



Raymond Humburg

February 2, 1939 - October 25, 2024

Raymond Humburg, 85, formerly of Clear Lake, departed this life Friday, October 25, 2024, at Sunny View Care Center in Ankeny. Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m., Friday, November 1, at Faith Baptist Church, Mason City. Interment will be at Hillside Cemetery, Sheffield. Visitation will be 12:30 – 2 p.m., at the church. Those wishing to extend an expression of sympathy to the family may choose to send a donation to the Iowa Regular Baptist Camp in his memory. Woodley Funeral Home and Crematory, of Hampton is caring for Ray and his family.

Raymond Dale Humburg was born in a doctor's house in Swaledale, Iowa, February 2, 1939, to Arthur Carl and Catherine Marie (Yitzen) Humburg. Ray embraced the title of "Groundhog" all his days.

Ray grew up on farms in Sheffield, Rockwell, Thornton and Clear Lake and moved into town in 1953. After graduating from Clear Lake High School on May 28, 1957, Ray enlisted in the Army. After training at Fort Riley, Kansas and Fort Benning, Georgia, he served in Bamberg, Germany as a mechanic. He received commendations for Marksman (pistol), Sharpshooter, (rifle) and Good Conduct.

Ray was united in marriage to Gloria Lynn Hardee at Oakdale Baptist Church in Loris, South Carolina on April 8, 1962.

Ray was a member of the Clear Lake Regular Baptist Church, Faith Baptist Church of Mason City and the Altoona Regular Baptist Church. Ray served as a deacon, door greeter, Sunday School superintendent, cleaned the church building, taught adult Sunday School, helped in the children's ministries, had leading parts in Christmas programs, sang in the choir and special numbers, led services at the nursing homes, and participated in the patriotic services.

Ray's favorite verse was Psalm 34:6: "This poor man cried and the Lord delivered him out of all his troubles."

Ray worked various jobs: gill-netting fish for the DNR, driving the excursion boat, "The Princess", The Brick and Tile Company, Lehigh Cement, Ruan, Witkes Boat Company, the Sugar Beet Factory and painting for Leonard Washburn.

In 1967 Ray and Gloria started "Ray's Cleaning Service", a residential and commercial cleaning business that operated for 48 years. Ray was more concerned with helping people than making money and often saw people on their worst days: after a flood, fire or suicide.

Ray could never escape his roots and enjoyed raising horses, sheep, bees and baling hay on his hobby farm. Ray's favorite horse, "Sunbeam Gala", a gift from his niece, lived to be 33 years old.

Ray's sheep were award winning 4H projects, attractions for summer tourists at the lake to pet and feed, props in church Christmas plays, and objects for show and tell at school.

Ray was all about his nieces and nephews and was always bragging about their accomplishments. They all loved "Uncle Ray".

Ray is survived by his wife of 62 years, Gloria; son: Chris (Angi), Runnells, Iowa; daughter: Robin (Rollie) Copeland, Granville, IL; daughter: Margaret (Ben) Nash, Dougherty and their daughter April Tidwell, Des Moines; 11 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents, sisters: Irene and Shirley, brothers: Carl, Kenneth, Donald and Dale in infancy.

Cemetery Details

Hillside Cemetery

Sheffield, IA 50475

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 1. 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Faith Baptist Church - Mason City
1807 South Kentucky Ave.
Mason City, IA 50401

Funeral service

NOV 1. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

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Mason City, IA 50401

Tribute Wall



“ *Woodley Funeral Home and Crematory created a Webcast in memory of Raymond Humburg*



Woodley Funeral Home and Crematory - November 01, 2024 at 01:34 PM

MF

“ *The executive board and members of the Mason City Firefighters Local 41 extend our sympathy for your loss.*

Mason City Firefighters - November 04, 2024 at 01:53 PM

PH

“ *Prayers for all the family. I never met him but sounds like a wonderful man.*



Penny humburg - November 02, 2024 at 08:30 AM

PF

“ To all family members of Raymond Dale Humburg, may there be peace and joy in lives today as you celebrate his life and legacy.

Ray was a loving and caring son of God (first and foremost); he was a loving husband and caretaker of Gloria's earthly needs as they married, had four remarkable children, and raised them all within Biblical and ethical standards; and he always stood fast in his Christian faith.

His South Carolina family always knew and felt his love, loyalty, and attachment to us, as well, as witnessed to each of us on the many family trips he, Gloria, and family made to the South throughout the years

Ray was loved and respected by all as he seamlessly became an integral part of the Hardee Family of Loris, South Carolina.

He thoroughly enjoyed 'raccoon hunting' with an elderly uncle. This event would usually begin after dark until the early wee hours of daylight And the biggest accomplishment was usually the fellowship and the fatigue resulting from chasing the dogs as they ran wild throughout the woods for several hours ... Ray also witnessed the harvesting of tobacco on our small family farm at a time where everything was done by hand, and not using machines. Ray became familiar and grew to respect, many of the customs of the 'South' that Gloria had grown up loving and always cherished.... SC seafood, boiled peanuts, vegetables from the farm ...

II Timothy; Chapter 4, v 7...

'I have fought a good fight, I have finished my Course, I have kept the faith

Ray is home!

(Loving thoughts from Gloria's family).

Paula Fish - November 01, 2024 at 10:54 AM

TF

“ *The Duerson Corporation Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Raymond Humburg.*



The Duerson Corporation Family - October 29, 2024 at 04:39 PM

BA

“ *We remember Ray as being a very kind and helpful person. He was a hard worker. And he was very dedicated to serving the Lord in any way he could. We thought highly of Ray. Our condolences and prayers are with each of his family. Ron and Beverly Abbas*

Beverly Abbas - October 29, 2024 at 10:56 AM

PB

“ *As a classmate of Ray's, I'm sorry not to have known him better in high school because it sounds like he grew up to be this wonderful man who cared more for others than himself, and lived a good life. I'm very sorry for your loss and send my condolences. Pat Mahoney Sage-Block Class of 1957*

Pat Block - October 29, 2024 at 10:50 AM