



Raymond Ridgeway

January 23, 1935 - December 27, 2011

Raymond Ridgeway, 76, of Huntington, WV went to be with the Lord at home on Tuesday, December 27, 2011 following a lengthy illness. Born on January 23, 1935 in Ashland, Kentucky, Ray was adopted by Daisy and Houston Ridgeway and raised in Ironton, Ohio. He attended Ironton High School and received a scholarship to attend the Cincinnati School of Art. Instead, he joined the US Air Force. Ray had a passion for painting watercolor scenes, and later parlayed that interest into painting commercial properties and houses as a hobby. Ray retired from American Electric Power after 29 years. Many customers on his assigned routes appreciated his personality. Some were so fond of him; they freely shared their home-grown fruits and vegetables as a token of their appreciation of his friendly personality. Ray was an avid bowler who organized many tournaments on behalf of the VA Medical Center. He achieved semi-pro status in the sport and earned his place in local history by bowling a perfect 300 game at the Colonial Lanes of Huntington in 1989. He was also very active as an umpire in the local youth baseball leagues for years. Perhaps he will best be known for his constant laughter, sunny personality, willingness to lift others' spirits, and the work he did as a dedicated volunteer at Cabell Huntington Hospital. Whether helping families whose loved ones were in ICU, or working the hospital's book, jewelry, and uniform sales, Ray was well known throughout the hospital community. He became President of the CHH Auxiliary with over 10,000 volunteer hours, and was also named the WV State Hospital Volunteer of the Year for 2009. For

many years, Ray enjoyed gathering with his closest friends and Tudor's Biscuit World employees for morning breakfast and conversation. The restaurant owner even named a special sandwich, The Ray-Ray, in his honor and testament to their long-term friendship. Ray will be missed by many and will remain in our hearts forever. His parents, Daisy and Houston Ridgeway of Ironton, Ohio; sister Wilahmena Wynn of Cincinnati, Ohio; sister Linthia Harris of Dayton, Ohio, and brother James of Wichita, Kansas, predeceased Ray. He is survived by his loving wife of 50 years, Sylvia, their four children, Keith (Leslie) of Glenn Dale, MD.; Troy (Vanessa) of Upper Marlboro, Md.; Bryan of Costa Mesa, CA.; and Shelly (Frank) Betz of Huntington, WV.; four grandchildren, Branden, Clarke, Carsyn and Tory; sister Vera Farrow of Ashland, KY.; brothers Theodore Bryant of Dayton, Ohio, and Robert Simpson of Cincinnati, OH., as well as a host of other family members. The family would like to thank the host of Physicians and Medical staff who cared for this loving man, as well as respectfully requesting memorials be made in his honour to Hospice of Huntington, 1101 Sixth Avenue, Huntington, WV 25701 by mail or online at www.hospiceofhuntington.org Visitation is 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, December 30, 2011, at Ferrell-Chambers Funeral Home, 924 20th St., Huntington. Funeral services are 11 a.m. December 31 at First Baptist Church in Huntington.

Tribute Wall



“ *Raymond Ridgeway*

October 08, 2023 at 12:10 PM



“ *Dear Shelly and family,
So sorry to hearing about the passing of your father. My prayers
and deepest sympathies go out to each of you.*

*Sincerely,
Lisa*

Lisa Johnson Crawley - January 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *I never knew Raymond's family before his passing, but you have my
deepest sympathy. We grew up with Raymond in Ironton. I knew
him through my older brother and nephew Frank Taylor and Billy
Royal, who were good friends with him. Everyone liked him, especi*

Jacob Taylor - January 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Shelly and Brian,*

*I am so very sorry to hear about your loss. I hope that your happy
memories will sustain you during this difficult time.*

Michelle Foose

Michelle Foose - January 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Dear Mrs. Ridgeway and family,

My thoughts and prayers are with you. Peace be with you.

Psalm 121

Susan Breece - December 31, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Dear Mrs. Ridgeway, I saw you a while back at Walmart and I asked about your husband. You said that he was still here and not doing well. I am a former student of yours, you were my teacher in the tenth grade. I am very sorry to hear about your loss.. I a

Jason Moses - December 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ Dear Keith,

Please accept my sincere condolences on the passing of your father. No one is truly ever prepared to lose a loved one. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. God bless you and keep you in His infinite care

Regina Holyfield - December 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ Ray kindness will never be forgotten for myself and my mother jaince Nelson. Ray will be truly missed. I am so sorry for your loss. May god be with you in this time of need. Ray would light up the room when he walked in. He brought a smile to everyone fac

Carole pelfrey - December 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ Keith, Troy and the entire Ridgeway family I am truly sorry for your loss. I pray that God provides peace and comforts during this difficult time. Sylvia Trotter

Sylvia Trotter - December 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Bryan and the Ridgeway Family my deepest sympathy during this time of loss. I wish you and your family blessings, peace and strength.

Mrs. Tonya Elam Springer - December 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ Sylvia and family, So sorry to hear about Ray's passing. I have tried to get ahold of him a few times and was unsuccessful. He was such a dear sweet man that would light up any room. My deepest sympathy to your family.

Laura

Laura McComas Hanley - December 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

LN

“ To Ray's family,
We met Ray 10 years ago and he became like a father to us. He took us in and we became great friends. He was an amazing man..he will be truly missed. God Bless you all in this most difficult time.

Sincerely,
Larry and Meg Nicholas
and

Larry and Meg Nicholas - December 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ *Sylvia & Family,
So sorry to hear of Ray's passing, Ray was always such a pleasant person to be around, We met Ray when he worked in Milton for App. Power; He always stopped by to chat and to see if I had any fudge. After he retired, when he came to Mi*

Marsha Chastain - December 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *May God Bless and keep you in this most difficult time.*

Mr & Mrs Duwanye Farrow - December 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ *Mrs Ridgeway I just wanted to express my sincere sympathy on the loss of your wonderful husband. Heaven is rejoicing at his arrival. May God bless and comfort you and your family. Mark Hardesty (Huntington post office)*

Mark hardesty - December 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ *Bryan, I was so sad to hear your father had passed. What a wonderful man - to be missed by many. I'm hoping lots of happy memories will ease the sorrow.*

Mary Halpin - December 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MI

“ Shelley, I'm very sorry to learn of your dad's passing. He sounds like such a wonderful man and I know that you must have great memories to hold onto for years to come.

My thoughts and prayers are with you, Bryan and the rest of your family during th

Mindy - December 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CK

“ One thing Ray Ridgeway taught me was the power of personality-- he was a force for positive change and he stood up for what was right, even though it wasn't always popular. We will miss his broad smile and that mischievous twinkle in his eyes.

Christine Koenig - December 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

TO

“ Keith & Leslie you are in my thoughts and prayers.

Tonya Taul Overstreet - December 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ What a precious person. It was our priviledge to know him. David and I send our deepest sympathies to your family.

David & Linda Reynolds - December 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ Thinking of you and family, you are all in our thoughts and prayers. May god bless you all, we are so sorry for your loss.

Rich, Stephanie and Justin DeJausserand - December 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

WI

“ *Much love and prayers to Sylvia and family. Ray will forever be in my memories as one of the finest men to walk this earth.*

Witty - December 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GT

“ *Sadly, I read online in the Huntington newspaper of Ray's passing. He had an amazing personality and sense of humor, great love for his family and friends, always ready to serve others. I'm sorry for your loss. May your favorite memories of Ray become*



Gail (Lynch) Tephabock - December 29, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ *Sylvia, Shelly, and family, We are so very sorry to hear of Rays passing. Never has there been a Sweeter more Joy filled man than Ray. Our prayers are with you that God will hold you close during this time. If you need anything, we are right next door.*

Mary Smirl - December 28, 2011 at 12:00 AM