



Raymond Lee Averill

April 11, 1927 - May 28, 2023

Raymond Lee Averill, age 96, of Cedar Falls, died Sunday, May 28, 2023, at Cedar Valley Hospice Home in Waterloo.

He was born April 11, 1927, in Wadena, Iowa, the son of Merle and Nellie Maude (Sankey) Averill. Ray attended Waterloo East High School, before joining the United States Navy. Following his time in the service, he completed a tech degree from Chicago Institute of Technology. On June 25, 1950, he was united in marriage to Rita Sears in Waterloo. She preceded him in death on November 2, 2018. Ray worked at McDonnell Douglas in St Louis as a draftsman before beginning work as designer for John Deere in Waterloo. Following retirement, he worked for Wayne Engineering. Ray was a member of Saint Patrick Catholic Church in Cedar Falls. Ray lived a life of service, volunteering in many capacities at church and Saint Vincent DePaul Society, a scout leader, helping build, repair and reshingle homes, provide garden goods, a woodworking project-toy or furniture accent, or making and repairing thousands of rosaries or charity and church celebrations.

Ray is survived by: four children, Paul (Ann Philipp) Averill, Catherine Howland, Jean Gee, and Timothy Averill all of Cedar Falls; three grandkids, Jim (Maggie) Averill of Cedar Falls, Hannah (Austin) Howland Jacobs of Coralville, and Ruth Gee of Houston, TX; and a great grandson, Mike Averill of Cedar Falls.

He was preceded in death by: his wife, two brothers, Bob and Charles Averill; four sisters, Beulah LaPole, Darleen Buehner, June Dunn, and LaVonne Turner.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 10am Friday, June 2, 2023 at St Pats Catholic Church in Cedar Falls. Visitation will be from 4-6pm Thursday, with a 3:30pm Rosary, June 1 at Richardson Funeral Service in Cedar Falls and also one hour prior to the mass at church. Burial with military honors will be at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Waterloo.

Memorials may be directed to the church.

Previous Events

Rosary

JUN 1. 3:30 PM (CT)

Richardson Funeral Service
615 Main Street
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
(319) 266-3525
richardsonfuneralservice@gmail.com
<http://richardson.funeralplan2.com>

Visitation

JUN 1. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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Mass of Christian Burial

JUN 2. 10:00 AM (CT)

Saint Patrick Catholic Church
705 Main St
Cedar Falls, IA 50613

Burial with Military Honors

JUN 2. 12:30 PM (CT)

Mt. Olivet Cemetery
4th and San Marnan
Waterloo, IA 50701

Tribute Wall

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“ I didn't mean to be anonymous, planting trees to honor Uncle Ray seemed a great memorial for him. I wish I could have been there with all of you - you are all in my prayers. Love and Blessings, Kim Tennyson xoxoxo

Kim Tennyson - June 01, 2023 at 12:22 PM



“ A grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Raymond Lee Averill.

June 01, 2023 at 12:10 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Raymond Lee Averill.



May 31, 2023 at 08:33 AM

MS

“ Mike and I have a lifetime of memories with Rita and Ray (Mike is Rita's youngest brother. Many times when we visited Waterloo we would stay with Rita and Ray and they were such gracious hosts to us and our children. I am beyond sad that we can not make the funeral but know our thoughts and hearts are with you at this time. He lived a full and happy life and it was a pleasure that we got to know him.

Mary Sears - May 30, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Raymond Lee Averill.*



May 29, 2023 at 09:03 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Raymond Lee Averill.

May 29, 2023 at 09:03 PM



“ *Dear family,
My sincere sympathy to you at this time of Ray's death. Ray and his late wife Rita, we're good friends. I pray that the perhaps thousands of rosaries which Ray crafted with such love in honor of the Blessed Mother now through her intercession with her Divine Son find a place of eternal rest in their love. My prayers for Ray and all of you.
Father Jim Secora*

James L Secora - May 29, 2023 at 01:26 PM