



Ramon "Ray" Secrest

August 9, 1957 - October 30, 2017

Ramon "Ray" Secrest,

60, of Noblesville, passed away October 30, 2017. He was born August 9, 1957 in Indianapolis to Lloyd D. Secrest, Jr. and Maxine Secrest Moyer. Ray was a graduate of Warren Central High School and he attended both Purdue and Indiana Universities. He was in retail management with HH Gregg for 30 years. Ray was an active member of Life Church in Noblesville, and he loved spending time with his wife and family.

Visitation will be Monday, November 6, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. until the time of the memorial service at 12:00 p.m. at Life Church, 2200 Sheridan Rd., Noblesville.

Ray is survived by his loving wife, Desiree Secrest; children, Jason (Heather), Brian and Rachel Secrest; mother, Maxine Moyer; granddaughters-Hailey and Henley Secrest; stepchildren, Lauren, Devin and Michael Scott; brother, Brad Secrest; and step-sisters, Christine Smith (Richard) and Linda Hoover (Bob).

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Emily Secrest; father, Lloyd Secrest, Jr.; a brother, Lloyd Secrest, III; and step-father, Jack Moyer.

Memorial contributions may be made to Life Church. Final care and arrangements are entrusted to Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

NOV 6. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Life Church
2200 Sheridan Road
Noblesville, IN 46062

Memorial Service

NOV 6. 12:00 PM (ET)

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The love was so noticeable, that Desiree's daughter, Lauren, told me that the last 3 years was fun to watch just how much a man could love a woman. She remarks how much her mom lit up under Ray's care. How much she smiled and laughed. Something healing happened in the family as the love was shown.

Ray's poor health didn't keep Ray from dreaming about all that they would do together. He had big plans. He didn't live in a depression, but lived with a hope of someday getting a heart transplant. Though Ray had a physically bad heart, he had a great big and wonderfully loving heart of gold. He wanted to melt a family together out of various pieces and make it one great loving family. He loved Desiree's kids Lauren, Devon, and Michael. That love began to melt that family together. Michael would pray for his stepdad. He did not want to lose him. A lot was happening in the heart of this family. I think it had a lot to do with what was happening in Ray's heart. Raised a good Methodist boy, Ray continued desiring a relationship with Jesus. He worshiped at Northview and Radiant Life, but when He met Desiree, they wanted to grow in Jesus together in a church family that fit both of them. They found our church. I remember their first day with us. I remember thinking what a tall couple! We had just opened this campus and they were invited to come by their friends the O'Keef family. Well, they just kept coming. The more they were here, the more the Word of God caused them to come to life and connect to grow. In fact, Ray thanked Desiree for showing him that God was not just a cosmic God above it all, but even more, a personal God who could be talked to. Ray began to do just that. He prayed more. He loved to learn about the Lord and so appreciated Pastor Mike's steady preaching as he fed him God's word week by week. Nearly every week on the way home, they would discuss what the Holy Spirit was teaching them through the messages. Their life groups meant so much to him and he loved how genuinely friendly Life Church was to everyone.

Ray came to an understanding about love and family by watching others on their journeys of life. He learned that whoever God brings into your life in way of family and marriage, LOVE THEM. Treat all stepchildren and relatives as if they were your own flesh and blood. He knew it was possible with enough time. He watched Jack, his step-dad, do it with his Mother Maxine. He saw something great lived out and he wanted to live that too. He might have picked on Michael, but he greatly loved him. He loved to explain things and tried to help him. He wanted to be a guiding hand. Yes, Ray was protective of Desiree, but... He was also patient. He knew time and love would bring the family together.

When Ray and Desiree would leave their life group after studying the Gospel Revolution, they had a conversation about forgiveness. Desiree asked him a question about whether or not Ray had forgiven everyone in his life. His answer was this: "They may not have forgiven me, but I forgive them." That was quite a motto. "We all have our faults, but forgiveness is the rule."

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“ Well, Ray knew where his soul was going, but when discussing where his body was going, he told his wife, “Put me in the dog house!”

Only a man with a funny sense of humor and a quick wit could say that. That was Ray alright. When I asked his mother to describe him for me she said, “He was a stinker!” He relentlessly teased those he loved. He’d have a ball leaving garden snakes on the front porch for his mom to find and relished getting a great response. Because his mom was short he would hide her shoes in the chandelier so she couldn’t reach them. He just loved to tease. If he liked you, he’d tease you, and Ray would tease everyone. He must have liked a LOT of people.

All this teasing meant he would inevitably get it back. When he was in college, some of his friends decided to relocate his car. They would pick it up because it was light enough and move it from spot to spot. Ray thought it was hilarious. Like I said, he must have teased them first and he had it coming.

Ray had a brother that passed years ago and they were quite a pair. 23 months apart, Lloyd and Ray, were something else. They were known in the family as Chip and Skip. Ray was Skip. I have to say that you see because some people here have almost never heard Skip called Ray. Once a person came to Ray’s place of employment of 30 years, HH Gregg, and was asking to see Skip. The other employees had no idea who the person was talking about. “I’m looking for Skip. He works here. Skip Secret.” Just then, Ray walked by. And the person said, “Him! Skip!”

Well Skip, was an animal lover. His mother was always ending up with animals she didn’t want, but because he was a boy scout apparently, he’d be allowed to keep them. He was smooth though. He found a way to move a poor cat into the house step by step. The cat stayed quite a while. Then there was the duck with the broken leg and although they tried, the duck didn’t make it. They tried a

splint, but the duck was “uncooperative.”

He might have been nice to animals, but Ray could carry himself. He studied at least three different kinds of martial arts and became a black belt in one. That didn't end his studying, He went to both Purdue and IU studying Retail management and Criminal Justice. The studying didn't stop for him. He became a Dance Instructor at Arthur Murrey's and could sweep across the floor gliding!

Ray's first marriage in the early 80's produced the kids he loved so dearly. Jason, Brian, Emily, and Rachel. He'd want you all to know how much he loved you. Later, through some very joyful and serendipitous keystrokes, He found Desiree! In 2014, they married. Oh the bliss and the challenge. They worked to blend the family together, and that doesn't come with out its challenges. And unfortunately, the couple was challenged with yet another hurdle when Ray suffered a heart attack and had to go on disability in April of 2015. But, Ray's difficulty, health-wise, did not stop him from not just telling, but showing, Desiree just how much he loved her. They enjoyed every moment God granted them together. They liked to be homebodies and curl up a watch the Colts play or watch movies together. It didn't matter if it was a sci-fi, a comedy, or an action-adventure movie, because they like so many of the same things, Ray and Desiree lived in the moment, and enjoyed it. Even though Ray's health didn't permit them to do all they dreamed of doing together, they enjoyed what God had given them, which was each other! Desiree took great care of him. When your mother-in-law says that, then you know it's true. She served him because she loved Ray and Ray would find as many ways as he could to show her how much he loved her back!

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