



Raymond J. Rottinghaus

August 15, 1928 - July 14, 2020

Raymond J. Rottinghaus, 91, of Mason City, died Tuesday, July 14, 2020 at Good Shepherd Health Center.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held 10:30 am on Saturday, July 18, 2020 at Epiphany Parish - St. Joseph Catholic Church, 302 5th St. SE, Mason City with the Rev. Josh Link, Celebrant. Burial will be held in Elmwood-St. Joseph Cemetery.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, attendees are asked to wear face masks and practice social distancing as able. For those wishing to receive Communion during Mass, please utilize hand sanitizer prior to receiving. A live stream of the services will be offered through the Hogan Bremer Moore Colonial Chapels Facebook page.

Visitation with public viewing will be held Friday, July 17, 2020 at Hogan Bremer Moore Colonial Chapel, 126 3rd St NE, Mason City from 5 pm until 8 pm. The Third and Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus will pray the Rosary at 5:00 pm.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be left to Newman Catholic Schools.

Raymond John Rottinghaus was born August 15, 1928 in rural Rockwell, the son of Joseph and Catherine (Gudenkauf) Rottinghaus. He lived in rural Dougherty where he went to St. Patrick Catholic School through the beginning of 8th grade. The family then moved to Roseville where he finished 8th grade at Roseville Catholic School. He went for 3 ½ years to high school at the Josephinum Seminary in Columbus, Ohio. Raymond graduated from Immaculate Conception Catholic School in Charles City in 1946. Ray then entered the US Army where he honorably served his country.

After returning from the Army, he farmed with his father in rural Floyd. He took the DeVry Technical Institute course to learn to repair televisions. Ray worked as an electronics technician for Dick's TV in Mason City then for Sears for 26 years before retiring in 1993.

He met Teresa Ann Kelly at the Surf Ballroom in 1962. They were married at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Britt November 30, 1963. They lived in rural Floyd until 1966 when they moved to Mason City.

Ray and Teresa never lost their love of dance and could be found on the dance floor of any reception they attended. They enjoyed their card club and traveling, especially their trip to Ireland. Ray loved to play ping pong and pickleball, and tending to his garden.

Ray and Teresa were blessed with three children, Teresa Rae "Terri", Michael John, and Patrick Joseph.

Ray was very active within St. Joseph Catholic Church and Third and Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus, local and state. He served as a Eucharistic Minister and took communion to the sick. He ushered for all the funeral Masses at St. Joseph after his retirement. He volunteered for Meals on Wheels and the Community Kitchen.

He is survived by his wife, Teresa; sons, Michael (Misty) Rottinghaus, and Patrick (Susan) Rottinghaus; grandchildren, Kelli (Ben) Housworth, C.J. Imhoff, Caden Rottinghaus, Kylan Rottinghaus, Shawn Rottinghaus, and Alaina Rottinghaus; son-in-law, Forrest Imhoff; siblings, Sr. Roseanne Rottinghaus, and Joe (Dee) Rottinghaus; and sister-in-law, Dixie Rottinghaus.

He is preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Teresa Rae Imhoff; siblings, Anthony "Bud" Rottinghaus, Sr. Michael Rottinghaus, Sr. Anthony Rottinghaus, James Rottinghaus, Winifred Merfeld, Mary Catherine Clark, and his twin, Raphael Rottinghaus

Events

JUL 17 **Rosary** 05:00PM

Hogan Bremer Moore Colonial Chapel
126 Third Street Northeast, Mason City, IA, US, 50401

JUL 17 **Visitation** 05:00PM - 08:00PM

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JUL 18 **Funeral Mass** 10:30AM

Epiphany Parish St. Joseph Catholic Church
302 5th Street S.E, Mason City, IA, US, 50401

Comments



“ Teresa and family, I'm sorry to hear of Ray's passing. He was quite a character, and a really good guy. The one thing that really stands out in my memories is the way he could take a piping hot cup of coffee and just gulp it down! Jim Jarnagin

Jim Jarnagin - July 21 at 05:01 PM



“ I am very sadden to hear of Ray's passing. My thoughts and prayers to the entire family.

Bobbi Umbarger - July 20 at 01:29 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Mass of Christian Burial



Hogan Bremer Moore Colonial Chapels - July 19 at 09:51 AM



“ Teresa, Mike and Pat and families....So sorry to hear of the passing of Ray.....Keep those memories close to your heart.....Take care..... Pat Lee

pat lee - July 18 at 10:30 AM



“ 62 files added to the album LifeTributes



Hogan Bremer Moore Colonial Chapels - July 17 at 03:25 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Ray's passing. Many fond memories made through K pf C. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers during this most difficult time. Sue Foy.

Sue Foy - July 17 at 12:19 PM



“ Uncle Ray could always be counted on for a quick smile and a lame joke! I loved him to pieces. My earliest memories centered on his expertise with TV repair! I remember once he had to replace the whole inside piece and we entertained one another over the next few days by putting on little plays where we pretended we were the TV actors.

He was a good man and will be sorely missed. I wish we could be there, but will need to attend virtually. Hugs to Theresa and Pat and Mike. Take care of each other!

Mickey Rottinghaus - July 17 at 11:42 AM



“ Teresa and Family - we express our sympathy. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Ray was such a gentle, caring man. He was a servant of God. He will be missed by many. Always keep the fond memories of Ray in your heart forever. God Bless You All.

Blessings and prayers - Harlan and Marge Baack

Harlan and Marge Baack - July 17 at 11:21 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Raymond J. Rottinghaus.



July 16 at 09:27 PM



“ I remember how it seemed that when I came home to Mason City to visit my dad, we so often sat near Ray and Theresa at mass. It was clear that they were core parish members as they sang and prayed with devotion. Or, maybe Ray was ushering at the service of the community.

With sympathy and prayers for you all at this time of loss.
Sister Joy Peterson, PBVM

Sister Joy Peterson - July 16 at 09:13 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Raymond J. Rottinghaus.



July 16 at 03:09 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Raymond J. Rottinghaus.



July 16 at 11:49 AM



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July 16 at 11:00 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Raymond J. Rottinghaus.



July 16 at 10:42 AM



“ I am so saddened to hear of Ray's passing. Life well lived good and faithful servant, welcome to paradise.

Lisa Cooper Reuvers - July 15 at 11:43 PM



“ I am grateful for my friendship with Ray, and through Ray, with Teresa and all of the Rottinghaus family.

Ray and I became friends through faith sharing, as part of a formal church group. Ray's sharing touched my heart. It was a sign to me of the unexpected riches to be found in a return to my hometown of Mason City. Carolyn was only weeks old - we hadn't even found a place to live - when Dave and I began faith sharing.

Ray and I became prayer partners when Michael and Misty were expecting and my young co-worker's husband had been diagnosed with a brain tumor. I frequently called on Ray to pray my son Alex through challenges of school, among other parenting concerns of mine. Ray lovingly kept Alex up on farming news. I grew in my healing touch ministry through providing regularly for Ray. On regular visits to their home, I liked to sing to Ray and Teresa music I was working up for the church youth choir. We shared countless drinks and conversations and celebrations, at times including Dave or other members of my family.

I was one of many people Ray connected with via email and one of a few he later continued to call by phone from the care center. I rarely did not make time to talk to Ray. If I did not, he would remember and let me know his feelings were hurt. He always asked about my kids and my dog, often by name and always remembering their stories.

Ray had a joy for life, a tender heart, a childlike faith and wonder and a strong grip. I asked him to lighten up when grabbing my arm, which he often did in greeting me. After that he would catch himself gripping too tightly. I appreciated that.

When I got news of Ray's passing I was practicing flute duets with Carolyn. More specifically, we were playing Carolyn's favorite Scottish tune: Loch Lomond. Carolyn shared the story of the song and the meaning of the words "you take the high road and I'll take the low road". She reminded me that there are no accidents in the unfolding events of our lives.

Teresa, I will be sad to not be in attendance at Ray's funeral services. Know of my love and prayers for you and the beautiful Ray Rottinghaus family.

Laura Bernemann - July 16 at 11:37 AM



“ Sorry to hear of the loss of your loved one. You are in our thoughts and prayers praying that God will give you comfort during your time of sorrow

James and Vivian(Gudenkauf)Martin - July 16 at 05:12 PM



“ Dear Teresa and family,
May sympathy and prayers in this time of loss. What a great example Ray left by his strong faith and gratitude he showed by the way he lived. May all those good memories help console you as you release him to Fullness of Life.
Mary Louann Doering, PBVM

Mary Louann Doering PBVM - July 15 at 11:10 PM



“ Uncle Ray was quite the character! So sorry we won't be there for the services. Our sympathies and prayers to all of you! He will be welcomed in heaven and missed here on earth. Take care! Love, Cathy (Rottinghaus), Mark, Nick and Luke Addington

Cathy Rottinghaus - July 15 at 10:46 PM



“ Dear Mike and family,
I am so very sorry for your loss. I am thinking of you during this very difficult time made even more challenging by the pandemic. I am so glad I was able to meet your mom and dad this fall, both such kind people.

Dana Torkelson - July 15 at 09:22 PM



“ Thoughts, prayers and my sincere sympathy to the Rottinghaus Family. Ray was certainly an example of being a "good and faithful servant". Will miss his smile.
Peace. Pat Dixon

Pat Dixon - July 15 at 08:59 PM



“ TERESA & FAMILY SO SORRY AND ARE SYMPATHY GOES TO ALL THE FAMILY. SINCE WE TALKED ON THE WALKING TRAIL WE HAVE THOUGHT SO MUCH ABOUT RAY & YOU . OUR PRAYERS WERE ALWAYS FOR HOPE AND THAT THIS JOURNEY WILL BE HARD BUT BE GRATEFUL YOU GOT TO 'SPOIL' HIM, AS YOU SAID.
PRAYERS DWIGHT & PAT BEAVERS

Pat - July 16 at 09:01 AM



“ Uncle Ray was a joy to be around. He was such a gentle person, and so loving to all he met. He will be greatly missed, but I know he is in a better place with all of his brothers, sisters, and parents. Prayers for all.

Patricia M Tomlinson - July 16 at 09:18 AM



“ Sorry to hear of Ray's passing. Our thoughts and prayers to Ray's family. We played pickleball with Ray at the YMCA. He was always so friendly. Dean and Deb Pralle

Dean and Deb Pralle - July 16 at 01:25 PM



“ Sorry for your loss. I knew Ray from Sears and the neighborhood. I always enjoyed talking to him. He was "One of the Good Guys!" Sincerely, Jon Lee

Jon - July 16 at 07:24 PM



“ Teresa, you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. I always enjoyed seeing the two of you at many different gathering and how much Ray enjoyed ushering, carrying the Knights banner at the North IA. Band Festival and sharing a smile one couldn't forget. Blessings and I will be with you in prayer Saturday.

Sister Emily Devine, RSM - July 17 at 02:51 PM