



## Raven Raleigh

April 6, 1937 - March 6, 2020

ADRIAN— Raven “Ray” Raleigh, age 82 of Adrian, passed away Friday, March 6, 2020, at the Hospice of Lenawee Home.

He was born April 6, 1937, in Hazard, Kentucky, the only child of James and Mahala (Combs) Raleigh.

On September 7, 1955, he married Yvonne LaRue in Flint, Michigan and they were blessed with 64 years together.

Ray was a much-loved supervisor for General Motors, retiring with 42 years of service. He was a faithful member of the Adrian First United Methodist Church where he served as head usher for many years. Ray loved his church and warmly welcomed members and visitors alike. His favorite pastimes included camping, hunting, fishing, gardening and woodworking. He also volunteered for the Salvation Army and meals on wheels. Ray’s greatest joy was his family.

In addition to his wife, Yvonne, he is survived by their children: Debra (Johnny) Hall, Gary (Joanna) Raleigh, Barbara (Daniel) Villarreal, Trisha (Paul) Kintner, Mary (Kelvin) Cabose, and Jim (Lisa) Raleigh all of Adrian, a daughter-in-law Phyllis Raleigh, 21 grandchildren, 23 great grandchildren with another on the way and his first great great grandchild who is also on the way. He is also survived by sisters-in-law, Judy Standish, Sandra Poag and Mary Alice LaRue; a dear family friend Darlene Carson; his dog Cookie and cat Angel.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a son, Scott Raleigh.

The family wishes to express special thanks to the staff of Hospice of Lenawee including Raelynn, Angie, Crissy and David.

Funeral services will take place at 11 a.m., Wednesday, March 11, 2020, at the Adrian First United Methodist Church with Rev. Drew Hart and Rev. Linda Farley officiating. Burial will follow at Lenawee Hills Memorial Gardens in Tecumseh. Visitation will be held at Wagley Funeral Home in Adrian on Tuesday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m.

Contributions in memory of Ray may be made to Hospice of Lenawee, First United Methodist Church or Lenawee Humane Society. Online memories and condolences are welcome at [www.WagleyFuneralHome.com](http://www.WagleyFuneralHome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Lenawee Hills Memorial Gardens

Corner of M50 and M52  
Tecumseh, MI 49286

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 10. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Wagley Funeral Home (Adrian)  
1501 W. Maumee St.  
Adrian, MI 49221  
(517) 263-1400  
info@wagleyfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.WagleyFuneralHome.com>

## Visitation

MAR 10. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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## Funeral Service

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MAR 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

First United Methodist Church  
1245 West Maple Avenue  
Adrian, MI

# Tribute Wall



“ *Raven Raleigh*

January 28, 2023 at 12:24 PM



“ *Whitney & Family,  
So sorry to hear of your Grandpa's passing.  
Hold tight to the many wonderful memories,  
special times, and more you were able to  
share with such a special man. He is now  
your guardian angel. Thoughts and prayers to each one...  
.....Brenda Linton-Cottrell*



**Brenda Linton-Cottrell** - March 20, 2020 at 06:53 PM



“ *Sincerely, The Mowats purchased the Simply Ele  
gant Spathiphyllum for the family of Raven  
Raleigh.*



**Sincerely, The Mowats** - March 13, 2020 at 11:17 AM



“ *Yvonne and family so sorry about Ray's passing. Always remember  
a smile on his face God Bless sending you a Big hug Pat Fuller*

**Pat Fuller** - March 10, 2020 at 05:18 PM

RO

“ Yvonne, and Family  
God need a Special Angle in Heaven. Raven work here on earth was done and he was called home. May you find confront knowing we all shall meet again in God's Home.  
I'm sure Aunt Lorraine is talking his ear off and catching up with the family who had passed before us. May God bless you all . Cuz Ron R.

Ron - March 10, 2020 at 03:18 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Raven Raleigh.



March 09, 2020 at 06:32 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Raven Raleigh.



March 09, 2020 at 04:39 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Raven Raleigh.



March 09, 2020 at 03:36 PM

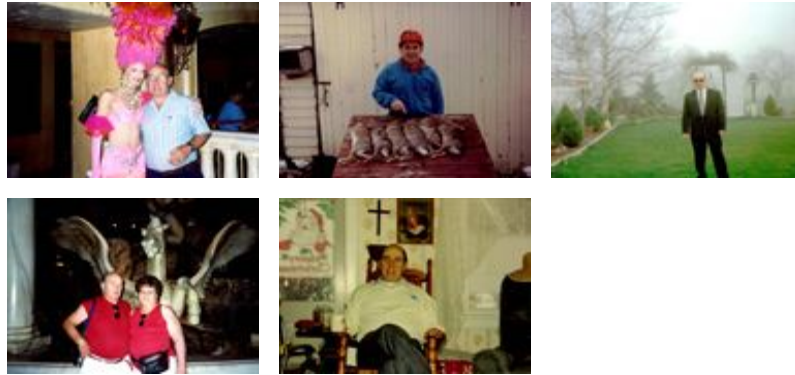
DG

“ Ann and I share our deepest condolences with Yvonne and family. We remember how outgoing and cheerful Ray was. He will be missed.

David Guldin - March 09, 2020 at 02:50 PM



“ 20 files added to the album Life Tributes

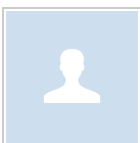


Wagley Funeral Home - March 09, 2020 at 11:44 AM

ND

“ I remember Ray as a kind and loving family man. He was especially fond of his pets being kind and loving to each one. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Nancy Kelly DVM - March 09, 2020 at 10:10 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Raven Raleigh.



March 09, 2020 at 09:33 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Raven Raleigh.* ”



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March 09, 2020 at 09:29 AM

“ My cherished memories of my Uncle Ray, have such an early origination in my childhood that they have just always been an integral part of my life. There is no way to think of only him as he and my Aunt Yvonne together etched their legacy upon my life. I have memories that begin from my youngest days of getting to stay with them when we would make our not frequent enough visits from Louisiana to Michigan. Uncle Ray was a beautiful spirit and special to me. He always made time for children and obtained a natural ability to make us all feel special, with his kindness, love and his humor. It was nurturing to feel and know he was genuinely happy to see and to spend time with my my cousins, siblings and myself. I remember his sweetness. I remember the closeness he and my dad shared. I remember Aunt Yvonne and Uncle Ray’s Hospitality. As a family, we made many a trip, my dad driving from Louisiana to Michigan. We children were always excited, because we would be greeted and surrounded by my dad’s family. Family separated by distance, but so close, bonded by love. I know Uncle Ray always took the time to help make our visit a memorable one. He and Aunt Yvonne made sure, we had many Michigan family adventures, exploring many attractions, (I remember a couple apple orchards, including where they lived), learning to ice skate, fly down a hill on a toboggan and sledding and so much more! There was tremendous excitement in knowing when he and his family would be coming to our home in Louisiana... My last visit with Uncle Ray is still clear in my mind, although the years have been too many. Our eldest granddaughter is 20 years old now, so it has been about 19 years... He had not changed. He was my Uncle Ray, that was always there and always special. Our daughter, Rachel was there and he met his great, great niece, Victoria. I cannot forget his smile and his joyful playfulness with a little one. I will always remember that. I know my dad and Uncle Ray shared a bond, the closeness of brothers. My dad always expressed that feeling he had for Uncle Ray. He grew up in a household of three sisters, so when Aunt Yvonne and Uncle Ray married, he gained a brother. A brother he loved... My dad passed away in 1995 and I know my Uncle Ray lost a brother that day as well as friend. My dad is not here to express

*his love and admiration for Uncle Ray, but I believe they are now joined in celebration, surrounded by Saints and angels in the presence of God. They are both at peace and overwhelmed by joy. What a greeting there must have been, as God embraced another child into his kingdom.*

*To my Aunt Yvonne and my cousins, We are sorry distance separates us from being there physically. Andy, our children and myself are remembering you all in prayer and in love as you all suffer with the grief of losing your loving, husband, father and grandfather. There is no question that his memorable and outstanding legacy will continue through each of your lives.*

*R.I.P. Uncle Ray.*

*Love, Andy & Londie Chavez & Family*

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**Londie Chavez** - March 09, 2020 at 07:20 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Raven Raleigh.*



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March 08, 2020 at 04:27 PM



“ 84 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Wagley Funeral Home** - March 08, 2020 at 03:51 PM

MM

“ *Mr. and Mrs. David Wolverton, Grayling Mi. purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Raven Raleigh.*



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**Mr. and Mrs. David Wolverton, Grayling Mi.** - March 08, 2020 at 12:39 PM

PP

“ *Dear Yvonne and family, We're so very sorry for your loss. We're sending our deepest sympathy to your family.*

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**Patty Selders Pearson** - March 08, 2020 at 12:33 PM

DL

“ I have so many treasured memories of going to Michigan and staying with my cousins and Uncle Ray and Aunt Yvonne. I loved exploring the orchard and riding ATVs all over the place. The last time I saw Uncle Ray he gave me two numbered Queen Steel pocket knives, a yellow and a red. I still have the Yellow one and the week we were there, my brother, Rudy expressed that he liked the red one. I have him the red one. Uncle Ray and my dad were always great together. Seemed when they would get together my dad was more at peace and smiling. I also remember all those visits when he would drive the family to Louisiana in the motorhome and us kids would fish during the summer. I pray for the family during this time.



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David LaRue - March 08, 2020 at 12:25 PM



“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Raven Raleigh.



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March 08, 2020 at 12:07 PM