



Raymond Jay Kaiser

December 29, 1954 - October 25, 2015

Raymond J. Kaiser, 60, of Port Charlotte, Florida, formerly of Monrovia, unexpectedly and suddenly died on Sunday, October 25, 2015. He was born on December 29, 1954, in Indianapolis, to the late George Ritter and Shirley Rae (Farmer) Kaiser.

Ray grew up in Hall and graduated from Monrovia High School in 1973. While growing up he was actively involved with the Future Farmers of America and participated in 4-H. He worked as a union millwright for Allison Transmission for 33 years; honorably retiring in 2007. Full of ambition and youth, Ray chose to migrate south in Port Charlotte with his love, Julie Stone, where he opened a landscaping business called Kaiser Outdoor Maintenance, invested in property and a new offshore fishing boat.

A host with the most, Ray was an excellent cook that always wore a red apron and thoroughly enjoyed entertaining others. In addition he was a committed father, dependable friend, and devoted partner with a great sense of humor. He was an experienced fisherman. He had a soft spot for animals and children; especially his grandchildren, to whom he referred to as his “grand critters.” Ray found peace in the sea and could spend hours on the open water fishing.

Along with his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Marsha

Ritenour.

Survivors include his three sons, Jason Kaiser (wife, Michelle) of Solsberry, IN; Eric Kaiser (wife, Sarah) of Ft. Collins, CO and Kyle Kaiser of Washington D.C.; siblings, Steven Kaiser of Meadview, AZ, Randall Kaiser (wife, Margie) of Belfair, WA, Lorra Stettler of Murfreesboro, TN; Kelley Holt of Richlands, NC and Christie Thompson of Monrovia; grandchildren, Jason, Jack, Anna, Grace, Ethan, Charlotte, Oliver and Easton; loving companion of 15 years and soul mate, Julie Stone of Port Charlotte, FL.

Friends and Family may call from 4-8pm, on Friday, October 30, 2015, at Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel in Monrovia. The Celebration of Life Service will begin at 1pm, on Saturday, October 31, 2015, at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Monrovia 4-H Supporters, Morgan County Humane Society, or St. Jude Children's Hospital. To share a favorite memory, sign the online guest registry or light a candle in Ray's memory visit www.lightmemorial.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **30**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel
585 East Main Street
Monrovia, IN 46157
(317) 996-2101
<https://www.lightmemorial.com>

Celebration of Life

OCT **31**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JB

“ *My husband Jack Bain, worked with Ray for many years at Allison's. He always considered Ray one of his best workers and friend. After Jack retired he always appreciated the times Ray would stop by our house to see him. I know he will be greatly missed by all his family and friends.*
Jeanne Bain, Camby, In.

Jeanne Bain - October 31, 2015 at 08:00 AM

DW

“ *Debra Woessner Class of 73
Lit a candle in memory of Raymond Jay
Kaiser*



debra woessner - October 30, 2015 at 02:58 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the
family of Raymond Jay Kaiser .*



October 30, 2015 at 02:13 PM

EM

“ We had the true pleasure of meeting Ray a few years ago in Florida. When his friends Mike and Charlene suggested Ray as our "Lawn Guy", we didn't expect to find a new best friend in both Ray and Julie. Ray was always willing to help us without hesitation. Whenever we came to visit our future retirement home in Florida, Ray always made sure that we'd gather together and make a point of spending time together having a cook out, celebrating a holiday. He made us feel as though we really belonged, and that our futures as retirees should come sooner rather than later. Well Ray, now we know why you said, "well hurray up and do it". We've lost a great friend on this earth, he was a person of great character and honesty. We wish Julie and Rays family peace and the comfort in knowing that he touched so many many lives on this earth. He was a man of substance that we will never forget. We love you Ray. Julie, we'll see you soon.
Always, Nick and Natasha Makucha

Eugene N. Makucha - October 30, 2015 at 10:48 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Raymond Jay Kaiser .



October 30, 2015 at 08:44 AM

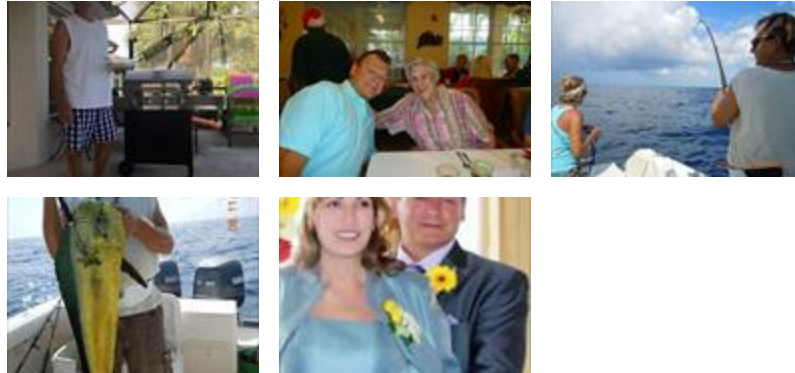
KC

“ I graduated with Ray from Monrovia in 1973 and always thought he was one of the nicest guys in school. My heart breaks for his family. May the loving memories you have of him bring you peace and comfort.

Kathy Wiley Carlino - October 29, 2015 at 11:47 PM



“ 8 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Julie Stone - October 29, 2015 at 09:03 PM



“ *Ray I I ran together a lot in the 5 thru 8th grades. We both played trumpet in band. He went on to other things than band in the 9th grade. I stayed at their house several times. He came to my house to ice skate in the winter. I remember our times fondly. I will greatly miss an old friend and classmate. Here are the pictures I found.*
Kelly McClara (Class of 73)



Kelly McClara - October 29, 2015 at 06:22 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Life Tributes*



Julie Stone - October 29, 2015 at 05:52 PM

KM

“ Kelly McClara sent a virtual gift in memory of Raymond Jay Kaiser



Kelly McClara - October 29, 2015 at 05:43 PM

SS

“ After reading all of the comments I realized that what I would write would be redundant. Ray was always the best friend a person could have. He was always in demand when he worked at Allison Transmissions, because everyone enjoyed his nature and because he helped wherever he could.

God will definitely enjoy his creation "Ray Kaiser". But, we will miss him greatly here.

One of your old boss'

Stan Sowder

Stan Sowder - October 29, 2015 at 05:20 PM

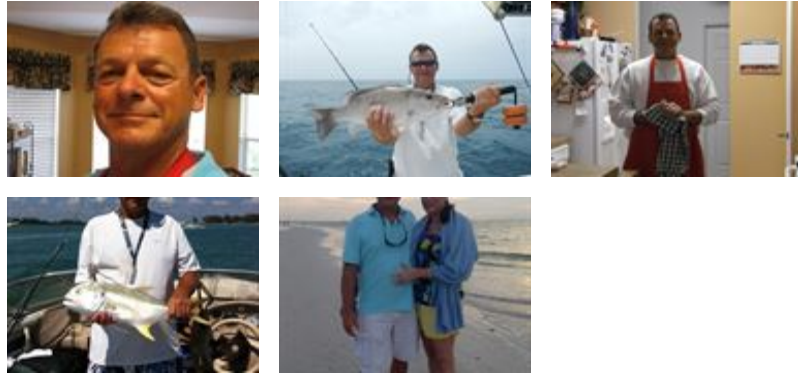
MT

“ The St. Jude for Children's Website www.stjude.org, If you make a donation in memory of Ray, check to see if your company you work with or retired from will match the donation. There is a drop down menu when you donate to check if your company will match.

Maureen Treece - October 29, 2015 at 04:25 PM



“ 95 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Light Memorial & Funeral Chapel - October 29, 2015 at 12:37 PM



“ *Kyle, my condolences to you and your family.*
Lynn Della Torre

Lynn Della Torre - October 29, 2015 at 10:03 AM



“ *Your Skilled Trades Family purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Raymond Jay Kaiser .*



Your Skilled Trades Family - October 29, 2015 at 07:27 AM



“ *Oh yes, I had the good fortune to see Ray in his Red Apron and experience his humour while he cooked for us. Making sure we had everything we could want.*



Giovanna Macri - October 29, 2015 at 04:11 AM

GM

“ I knew Ray before I met him. The Love when Julie talked about him was undeniable. This August I got to finally meet him. He welcomed my family into their home and was more genuine then I ever hoped for Julie He was Loving, kind and of course funny . He Loved life and it showed. He was one of the Best.



Giovanna Macri - October 29, 2015 at 03:32 AM



“ Amy Nash lit a candle in memory of Raymond Jay Kaiser



Amy Nash - October 28, 2015 at 09:50 PM

AG

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Andrea Greathouse - October 28, 2015 at 09:45 PM

KH

“ Kelley Holt lit a candle in memory of Raymond Jay Kaiser



Kelley holt - October 28, 2015 at 05:28 PM



“ *Christie Kaiser Thompson lit a candle in memory of Raymond Jay Kaiser*



Christie Kaiser Thompson - October 28, 2015 at 05:25 PM

WK

“ *William "Chet" Kindle lit a candle in memory of Raymond Jay Kaiser*



William "Chet" Kindle - October 28, 2015 at 05:04 PM

WK

“ *Ray and I went to school together at Hall Then On To Monrovia, We're Were Friends ALL throu School. Ray was a good guy haven't seen him in years but thought about him often. Condolences to the family, may the Lord comfort them at this time.*



William "Chet" Kindle - October 28, 2015 at 05:03 PM

MS

“ *Mary Sowers lit a candle in memory of Raymond Jay Kaiser*




mary sowers - October 28, 2015 at 04:52 PM

MS

I am so sorry for your loss.

mary sowers - October 28, 2015 at 04:54 PM


Jessica
Hess

“ *Jessica Hess lit a candle in memory of
Raymond Jay Kaiser*



Jessica Hess - October 28, 2015 at 03:51 PM

SR

“ *Ray and I worked together with Dave T for a while in Florida. He was such an honest man and a vey hard worker. You told Ray to do something you never had to check to see if it was done. He always went above and beyond what was asked of him. Always happy and in a good mood! He will be greatly missed. Personally he would do anything for you or lend you a hand in a moments notice. He was truly a wonderful person. He loved his house, loved Julie, always talking about his family and his Florida activities: fishing, bicycling etc... My prayers are with Julie and Ray's family and friends. Until we meet again in heaven, may God hold you in the palm of his hand.*

Sheila Reed, Florida

Sheila Reed - October 28, 2015 at 02:55 PM

JB

“ *John & Karen Burkhart lit a candle in memory
of Raymond Jay Kaiser*



John & Karen Burkhart - October 28, 2015 at 02:14 PM

BK

“ *Bob and Donna Lewis (parents of Sarah Kaiser) purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Raymond Jay Kaiser .*



Bob and Donna Lewis (parents of Sarah Kaiser) - October 28, 2015 at 02:01 PM



“ *Garden Accent - A heart of gold stopped beatin g... was purchased for the family of Raymond Jay Kaiser .*



October 28, 2015 at 02:00 PM

R(

“ *Reta Gibbs (Wirey) lit a candle in memory of Raymond Jay Kaiser*



Reta Gibbs (Wirey) - October 28, 2015 at 11:50 AM



“ *Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Raymond Jay Kaiser .*



October 28, 2015 at 11:09 AM

DM

“ *Deanna M. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathi
phyllum for the family of Raymond Jay Kaiser .*



Deanna M. - October 28, 2015 at 09:39 AM

RV

“ *We will remember Ray as being very friendly and always pleasant
and easy to
talk to..
We will miss your presence Ray...God Bless you and your family..*

Renee and Rich Vaccaro - October 28, 2015 at 08:44 AM

MT

“ We have lost our best friend of 35 years. Raymond was part of our family. Ray was my husband’s best friend. He called my husband, My Pal Dave, and even sent magazine subscriptions to him addressed to My Pal Dave. His kids grew up around us, and we even retired to Florida with Ray & Julie. To his sons and his grandchildren, I would like to say “your father and grandfather “old man” as he liked to be called, was the most wonderful person in the world. To Julie, Ray was the love of your life. Ray was kind, generous, loyal, the hardest worker I’ve ever seen, and always had us laughing hysterically. Ray’s character was simple; he always lent a helping hand to anyone who needed it. You never had to ask Ray for help, he would just ask “Hey, you need some help with that”? I hope everyone will honor this man by paying it forward to someone who someday might need a helping hand. We loved him, and we will miss him dearly. Yesterday, I asked Raymond to give me a sign that he was okay, I looked down and there was a receipt on the counter, and at the bottom of the receipt it said “Live Your Life”. That sounded like Ray, go on and just live your life to the fullest, and don’t forget to laugh everyday. Love you always.....Maureen Treece aka, Mo or as Ray would say Mareeeeeeeeeeeeeeeen!

Maureen Treece - October 28, 2015 at 08:27 AM

Terri Snider

“ Ray generously loaned his new trailer to my brother-in-law, Dave Treece, in order to move me back to IN from FL in 2012. From what I know of Ray, this was just the kind of guy he was - always willing to help a friend. My heart aches for his loved ones.



Terri Snider - October 27, 2015 at 10:29 PM

JR

“ I really didn't know Ray, but I do remember him from work. Still I knew you and I am really sorry to hear of your loss. My prayers are with you and your family.
Jeanette Riegel.

Jeanette Riegel - October 27, 2015 at 10:07 PM

DT

“ Ray and I have been best friends for over 35 years. We met when I moved to Wilbur just down the lane from him. Sometimes you can just tell when you first meet someone if you are going to like them or not. With Ray, I knew from the first that we were going to be best friends!
Anyone that new Ray knows that he would do anything for you. He helped me numerous times even after working 12 and 16 hour shifts at Allison's.
Ray will always be in my heart and thoughts till the day I meet him again.

Rest well my friend and save me a place on the fishing boat. I'll bring the beer!

Your Pal Dave

Dave Treece - October 27, 2015 at 07:40 PM

KO

So sorry for the loss of Ray. He was 1 year under me in school. He always seem to be a nice kid in school. May God Bless his family at this sad time.

Karen Owen (Riggs)

Karen Owen - October 28, 2015 at 03:21 PM

DP

“ Ray has been a kind and generous neighbor who truly believed in doing kind things for others. We will miss him very much in our South Gulf Cove community. We are tremendously sorry for the family's loss.



Daralyn Duquette and Lex Pelder - October 27, 2015 at 06:21 PM



“ Fishing and backpacking in the back country of Minnesota.....!

Bernie Blundell - October 27, 2015 at 05:18 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Raymond Jay Kaiser .



October 27, 2015 at 05:15 PM

LL

“ My memories with Ray go back lots of years. I believe they began in 5th grade at Hall Elementary. He was my first boyfriend; back in the 5th and 6th grades. Our families spent a lot of time together back then. I chuckle as I remember collecting eggs with him from the hen's nest. I was so afraid of those chickens!! We enjoyed a lot of wiener roasts and parties in the garage at my house. Gosh, so many memories. I am so happy that we stayed in touch via email since he moved to Florida. Thank you, Ray, for the memories and thank you for being my friend.

Louann (Griffith) Lloyd - October 27, 2015 at 03:43 PM