



## Ralph James Ray

December 18, 1938 - May 29, 2012

Ralph James Ray, 73, a 25 year East Wenatchee resident, passed away at his home on Tuesday, May 29, 2012, following a brief illness.

He was born on December 18, 1938 at Pittsburgh, Kansas to the late Ralph James & Eleanor (Brooks) Lemon. He was raised to the age of 7 in Kansas prior to moving with his family to Ridgecrest, California. He graduated from the Ridgecrest High School in 1956. He remained in the Ridgecrest area until making a trip to Washington to visit his parents and found work in Yakima. He made his home in Yakima where he worked in the roofing business at Paul Dressell

Roofing as well as working in the auto body and fender business for Hahn Motors and S&S Body & Fender.

He met Pamela Jo Storme in Yakima and following a long courtship, they were married on July 5, 1986. They moved to make their home in East Wenatchee in 1987. Ralph worked at Wenatchee Body & Fender, Finishline Auto Body, Leonard Evans Body Shop and Maaco Auto Body prior to retiring. After retiring, he had worked a part time job at Evergreen Memorial Park Cemetery in East Wenatchee.

He enjoyed going camping, hunting, fishing and being in the outdoors. He looked forward to his brother, Richard's annual two week trip to go camping and fishing together. He was also quite fond of his Maltese Schnauzer, his Buddy named "Rocky".

Ralph is survived by his wife, Pam Ray, East Wenatchee, six children,

Arthur & (Tammy) Thompson, Outlook, WA, Tina & (Dusty) Stingley, Yakima, Ron & (Donna) Ray, Moses Lake, Mike Ray, Ronda Sue Ray and her companion, Jason Duncan and Pennie & (Brian) Beatty all of Yakima; two sisters, Sandra Tomac, Centralia, WA and Mary Jo Mohrmann, Napa Vine, WA; one brother, Richard Ray, Tualatin, OR; 25 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and his step-father, one son, James Grassmeyer, one granddaughter, Tiela Ray and one brother, Artie Ray "Junior".

A Celebration of Life Gathering will be Sunday, June 24, 2012 at 2518 Sunset Hwy, East Wenatchee. You are invited to view his online tributes at [www.HeritageMemorialChapel.com](http://www.HeritageMemorialChapel.com) . Arrangements are in the care of Heritage Memorial Chapel, East Wenatchee.

# Tribute Wall

DA

“ *Dad.... I really wish I could talk to you ....I need you now!!!!*

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**Daughter** - March 19, 2013 at 12:44 PM

PE

“ *Happy birthday dad*

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**Pennie** - December 19, 2012 at 04:00 AM

YW

“ *It has been 14 days since you left us. I'm trying hard not to "boob" as you say. Some days are better then others. We did everthing together. That I miss. I have the most wonderful support of Ron, Pennie, and Sue. I love them all. Rockey misses you. He is lost. I'm lost. I love you and always will Untill we meet again..*

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**Your Best Friend and Wife** - June 13, 2012 at 08:25 PM

PE

“ *Daddy O,  
I will always cherish all the crazy stories you told me ..... I will always cherish the last few days we had together they were both sad and fun you always had a way to make us smile even when we were all sad "no boobing" you would always say and for some reason that always put a smile on all our faces. Now when I get sad and I cry I swear I hear you telling me " babe no boobing" I'm trying dad not to boob and as I promised you I'm smiling and being happy with good memories I miss you ... Dad to the world you may be one person, but to one person you are THE WORLD! I will see you again soon I love you dad.  
Your baby girl*

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**Pennie** - June 05, 2012 at 06:31 PM

RR

“ Not only was Ralph my brother, he was my best friend. All of our memories together will never be forgotten. I will always remember our yearly fishing trips. I will never forget his "long" casts and his funny laugh and corny jokes. He always made fun of my light fishing gear, two-pound fishing line and ultra light pole, but in the end, my fishing stringer was full. Ralph lived life to the fullest; he will be missed by all. I am sure he has found another great fishing hole, don't catch them all buddy, as one day we'll be fishing together again.

*Love, your bro*

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**Rich Ray** - June 04, 2012 at 01:33 PM

ST

“ Our prayers and condolences go to your wife, children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, brother, sisters, nephews and nieces. I am sure that you made an impact in each of their lives in ways you never even knew. I feel like I lost a brother not a cousin. You will always have a warm place in our hearts. Rest in peace dear cousin. We love you, Shirley and Fred

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**Shirley & Fred Thiel** - May 31, 2012 at 11:09 PM

CW

“ Wow Rubber Ducky didn't even know you were sick, gonna miss you greatly. Gonna miss the fact that you aren't going to be around to put a smile on everyone's face. But now you can make my Dad laugh in heaven. :) I don't think there's beer in heaven, but if there is you and Dad are drinkin it. Pam, so sorry for your loss, hope you're doing ok... And to all Ralph's kids, I miss my Dad like crazy I don't know what else to say, it doesn't get easier. Just waiting for the day we can all meet up again.

*All my love, Carmen*

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**Carmen Wharton** - May 31, 2012 at 04:00 PM

DT

“ lots of wonderful memories of my uncle. i will always think of you at the slightest smell of stale beer and brute.:)i love you uncle whats your name <3

Pam, know your family is h. were for you we love you and are praying for you <3

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**dede tupper** - May 31, 2012 at 01:43 PM