



Raymond J. Marschalk Jr.

December 18, 1941 - January 23, 2016

Raymond J. Marschalk, Jr., from Whitestown, Indiana, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, January 23, 2016, at the age of 74. His nickname growing up was “Butch”, but most people knew him as Ray.

Ray is survived by his former wife, Judy Marschalk Sholly (Dave), daughters Tami Roth and Traci Marschalk (Ray Moistner), twin grandsons Alex and Kevin Roth, and twin sister Linda Marschalk, as well as many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his mother and father, Raymond J. Marschalk, Sr. and Ruth Irene Marschalk, sisters Judy Marschalk and Ginny Askren, and infant sons Scott and Gregory.

Ray was born on December 18, 1941, in Stamford, Connecticut. He is a graduate of Northwestern Military and Naval Academy (high school), the University of Iowa, and ITT Technical Institute where he graduated first in his class.

Ray retired from Frakes Engineering in 2005 after 21 years of service as an electrical technician. He spent the last 11 years working part-time at Two North Meridian Co. doing commercial property maintenance. Prior to Frakes, Ray worked as a supervisor in the bottling industry at both Coca-Cola and Crown, Cork and Seal.

Ray enjoyed having lunch with his daughters, bowling, fishing, playing cards, Skyline Chili, going to his grandsons' sporting events, and spending time with his family. Ray was on two senior bowling leagues and participated in a senior euchre club. He liked classic cars, archery, and collecting cowboy 6-shooter guns and holsters. Ray also loved all his dogs and cats over the years. He enjoyed talking to everyone and giving kids high-fives. He liked to show off his unique talent of wiggling his ears, which he could do simultaneously or one at a time. Ray was also very talented at building and fixing things and made many decks and privacy fences for people over the years.

Ray was best known for his sweet disposition and his smile. He will be missed.

There will be a visitation at Shirley Brothers Mortuary from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 30, immediately followed by a memorial celebration at 4:00 p.m. Reverend Dr. Carolyn Scanlan-Holmes will officiate the memorial. All are welcome to attend and celebrate and remember Ray's life. We would like the memorial celebration to be informal, so please feel free to dress casually. Memorial contributions may be made to First Baptist Athletics, 8600 North College Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana 46240, or the Humane Society of Indianapolis, 7929 North Michigan Road, Indianapolis, Indiana 46268. Please note on the donation "In memory of Ray Marschalk".

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 30. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel
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Fishers, IN 46038
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<https://www.shirleybrothers.com>

Service

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Tribute Wall

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“ Googling family names, looking for Ray, Sr. and came across this obituary for Ray, Jr., my far away cousin. I only remember meeting him once when he brought his family to Pennsylvania, probably in the early 1970s. All I really remember is his pleasant personality and smile. My father and mother were John and Colleen Edris. Ruth was my dad's eldest sister. Ruth And Ray were kind to my parents when they were newlyweds in the late 1940s and moved to San Francisco near them. Our Aunt Mary Edris Wolfe is still living in our area and recently retired from her job at their family business at age 93. I believe she is about 95 now and in great health. I am sorry to hear of Ray's passing. It sounds like he was quite a man! Kris Edris Granger

Kris Edris Granger - January 08, 2020 at 05:38 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Raymond J. Marschalk Jr..



January 29, 2016 at 10:36 PM



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January 29, 2016 at 01:13 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Raymond J. Marschalk Jr..



January 28, 2016 at 05:29 PM



“ Words cannot express how deeply saddened we are over Ray's passing. Ray was a good man, a wonderful father, a proud grandfather, and a great friend. We have many happy and fun memories of Ray during our years together in Zionsville. Ray will be missed, not only by his loving family, but by all who knew him. Our deepest sympathy to Tami and Traci, and all his family and friends. We wish we could be there to share in the celebration of Ray's life. He was a special guy!
With Sympathy and Love,
Terry and Carol Rogers
The Woodlands, Texas

Terry and Carol Rogers - January 28, 2016 at 05:26 PM



“ I just finished reading some of the messages sent to our family, and I wanted to make a comment about the one from Frakes Engineering and Jim Frakes. Ray had only been with the company about 6 months when he had a terrible accident. Brakes went out of their way to work with Ray on his rehab, and even sent employees over to the rehab center with electrical panels to help him re-learn how to do them. It was a very long recovery, and they worked with him very hard to get him get back into the workforce at their company. We have always been extremely grateful for everything they did for Ray.

Judy Sholly - January 28, 2016 at 10:09 AM



“ *Imagination Blooms was purchased for the family of Raymond J. Marschalk Jr..*



January 28, 2016 at 08:23 AM



“ *Kristy Holzhausen lit a candle in memory of Raymond J. Marschalk Jr.*



Kristy Holzhausen - January 28, 2016 at 05:47 AM



My days always started off right whenever Ray was there to greet us coming into work with his great big smile. He liked to joke around. He was a sweetheart and I will greatly miss him! My thoughts and prayers go out to the family!

Kristy Holzhausen - January 28, 2016 at 05:50 AM



I enjoyed visiting with Ray whenever I opened the front desk for Anne. He would be around to assist with whatever was needed and always very helpful. He was very kind. I am so sorry for his loss.

Kathy Carroll

Kathy Carroll - January 28, 2016 at 09:35 AM



I left ISDH after almost 8 years in August to work at the Government Center, but Ray would always greet me when I came to visit. He was always a kind soul who loved to make people laugh. Truly one who will be missed.

Katie Grause - January 28, 2016 at 10:41 PM



I am saddened by the passing of Ray and regret that we did not connect when unknowingly we both wound up in the Indianapolis area. I attended school with Ray and his sister in Oak Park, Illinois in the sixties.

*My sympathy to the family,
John Timble
Indianapolis*

John Timble - January 29, 2016 at 06:54 PM

JF

“ from Jim Frakes; President; For those of you who were not here during Ray's tenure;

Ray, while working in the shop for Frakes Engineering, had an unfortunate accident in the early 1980's which affected his speech and motor skills. He was T-Boned at the intersection of US 31 (MERIDIAN) AND 111TH. Apparently not his fault.

With a Therapist, and Frakes participation, he first learned how to build a very small panel board, tear it apart and build it back again and again and again for nearly a year.

Through the next year he started working at Frakes again, first 1/2 day a week then two and so on until within the second year he was able to return full time. A remarkable recovery. He had the desire to re-learn his job. He still had some difficulties, especially with frustration when things did not go right or with loud music. When upset, we just told Ray to go home and come back tomorrow. He would be fine the next day.

Ray retired when he reached 65 or 66 but continued to work as a maintenance worker for his daughter Tami, who managed the downtown office building at 2 West Washington.

He recently had knee replacement surgery and was reportedly doing very well and happy

Ray joined Frakes Engineering in August 1984 and retired in January 2006. He was 74.

You may send your condolences to the family by visiting the Shirley Brothers web site.

Replies from some of my engineers who worked with Ray;

Dave Boesch; He gave me crap every day about having Bob & Tom and music on the radio. Still did it though! 😊 He was a good guy and did not make mistakes!

Kevin Hannigan; Saddened to hear about Ray, Yes I had him go home a couple of times but he was always back the next day, we would joke about it and everything was a back to normal.

His smile was infectious, he could not keep from grinning MOST of

the time.

Would get very frustrated when an engineer made a design mistake and he had to do it over.

Jamie Martin: I Saw Ray over the holidays in Meier store. He was happy and showed me pictures of his knee surgery and how good it felt.

Jim Frakes - January 27, 2016 at 02:46 PM