



Raymond G. Nielsen

October 4, 1943 - December 4, 2020

Raymond G. "Ray" Nielsen, 77, of Waterloo died Friday, December 4th at UnityPoint Health – Allen Memorial Hospital.

He was born October 4, 1943 in Cedar Falls, son of Oscar and Grace (Jungling) Nielsen. He married Rebecca Larson on May 16, 1964 in Cedar Falls and they later divorced. On October 5, 2002, he married his best friend, soulmate, and the love of his life, Dixie Earle of Waterloo.

Ray was employed with John Deere, starting in the Foundry, and then Engine Works. After retiring in 1996, he worked at Omega Cabinets for several years. He was a devoted dad, grandpa, and friend - always generous with his time and love. He always had time for his children (coaching Optimist Baseball, family vacations, baseball games in Kansas City), never said no when one of his kids asked to play catch. He never missed a baseball, softball, football game, or wrestling match. He was always there to help with fix-it jobs or to babysit his grandchildren as his kids became adults. He was the first one to any celebration for his grandkids and was proud of each one of them. Ray was a trusted friend. He delivered Meals-on-Wheels for several years and helped friends that needed rides or groceries. Ray left a great example of hard work, love, humility, and true devotion to all those he loved.

Survived by his wife, Dixie of Waterloo; three children: Randy (Rachel)

Nielsen of Marshalltown, Lorri (Guy Johnson) Nielsen of Reno, NV, and Scott (Lisa) Nielsen of Cedar Rapids; a stepson, Mathew Earle of Cedar Falls; six grandchildren; two step grandchildren; and one great grandchild. Preceded in death by: his parents and a daughter-in-law, Annette Nielsen.

Cemetery Details

Cedar Valley Memorial Gardens

Cedar Falls, IA 50613
(319) 233-6136

Previous Events

Gathering

JUN 11. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Burial

JUN 12. 11:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

KE

“ *i miss you grandpa i wish i could talk to you one more time* ”



keagen - August 29, 2023 at 12:45 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Raymond G. Nielsen.* ”



June 10, 2021 at 01:13 PM

JG

“ *So sorry for your loss, Ray's family lived across the street on BigWoods Road from our family the Munsons. Very nice family.* ”

Jackie Munson Green

Jackie Green - June 09, 2021 at 11:01 AM

RL

“ *so sorry for the loss of Ray, prayers and thought are for the family.* ”

Roger and Rita Ludwig - June 06, 2021 at 01:41 PM

BM

“ I know this is late. I'm very sorry to hear about Ray's death. Was looking at Sundays paper when I found it in the celebrations section. I would of been there had I of known. Ray was one nice guy and we had a lot of laughs driving to the Engines Work together. Maybe you could call and fill me in a little more. My heart is heavy and again I 'm so sorry. My Sympathy to all . Bonnie Meighan 2404494

Bonnie Meighan - January 17, 2021 at 03:13 PM

JS

“ I just want to say I am sorry for your loss. I worked at Meals on Wheels and later volunteered with Ray. He truly cared about his people on the route. Was glad to know him if only for a short time.
Jane Shea

Jane Shea - December 13, 2020 at 08:23 PM

GB

I also volunteered with Ray at Meals on Wheels. I got to know him and his witty humor. Sorry for your loss, may he R.I.P.

GENE BROWN - December 14, 2020 at 12:29 PM

BS

“ Ray is my cousin closest in age on the Jungling side. I was born in June he in October. Oscar and Grace came to my parents farm many Sundays so we played with Ray a lot. Ray also was an expert skater and yo yo player. He sure could make that yo yo do all the latest tricks of a yo yo. It was not a big activity of country school. So I was impressed. Good memories.

Betty Snyder - December 09, 2020 at 10:35 PM



LO

Thank you for that memory. I am his daughter. I had completely forgotten about his yo yo skills. He was an amazing roller skater as well!

lorri - December 10, 2020 at 06:53 PM



DN

Thank you Betty for sharing your memories of Ray Dixie

dixie nielson - December 11, 2020 at 06:48 PM



HP

So sorry to hear of Ray's passing, I was a classmate of Ray's at CF High school, class of 62. My thoughts & prayers for Dixie & the rest of Ray's family.

*Herb Pitzman
Huntley, IL*

Herb Pitzman - December 13, 2020 at 11:11 AM



BE

He was a good father. Not only did he play catch with his own kids but all the neighbors kids seemed to show up too. He loved to take his family to Garfield once a week to eat. You will be missed.

Becky - December 13, 2020 at 01:44 PM



JF

have many memories of Ray. He was a caring person always supporting his granddaughter Morgan whether it be a birthday or school function he would be there. We are Morgan's grandparents Jan and Jeanette Franken.

Jeanette Franken - December 13, 2020 at 02:45 PM



hey pops im 17 now i miss you ill never froget you 2 days before my bday flyhigh

December 09, 2024 at 09:12 PM