



Raymond A. McLaughlin

May 17, 1936 - July 24, 2022

Raymond A. McLaughlin, 86 of Kearney passed away Sunday, July 24, 2022 at Kearney Regional Medical Center in Kearney. Memorial Services are 10:30 am Thursday, July 28, 2022 at First United Methodist Church in Kearney with Pastor Jeff Wulf officiating. Inurnment will follow at Riverside Cemetery in Gibbon with Military Honors provided by the Gibbon American Legion in conjunction with the Offutt Air Force Base Funeral Honors Team. The family will receive friends 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Wednesday at O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home in Kearney.

Memorials are suggested to Faith United Methodist Church or donor's choice. Condolences may be shared online at www.osrfh.com. Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services.

Raymond was born May 17, 1936 in Portland, ME to Willis and Helen Doris (King) McLaughlin. Ray attended school in Portland, graduating in 1954. He was a member of the Portland National Guard in 1954 and entered into the United States Air Force on January 20, 1955 serving in Japan, Guam, Georgia, Michigan, Mississippi and the Philippines, retiring at Offutt Air Force Base in Bellevue NE in 1975.

Ray married Mary Jane Beard on Dec 21, 1957. To this union Scott, Kim, Tonja and Tracy were born. Upon retiring from the USAF, Ray worked at Space

Lanes in Bellevue and AMF Bowling Co. Traveling the area installing and repairing bowling centers; That brought him to the Big Apple Bowling Center in 1978. When he began there, it was only a 24-lane bowling center. Ray and his staff enhanced the facility into 36 lanes, a Sports bar, Miniature Golf, Sand Volleyball and Go Karts.

In 1982, Ray married Donna and united her two girls, Dawn and Courtney to make a blended family. Upon retiring from the Big Apple in 2000, Ray continued working their ceramic shop, Creative Art Forms, in Gibbon which he and Donna opened in 1992. Ceramics had been a lifelong love of Ray beginning in Michigan and the Philippines.

Ray found the Lord on March 2, 2014 being Baptized and joined Faith Methodist Church in Kearney.

Ray is survived by his loving wife, Donna, son Scott (Tracie) McLaughlin of Kearney; daughters, Kim (Tim) Almgren of Omaha, Tonja (Gabriel) Parra of Pembroke Pines, FL, Tracy (Matt) Troncone of Haddonfield NJ, Dawn Beister of Des Moines IA. Son-in-law, Mike Hopkins of Kearney; grandchildren, Lindsay McLaughlin, Adam (Darryn) McLaughlin, Lauren (Joel) Thurman, Rose Almgren, Samantha (Desi) Barreto, Macie Troncone, Sydney Troncone, Hunter Hopkins, and Liz Hopkins. Rays newest light of his life, great grandchildren, Hannah Thurman, James McLaughlin, Eli Barreto and the new McLaughlin due in Oct.

Ray was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Francis Reed and Ruth Gregory; brothers, Donald and Danny McLaughlin, Stepdaughter, Courtney Hopkins.

Cemetery Details

Riverside Cemetery

45400 85th Road
Gibbon, NE

Previous Events

Family receiving friends

JUL 27. 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Homes and Cremations
4115 Ave N
Kearney, NE 68847
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Memorial Service

JUL 28. 10:30 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church
4500 Linden Drive
Kearney, NE 68847

Tribute Wall



“ *Raymond A. McLaughlin*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *Dear Donna and family,*

Lee and I just read of Ray's passing. We are so sorry for your loss.

But oh the memories of the "Apple Cider" bowling league! The fun, the competition, the friendships!

One of our fondest memories of Ray is when he let our son Adam (at the time only 2 or 3) roll a ball down every single one of the 36 lanes! Adam to this day loves to bowl, as do our other 2 sons Chris and Corbin.

With fondness,

Kelly and Lee Rader

Kelly Rader - July 29, 2022 at 05:10 PM



Thank you Kelly and Lee. Yes we remember you. Part of our bowling family

Donna - August 17, 2022 at 10:21 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Raymond A. McLaughlin.*



July 28, 2022 at 05:18 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Raymond A. McLaughlin.*



July 27, 2022 at 11:53 AM



“ *Rotary District 5630 purchased the Serene Retre at for the family of Raymond A. McLaughlin.*



Rotary District 5630 - July 27, 2022 at 10:48 AM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Raymond A. McLaughlin.*



July 26, 2022 at 01:21 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Raymond A. McLaughlin.*



July 26, 2022 at 12:37 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Raymond A. McLaughlin.*



July 26, 2022 at 12:35 PM



“ *Jeff, Candy, Hannah & Wyatt Kreutzer purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Raymond A. McLaughlin.*



Jeff, Candy, Hannah & Wyatt Kreutzer - July 26, 2022 at 11:42 AM



“ *Our Deepest Sympathy to all the family. He will be truly missed. Ray always had a smile on his face and would say hello to everyone. Love, hugs, thoughts and prayers to you all.*



candy kreutzer - July 26, 2022 at 11:36 AM