

Raymond Edward Stevens

January 7, 1950 - April 16, 2020

Raymond Edward Stevens, 70, of Spring Grove, IL and Surprise, AZ, died unexpectedly on Thursday, April 16, 2020 in Arizona while helping a friend.

Ray was born on January 7, 1950 in Woodstock, IL to J. Robert and Marjorie (Townsend) Stevens. He was married to Margaret (Peg) Amore on June 18, 1971 at Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Richmond, IL.

He graduated from Richmond-Burton High School in 1968.

Ray was recently awarded his 50 year Gold Card with the International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 150. He worked for many union employers over the years including Waste Management for 31 years. He took an active role in encouraging many people to join the union, including his proudest works, his son and daughter. With the union, he held positions on both the advisory board and executive board. Ray retired on December 31, 2010.

He was active in his community as a Richmond firefighter from 1969-1973, charter member of the Richmond Trailblazers, Trustee of the Spring Grove fire department 1995-2001, 'Grandfather' coach of Stateline Comets football, member of the Church of Holy Apostles since 2000, where he was an usher for the 'A' team, charter member of the McHenry VFW men's auxiliary and he was a proud member of the #18 Petska Pit Crew.

His hobbies included teasing his grandkids, NASCAR and dirt track races, as well as horseback riding and helping anyone who needed him. Ray and his beloved Peg traveled across the country with their RV and horses for many years and made countless friends.

Ray is survived by Peg, his son, Raymond R. (Traci) Stevens of McHenry, his daughter, Sarah (Mike) Erikson of Genoa City, his treasured grandchildren, Rachel and Amy Stevens, Cody Stevens and Chloe Erikson. He is also survived by his brothers, Bill (LaVerne) and Bob (Joy) Stevens, his sisters, Lois (Harvey) Petska, Anna (Jim Ross) Penza, and Pam (Dave Palcek) Kopacz. He is survived by his sisters-in-law, Marlene Stevens, Sr. Jean Amore, Marge Amore and Sandy Amore, Barb (Ron) Williams, Patty (Bill) Vavrik, and Fran (Gil) Michelini; his brothers-in-law, Wayne (Christine) and Buster (Cindy) Amore as well as numerous nieces, nephews and forever friends.

Ray is preceded in death by his parents, his in-laws, Robert and Mary Amore, his sister Judy, his brother Larry, his brothers-in-law, Tom and Terry Amore, his nieces Melissa Petska and Cheri Amore, his nephew, Tony Williams and great-nephew Braden Petska. On the day of his passing, his nephew Mark Amore passed away in an accident in Illinois.

Due to Covid-19, funeral services will be privately held for the family and the service will be live-streamed on the Church of Holy Apostles website at 1pm on Monday, April 27, 2020. The burial will also be private at the Saint Peter's Cemetery in Spring Grove, IL. A Celebration of Life at a later date will be announced. In lieu of flowers, please make memorial donations to Heart of Gold Charities, PO Box 116, Twin Lakes, WI 53181 or to The MACC Fund, 10000 W. Innovation Drive, Suite 135, Milwaukee, WI 53226.

Cemetery Details

St. Peter's Cemetery

2118 Main Street
Spring Grove, IL 60081

Previous Events

Private Family Services

APR 27. 1:00 PM (CT)

Holy Apostles Catholic Church
5211 W Bull Valley Rd
McHenry, IL 60050
<http://thechurchofholyapostles.org/>

Tribute Wall



“ Raymond Edward Stevens

January 29, 2023 at 06:51 AM



“ Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Raymond Edward Stevens.



April 26, 2020 at 03:34 PM



“ Joy and Eddie Gard along with Pauline McAbee purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Raymond Edward Stevens.



Joy and Eddie Gard along with Pauline McAbee - April 25, 2020 at 01:20 PM



“ Peg I am so sorry for your loss. My condolences to the kids and their families. I was just totally shocked when Rick called with news. I will miss our conversations at the golf outing. Again my heartfelt condolences. May he Rest In Peace! Skip Wirch

Skip Wirch - April 24, 2020 at 07:23 PM

DH

“ Peg, Ray Jr and Sarah,
I am so saddened to hear of Ray's passing. He was someone I really enjoyed working with. He was so talented on that D6 and he knew exactly what I wanted him to do without me even asking- just go make it look good! I have so many great memories. He will be missed by many. Prayers and comfort to all of you at this time.
Dale Hoekstra

Dale hoekstra - April 24, 2020 at 07:16 PM

TS

Dale,
Dad respected you so much and loved working with you. Thank you for reaching out!
Ray and Traci

Traci Stevens - April 24, 2020 at 10:31 PM

CW

My condolences to the Stevens family. Can remember the good ole days when Ray and i would kind of argue about who made the best equipment and who was the better operator while having a cold beer at Plum Nelles in Solon Mills. A good man .

Carl White - April 26, 2020 at 12:09 AM

JH

“ Our hearts are heavy, Peg, at the loss of your beloved husband, Ray. You two were the perfect couple and blessed with a long beautiful marriage. Something to be very proud of. God be with you, Ray Jr, Sarah, and their families, at this most difficult time. We will continue to keep you in our prayers for peace and comfort. Love,
Julie and Tom Harrison.

Julie Harrison - April 24, 2020 at 06:59 PM

KB

“ Ray will be missed especially his big smile and laughter Lynn and I were able to get together with them in Naples this winter when they were down and had a great time visiting and again our deepest condolence's to Peg and the family Kevin and Lynn.

Kevin Bauer - April 24, 2020 at 04:37 PM

CD

“ Family and dear friends of Ray,
My heartfelt condolences to one of the true gems of this community. Very seldom will we be blessed enough to share our days with someone with the kindness and general fantastic disposition of a Ray Stevens. My heart goes out to you all!

The Duha family.

Charles Duha - April 24, 2020 at 03:57 PM

SS

“ You always knew Ray was one of the good ones when you meet him. He will truly be missed by all. Our thoughts will be with you.

The Suhr Family.

Scott Suhr - April 24, 2020 at 03:28 PM

RY

“ So sorry to hear about the loss of Ray. This last week has been something so incredibly crazy. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Love, the Shays.

Ryan - April 24, 2020 at 03:12 PM



“ *Super saddened by this loss. I'm gonna miss your smile, you teasing me, you having my back and You and Peg taking me in. Most of all, your loyalty. I'll continue to crank up the radio and sing as loud as I can to sweaty Teddy as we used to do at WM. Cold beers always my friend. Cheers!! Love you. Patti*

Patti Pauley - April 24, 2020 at 03:03 PM



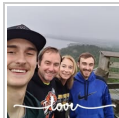
“ *So sad. Our hearts are heavy. Thoughts and prayers to Peg, Ray, and Sarah. Love, Buzz & Shirley*

Buzz and Shirley Mann - April 24, 2020 at 02:30 PM



“ *Peg and family, I'm so very sorry for your loss. Ray was a wonderful man who I always enjoyed seeing. Your family has been through so much. You're all amazing. You are in my heart and in my prayers. Sue Meyer*

Sue Meyer - April 24, 2020 at 02:15 PM



May the peace of the Lord be with you and your family

Herb Hansen - April 24, 2020 at 04:04 PM



Peg, Sara and Ray, Jr, I am so saddened to hear of Ray Sr's passing. He was a joy to work with and be around. His sincerity and wit will definitely be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this terrible time. Please know that I am here if you need anything.

Sue Weber - April 24, 2020 at 09:24 PM

SG

“ Peg, I am so sorry for your loss. Ray was one of the good guys. I am here if you need anything. Just take one day at a time. Sending hugs and love to you and the kids.

Suzy Giese - April 24, 2020 at 12:43 PM

SF

“ Peg, So sorry to hear about Ray. Thoughts and prayers for you and your family. So glad we got to party in Florida. Hugs

Vinnie and Suzy Freund

suzy Freund - April 24, 2020 at 12:25 PM

MM

“ Peg, Ray, & Sarah
So sorry to hear of the passing of Ray.
He was quite the character. I always enjoyed running into him and our conversations about operators, horses or growing up in one of the best areas in the country.
Sorry for your loss.
Mike May

Mike & Patti May - April 24, 2020 at 11:21 AM