



William Raymond Twa, Jr.

July 10, 1936 - May 24, 2021

FORT WORTH - Ray was called home to his lord and savior, Jesus Christ, on Monday morning, May 24, 2021, after a brave battle with a prolonged illness and a very full life.

Raymond and his entire family would like to thank the more than 200 people that so generously donated the life sustaining blood that greatly extended his time with us.

Ray was born to Jessie. Pauline DeLaney and William Raymond Twa Sr. in Maryville, Tennessee. He was the younger brother to twin sisters, Bonnie Jean and Billie Jo. He met Irene A. Montfort in Indianapolis, Indiana and the two were married in 1958. Together they had four children: Malinda Pisciotta, Kari Twa, Michael Twa, and Debora Christlieb. Ray and Irene were married for 21 years before their divorce in 1979. Ray later met Sylvia Contreras, the love of his life, and in 1980 they were married and became guardians to Sylvia's two nieces, Suzette and Michelle, and nephew, Richard. They enjoyed 40 years of marriage in love, dedicated to one another with their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Ray is survived by his wife Sylvia; his sister, Bonnie Jean; his four children; niece, Michelle; nephew, Richard; grandchildren: Tawni, Westley, Kevin, Emily, Joli, Guy, Amanda, Brittanie, Brianna, Austin, and Bradly, and his great-grandchildren, Jack, Owen, Logan, James and Alex.

Ray graduated in 1954 from Mooresville High School in Mooresville, Indiana. He achieved recognition as an Eagle Scout as a sophomore and was honored with the American Legion Sportsmanship Award for Baseball in his senior year.

As a young man, Ray enlisted in the Army following graduation from High School and served in Ordinance and Machinist Units. He also continued his passion for baseball and played for the Army team until his honorable discharge in 1957. Ray later served in Vietnam for seven months (1966-67) as a Civilian Field Representative for the Army and was recognized by Army Material Command in Washington, D.C., for his exemplary service. Ray was an ardent supporter of our military personnel and veterans throughout

his life.

Aviation engineering was Ray's chosen career and his passion. He devoted more than 30 years to the Department of Defense, the Federal Aviation Administration, Bell Helicopters/Textron, and six years as Chief of Engineering Division for the US Army working on the Apache Helicopter program. His employers recognized him with no fewer than four Outstanding Ratings and received Superior Performance Awards.

Ray also established several private businesses: one as a machinist, one as a FAA Designated Engineering Representative and Designated Airworthiness Representative certifying homebuilt aircraft, and one dedicated to aviation consulting for aircraft accident investigations. Ray held a Third-Class FAA Pilots License and held Aircraft Certification Credentials with Civil Aviation Authorities in Canada, United Kingdom, Scotland, Italy, France, and Germany.

Over the last 45 years Ray has been a dedicated teacher, mentor, and volunteer to youth development organizations. For decades he served as an instructor and counselor for cadets in the Civil Air Patrol (CAP), a US Air Force Auxiliary unit. He was recognized and honored by the CAP with a Certificate for Lifesaving, (7) Commander's Commendations, and (3) Meritorious Service Awards. However, he was most proud of his service as Chaplain of the CAP Texas Wing and a member of the Wing Commander's Staff serving as an advisor to all the chaplains in the state. For his outstanding contributions, he was nominated as the 2005 Senior Chaplain of the Year.

Ray's other passions included singing in his church choir and working on a never-ending list of projects: from building homes, designing water systems, laying bricks, restoring old cars, or helping anyone in need with anything at any hour. He was always willing to apply his imagination, design skills, and his endless supply of energy and generosity to help others. No task was ever too large or too small for him to tackle.

The most important thing that defined Ray's life, the single most valuable pursuit that brought purpose and joy to him was his faith and commitment to his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Ray credits Rev. Ralph Wade of the Friendswood Baptist Church with mentoring him and leading him to accept Jesus Christ as his personal Savior during his teen years. He could describe vividly his baptism in a small cold creek near the church. Sharing his love of Christ and his faith with others was his life's greatest pleasure. Faith was the foundation of his marriage to his devoted and loving wife, Sylvia. It was the sustaining source of his strength throughout his life's journey and nevermore than these last few years. He is now and forever in the comfort of our blessed Lord Jesus Christ.

Events

JUN Visitation 06:00PM - 08:00PM

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BREYLEY ROOM, Mount Olivet Chapel - Greenwood Funeral Homes and
Cremation
2301 N. Sylvania Avenue, Fort Worth, TX, US, 76111

JUN Funeral 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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First Baptist Church Keller
225 Keller Parkway, Keller, TX, US, 76248

JUN Graveside 01:30PM - 02:00PM

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Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery-Lane 3
2000 Mountain Creek Parkway, Dallas, TX, US, 75211

Comments



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William Raymond Twa, Jr..



June 03 at 02:27 PM



“ We are devastated to hear of this loss but rejoicing to know that Ray is with our beloved Lord. His faith and devotion to Jesus was astounding and his constant words of encouragement, prayers and faith to us helped in more ways than he'll ever know. We love you, we'll miss you. Sylvia, whatever you need, you know how to reach us ... Leslie, Dave and Josh

David and Leslie Altamos - June 03 at 02:22 PM



“ Stefanie and Melvin Varghese purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of William Raymond Twa, Jr..



Stefanie and Melvin Varghese - June 03 at 08:33 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Raymond Twa, Jr..



June 02 at 07:37 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William Raymond Twa, Jr..



June 02 at 05:36 PM



“ Cooksey's, Duzenacks and Schrock Families purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of William Raymond Twa, Jr..



Cooksey's, Duzenacks and Schrock Families - June 02 at 10:55 AM



“ Expression of sympathy for the family.
Continue to rely on God and know that he hears your prayers, because he cares for you. Thinking of you all.

Evans family - June 01 at 08:34 PM



“ Thinking of you all at this sad time

Marcie Gladson - June 01 at 07:08 PM