



Ray Adams

April 23, 1933 - December 5, 2023

Ray Adams passed away peacefully surrounded by loved ones on Tuesday December 5, 2023. He was greeted at the pearly gates by his wife, Peggy; parents, Grandville and Dorothy; sister, Catherine (Butch) and her husband Gene; brother Herman (Skip); and other loved ones preceding him to Heaven. He loved spending his time with family members across five generations.

He is survived by his son, Michael (Julia); daughter, Angela (Francis); his grandchildren: Michael (Amy), Mark (Chrisie), Michele (Daryl), Sean (Sarah), Stephen (Megan), and Christopher; his great-grandchildren: Aaron (Anna), Alex, Alexia, Adam, John and Dylan; and his great-great-grandchildren, Hailee and Oliver; and other friends and family that adored him.

Prior to a 20-year Air Force career he wed Peggy and grew a devoted, patriotic family, living together in Germany, Maine, Colorado, and North Carolina before settling back in her hometown of Wilmington Delaware, growing their family of friends along the way out of their unparalleled kindness. His service began during the Korean War and continued into the Vietnam War before embarking on his second career working for New Castle County. Their house in Pike Creek became a cornerstone of holidays and milestones while also hosting family at the beach, on the boat, and by the pool. Whether you called him Dad, Pop-pop, Gramps, or friend, he always greeted you with a hug, kiss, and blue eyes that seemed to smile themselves.

He was a great listener, exuded humility, and shared his wisdom whenever he could. Ray spent countless hours hunting and fishing with his family, he was even visited by a buck up close while hunting just two weeks before he passed! While he will be missed by anyone fortunate enough to have known him, we're thankful he's reunited with the love of his life and imagine her squealing "put me down" as he lifts her up and holds her close.

In lieu of flowers, please direct donations to Veterans Affairs. Private services will be scheduled. To send an online condolence, visit www.stranofeeley.com

Cemetery Details

Private

Tribute Wall

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“ *Our thoughts and prayers to the Adams Family and friends. We last had a visit with Uncle Ray in Pennsylvania when our grandma, Donson passed away in 2019. We shared so many great memories with our Uncle Ray & Aunt Peggy at Myrtle Beach, dinners on the Air Force Base, and when they'd come to visit Florida. What a great man, so loving and caring.*



Billi Jo Hendry (Lynes) - June 12, 2024 at 01:38 PM

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“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Stephen Naughton - December 08, 2023 at 03:32 PM

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“ Recently, I came across a thought-provoking saying: 'While we may be forgotten generations after we pass, our teachings live on, influencing hundreds, if not thousands, of lives.' This sentiment didn't fully resonate with me until now, as I find myself reflecting on the invaluable lessons Pop-Pop imparted to me over the years.

His wisdom, kindness, and strength were not just gifts to me but a legacy that I now pass on to my son. Each time I share a piece of Pop-Pop's wisdom with him, I am reminded of the enduring power of what we teach and how it shapes the future. It's a profound connection that transcends time, and I look forward to seeing these lessons continue through the generations. Pop-Pop's influence is far from fleeting; it's an eternal echo in the hearts and minds of those he touched, and I am grateful to be a part of this beautiful continuum.

Stephen Naughton - December 08, 2023 at 03:30 PM

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“ 2 files added to the album *Cherished Memories*



Stephen Naughton - December 08, 2023 at 03:28 PM

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“ Ray will be missed by so many of his friends including John and I whom he made feel like family. It's hard to imagine him not stopping in the shop for a visit. He was such a kind, humble soul and we have no doubt Peggy was there waiting for him. They had a true love story and he waited patiently to be reunited with her again. I'm sure they're both beaming now. Take care with Love, John and Eileen

Eileen Gates - December 08, 2023 at 12:51 PM