



Dr. Alan Ray Ramsey

October 8, 1932 - August 1, 2020

ALAN RAY RAMSEY
WADESVILLE, INDIANA

It is with both sadness and joy we share that Alan Ray “Doc” Ramsey quietly and peacefully slipped away from us on August 1, 2020, at the age of 87. Born to William Earl and Elizabeth (Brown) Ramsey in Posey County on October 8, 1932, he was the sixth of seven children.

Upon graduation from Wadesville High School as class valedictorian, Ray briefly attended Purdue University before enlisting in the United States Army, serving three years in the Korean Conflict, with eleven months spent in Korea as an X-ray technician and was honorably discharged with the rank of Sergeant.

On December 27, 1952, Ray married the love of his life, Loyce Maier. They were married for 45 years until her death in September, 1997. They were blessed with five daughters, who all survive him. Ray made no secret of the fact that Loyce was his partner in life as well as the business.

Ray (or Alan, or Doc!) completed his education by graduating from Michigan State University with a Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine in 1960. He began his practice in Owensville, Indiana, serving the large and small animal community for fourteen years before moving his practice to Poseyville and later Mt. Vernon. Doc’s greatest love was for surgery, and many hours were spent ensuring the animals in his care received the very best of his abilities. He

retired in 1997.

A brilliant thinker and voracious reader with interests ranging from philosophy and religion to westerns, his knowledge of just about everything allowed him to converse with anyone he met, and he never met a stranger. He was a 32nd degree Mason, being an active member of lodges in Owensville and Poseyville. He also served on the board of the Good Samaritan Home, the Posey County Board of Health, and the local and state veterinary medicine associations. He was a long-time member of St. Peter's UCC in Wadesville, and later of Holy Angels Catholic Church in New Harmony.

Ray married Bonnie Prather in 2000, and they relocated to Colorado, where they lived the last 15 years. He loved the Rocky Mountains and spent time exploring the area. They travelled extensively, especially in the southwest. Bonnie survives Ray.

Ray and Loyce's greatest accomplishment and source of pride were their five daughters. While he acknowledges that they might not have chosen the path he would have liked for them, he also realized that he and Loyce raised them to be strong, independent women. As his daughters reminisced about his life, tears shed were greatly outnumbered by the laughs and stories shared about this man we were honored to call "Dad."

Ray was predeceased by his parents; wife, Loyce Marie Maier; sisters Ruth Pearce, Faye Forrester, and Diane Sue Wolf; and brothers, Earl Gene and William Jacob.

He is survived by his daughters, Beth Russell, Valerie (Henri) Rubinstein, Alana (Kevin) Sprague, Erin (Larry) Blankenberger, and Stacey (Paul) Jensen; grandchildren: Laura (Keith) Kuhn; John Adam Russell, Kristin (Jason) Curtis, Jeremy (Kim Delvicchio) Rubinstein, Abigail Sprague, Victoria (Justin) Reidling, Benjamin and Kaitlyn Blankenberger, and Zachary, Dylan, and Audrey Jensen; great-grandchildren Mallory, Natalie, Oakley, and Presley Kuhn, Devin and Logan Curtis, Lexie Cortes and Taylor Rubinstein, and Cecily Reidling, and his sister, Mary June Van Pelt. He is also survived by his wife, Bonnie Prather, and her daughters, Sue Carroll and Jane Prather.

Graveside services will be held Saturday, September 5, 2020, at 3 p.m. at Laurel Hill Cemetery in Wadesville, Indiana. In lieu of flowers please consider a memorial contribution to the Posey County Humane Society, 6500 Leonard Road, Mt. Vernon, Indiana 47620, or to a charity of your choice.

Cemetery Details

Laurel Hill Cemetery

6800 Hidbrader Road
Wadesville, IN 47638

Previous Events

Graveside Service

SEP 5. 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Alan Ray Ramsey*

October 06, 2023 at 09:05 AM



“ *Multicolor Bright Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. Alan Ray Ramsey.*



September 03, 2020 at 05:54 AM



“ *My sympathy to the family of Doc Ransey. I am so appreciative of the years Doc Ransey spent caring for animals, large and small. May Doc now rest in peace.*

Cathy - August 30, 2020 at 10:20 AM



“ *Bonnie, Daughters, et. al, Sorry to hear about the passing of Ray. He was a pleasant person and interesting to be around. I well remember your beautiful sharing of meditations with the prayer group at Holy Angels.*

Interesting to find out that there were five daughters. Keeping you and yours in my thoughts and prayers. Lena Feiner

Lena Feiner - August 27, 2020 at 08:08 AM

KW

“ Sorry to hear of the loss of your dad. High school was a long time ago but I remember him being kind to a bunch of girls running around! All your family are in my thoughts and prayers during this hard time. With love, Kim Armstrong Woods

Kim Woods - August 26, 2020 at 11:41 AM

BB

“ Thoughts and prayers to all the family.
Kent & Becky Bratton

Becky Bratton - August 25, 2020 at 09:17 AM

JM

“ I am saddened to hear of the loss of Ray. He was such a kind and gentle soul. I had the pleasure of caring for him at columbine. I would always spend a great deal of time with him and Bonnie. They would always tell me stories about their lives and i shall cherish those memories always.

Jess Mercer - August 19, 2020 at 03:20 AM

BR

Thank you so much for your kind words. And thank you so much for taking such good care of my dad. (Beth Russell)

Beth Russell - August 25, 2020 at 10:02 AM

MP

“ That which we lose, we mourn, but must rejoice that we have ever had. I did not know Dr, Ramsey personally but graduated from WHS the same year as his sister, Sue Ramsey Wolf.



Margaret Emma Paulson - August 15, 2020 at 12:09 PM

LS

“ *Sad to hear of the family's loss. He was a very good man, and a great, and caring veterinarian. Remember him coming out to the farm to treat our horses. The pets in heaven will have good care!* ”

Lynette Deason Shoemaker - August 13, 2020 at 12:14 AM

BR

Thank you so much for sharing your memory.

Beth Russell - August 25, 2020 at 10:03 AM

BC

“ *I remember Ray with great fondness. I grew up down the road from his family's farm and loved being in the presence of the entire family. They were all loving and kind, welcoming a skinny little girl who was in search of attention. My family owned a long haired dog who managed to get her coat so tangled and mangled that Ray gave her a hair cut to the skin one summer. He said that was the only way to take care of the problem. I will always think of him with affection though I haven't seen him in more than 50 years.* ”

Barbara Kleiman Clinton - August 11, 2020 at 07:24 PM

BR

Thank you so much for sharing this memory!!

Beth Russell - August 25, 2020 at 10:04 AM

CN

“ *I worked for Dr. Ramsey. The best man I ever worked for. He was such a awesome person. We went for a visit with him and Bonnie in March of 2016. Had the times of our lives. Going to miss our conversations. Love to him and his entire family.* ”

Connie Nurrenbern - August 11, 2020 at 05:53 PM



Thanks so much for sharing, Connie.

Beth Russell - August 25, 2020 at 10:04 AM