



Raymond B. Austin Jr.

March 23, 1945 - April 1, 2021

RAYMOND B. AUSTIN JR.

Raymond B. Austin, Jr., 76, of Great Bend Township, PA passed away on April 1, 2021. He is the son of the late Raymond Sr. and Ruth Austin; and also predeceased by his siblings, Marylyn Dumesnil and George Austin; his companion, Jacqueline Eastwood; his grandson, Richard A. Watkins.

Ray is survived by his children, Raymond (Kelly) Austin III and Marilyn Austin (John Matzo); Jackie's son, Robbie (Ilene) Eastwood; grandchildren, Devan (Andrew) Enright, Kyle, Carter, Morgan, Kara, and Ray; great grandchildren, Andee, Lucee, and Bennee; a brother, Delbert Austin; several nieces, nephews, and extended family; and his frequently visiting granddogs, Winston, Lucy, Shelby, Sammy, and Nash.

Ray was a 1963 graduate of Susquehanna Valley High School. Ray had 32 years of service at IBM, Endicott, NY. He was the co-owner of The Baby Bull Tavern, Conklin, NY. Upon retiring, he took a job at Proctor & Gamble as a Safety Inspector. He was an avid Boston Red Sox, Celtics, Bruins, Eagles, Syracuse Basketball fan, and NASCAR/Ricky Rudd. Ray enjoyed spending his winters in Myrtle Beach with Jackie. The highlight of his life was watching his grandchildren play sports and compete. Ray respected our veterans, loved our country, and supported his local American Legion and V.F.W.

At his request, there will be no public services. In lieu of flowers, please consider treating your family to his favorite pizza at Cortese Restaurant on Robinson Street, Binghamton and enjoy quality time together rooting for the

NY Yankees to lose.

Tribute Wall

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“ This news hits me hard. Ray was a classmate and dear friend. As teens we played baseball vs each other and grew close. We bowled on Saturday mornings at Laurel Lanes in Binghamton, stopping afterward at a drug store so Ray could order a cheeseburger and a chocolate shake made to Ray's order with a Hamilton Beach Beater. We played tackle sandlot football against each other. Town of Conklin guys -- Ray, Bob Eustice, Stan Clark, etc versus Town of Binghamton - me, Fred Cobb, Ralph Fuller, Giblins, Den Sexton, etc, Ray joined Den Sexton, Ralph Fuller and me on a week-long fishing trip to Canada camping in tents and had more fun and more beer than any four guys should have. I also played softball with Ray in the famed Hallstead Softball League. Ray was a great friend and was generous to a fault. Godspeed my Red Sox friend from a diehard Dodger fan.

Tom Smith

tom smith - April 04, 2021 at 07:27 PM

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“ Could not ask for a kinder, gentler neighbor. His heart was always in the right place and now he's with the angels, his family and Jackie.

Terry & Julie Mroz - April 03, 2021 at 01:07 PM

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“ This is such a sad time. Our hearts go out to you. We are remembering the fun times we had with Ray. In the early 70's they came to visit us in Storrs, CT. We went to a Red Sox game, Ray was thrilled to be in Fenway Park. So glad he got to see the Red Sox win 3 World Series. Going to football games & playing baseball in high school & in later years when we had children playing softball. All such good times. From Tom & Sandra (Diffendorf) Smith.

Sandra Smith - April 03, 2021 at 09:44 AM

 Marie Bowden

“ Marilyn and Ray, My sincere condolences on the loss of your father. May your many memories console you. Sincerely Marie

Marie Bowden - April 02, 2021 at 08:02 PM

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“ Marilyn, We are so saddened for you. It's hard to loose a parent. Thinking of you and your family.

Jim & Pat Brewer - April 02, 2021 at 06:19 PM

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“ Emerson and I are so sorry to hear that Ray passed away. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family. God bless

Sandra and Emerson Fiske - April 02, 2021 at 05:32 PM