



Raymond E. Zbinden

September 2, 1928 - October 27, 2023

Raymond E. Zbinden of Aroma Park passed away on Friday, October 27, 2023 - at his home with his family. Ray was born on September 2, 1928 in Cissna Park, IL. He was the son of Benjamin Franklin and Margaret (Heuer) Zbinden. His first marriage was to Peggy Quimby in 1958 and she preceded him in death in 2022. His second marriage to the love of his life, Patricia Henry was in 1985 and she preceded him in death in 2018. Ray was also preceded in death by three brothers and six sisters (Ernie, Daniel, Maynard, Viola, Vera, Irene, Marceille, Wilma and Beulah. He was also preceded in death by a step-daughter, Kelly Hoylman in 2013.

Ray served in the US Army during the Korean War, stationed in Germany as a radar operator. He was an active member of the American Legion, the VFW, the Elks Club, the Moose, and the Aroma Park Boat Club. He was a union carpenter for 44 years, a member of local 496. Over his 95 years, he was a lifelong hunting and fishing enthusiast. He also enjoyed travel, and he was a voracious reader and an excellent cook. There will be a celebration of life remembrance party to be held at the Aroma Park Boat Club at a date to be announced later.

Ray is survived by a son, Daniel R. Zbinden of Yorkville, IL who has been married to Jean (Shawhan) for 35 years; he is also survived by a daughter, Becky Wessels of Knoxville TN, who has been married to Dean for 38 years. Ray is also survived by two step-children from his marriage to Patricia; Tracy Moss of Bradley, and Drew.

Ray is also survived by ten grandchildren, Lindsey Hauser (CO), Drew Hoylman (CO), Joseph Wessels (TN), Katie Henry (IL), Laura Zbinden (IL), Jacob Wessels (TN), Colby Campbell (CA), Ben Zbinden (TX), Carly Campbell (CA), Molly Moss (IL).

Ray's surviving great-grandchildren are William, Madison and Payton.

Jensen Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

Tribute Wall

LH

“ My favorite pillow in the world was papas belly! I will never forget his great sense of humor and all the love he had for Grandma and all of us Grandkids. Most cherished memories are my trips to Illinois for Easter Egg hunts at the boat club!!!! Rest Easy, Papa. Give Grandma tons of love for us. See you on the other side❤️

lindsey hauser - November 02, 2023 at 03:39 PM

CD

“ Always enjoyed seeing and visiting with Ray at the Zbinden Family reunions. He was a wonderful man.
Christine (Zbinden) Dudak

Christine (Zbinden) Dudak - November 01, 2023 at 04:28 PM



“ It always a great time talking to Ray at the boat club.

Ron Miller - November 01, 2023 at 01:15 PM

MZ

“ Tracy,Lonnie Katie,Molly and family,
Sorry for your loss you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.



Madonna M Zasada - October 31, 2023 at 08:00 PM

SH

“ *Deepest sympathies to Drew and family. Ray was a grand person. Have so many fun memories with him and Pat. He will be greatly missed.*

Sally Hood - October 31, 2023 at 05:34 PM

SR

“ *Drew and family. I am heartbroken over the loss of Ray. He and Pat and you were a part of my family's life for many years. I'm so sorry for all of your loss. I had a lot of fun with Ray and Pat on Wednesdays. Yes he was a good cook for sure. He was a good person and a great friend. I won't say goodbye instead, I'll just see you later Ray*



Sherry Rashenskas - October 30, 2023 at 10:31 PM