Please email me ar jerrywalker21@gmail.com or call 239 250-8382. I would love to hear from you.

Jerry

jerry walker - August 26, 2018 at 07:13 PM