



# Raymond Sanford Rowe Jr.

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**R**aymond S. Rowe Jr., 79, passed away on March 23, 2025, in Safety Harbor, Florida.

Born on March 26, 1945, in Oneida, Kentucky, Raymond dedicated his life to service, both in the military and in his professional career. He served with distinction in the United States Air Force for 22 years, retiring as a Master Sergeant. During his tenure, he played a vital role as a Tactical Aircraft Maintenance personnel, ensuring the safety and operational readiness of the Air Force's flying fleet. His service included time during the Vietnam War, where his expertise and dedication contributed to the success of countless missions.

Following his military career, Raymond transitioned into real estate, becoming a respected broker and owner of ERA Five Star Realty until his retirement.

Raymond is survived by his son Michael J. Rowe and daughter-in-law Susie Rowe; daughter Angela Rowe and son-in-law Michael O'Steen; sisters Nancy Reid, Louise Durrance, Evelyn Dean and her husband Jim Dean who was also his best friend; brother Rayburn Rowe; and grandchildren Michael, Matthew, Alana, and Gabrielle. He was preceded in death by his daughter Melissa Anne Rowe; brother Robert Rowe and sister-in-law Judy Rowe; and parents Etta Mae Cottongim and Raymond Sanford Rowe Sr.

Raymond's legacy is one of dedication—to his country, his profession, and family. His memory will be cherished by all who knew him.

Two intimate gatherings will be hosted to celebrate Raymond's life and share in his memories: one in Tampa Bay & one in Tennessee. Dates are to be shared once arrangements are made.



# Tribute Wall

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**Brenda Collins** lit a candle in honor of Raymond.

I am so sorry to hear of Raymond(Ray) Rowe passing I sure am gonna miss him he was a delight to be around praying for the family RIP now Ray I love you always cuz

June 7 at 5:49 PM



**Linda Dalton** lit a candle in honor of Raymond.

Linda Dalton lit a candle in memory of Raymond Rowe

June 5 at 6:45 PM



**Jim Dean** posted:

My dearest Raymond, Words will never say what my heart feels, I miss you so much. The memories I have of you will remain in my heart always. You have been in my life for seventy seven years, you took care of me when I couldn't walk, you put my hip back in place when I fell, you always said that you would never leave me and that you would take care of me. But GOD called you home and I am OK with that. It will not be long till I will be seeing you again, I loved you yesterday, I love you today, and I will love you all the tomorrows. Thank you for being my strength, my joy, and my big brother. Love you Your Sister Evelyn

March 30 at 10:57 PM



**Nancy Reid** posted:

I love you brother. Say hello to Robert. My heart is broken. I look forward to seeing my brothers, mom, and in heaven. I will be there for your children when ever they need me. Since I was born 2nd in line and you the first, we are closest of kin. Love you forever

March 26 at 2:32 PM



**Liz Vaught** lit a candle in honor of Raymond.

My cousin Ray was always smiling, he loved a good joke, and often called just to say hello and he loved you. As a matter of fact I have every voice mail he ever left me. His passing has just devastated all that knew and loved him. You're home now, rest easy, I love you and will miss you ~ Liz

March 25 at 3:34 PM





# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Raymond by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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