



Raymond John Van Vuren Jr.

June 19, 1932 - January 19, 2019

Former Michigan resident Raymond John Van Vuren, Jr. passed away on January 19, 2019 with his children by his side. Mr. Van Vuren was born June 19, 1932 in Lansing, IL to Raymond and Velma Van Vuren.

Raymond served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War as an airman and was trained as a military air traffic controller. In 1953, he married his high school sweetheart, Winona Lavery, in Grand Rapids, MI. Seven and nine years later, Raymond and Winona welcomed two children, William and Linda. Following his tour of duty, Raymond spent the remainder of his career, about 40 years, in public service with the Federal Aviation Administration. He worked first as an air traffic controller and then, ultimately, he was named the national Director of Air Traffic Service. Raymond saw the agency through the air traffic controllers' strike of 1981 and was instrumental in the construction of the air traffic control system still in use today in the United States.

Raymond is survived by his wife of 65 years, Winona; son, William; daughter, Linda; grandchildren, Dina, Andrew, Sarah, and Gianna; and great grandchildren, Aidan, Nora, Owen, and Charlotte.

Viewing and service will be held at Raymond Funeral Chapel in La Plata, MD on Saturday, January 26, 2019 beginning at 10AM. Interment at Trinity Memorial Gardens.

Cemetery Details

Trinity Memorial Gardens

3165 Mattawoman Beantown Rd.
Waldorf, MD 20601
<http://trinitymemorialgardens.com/>

Previous Events

Friends Received

JAN 26. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Raymond Funeral Chapel
5635 Washington Ave.
La Plata, MD
business.office@raymondfuneral.com
<http://www.raymondfuneralservice.com>

Service

JAN 26. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Raymond John Van Vuren Jr.*

October 08, 2023 at 10:45 PM



“ *Raymond John Van Vuren Jr.*

October 04, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ *Hi WINONA , my sympathy in the passing of your Husband. Would love to chat with you. Chuck and I live in Bradenton Fl. My phone number is (941) 705-0439, 9417619159. Have a blessed day.*

Barbara Jolliffe kuiper. - February 25, 2023 at 12:41 PM



“ *Hi Winona, just wanted to let you know that I am thinking of and praying for you and your family and that your grief and sorrow for the loss of Ray be short and turn only to sweet memories. I also carry grief as my wife Nancy passed away just 15 days after you lost Ray. It l'd a heavy burden but Am surrounded by a loving family which is truly a blessing. Stay strong my old friend. Bill Rood. mr.bi ll42733@gmail.com*

Bill Rood - February 23, 2019 at 01:10 PM



“ *Ray was a true pioneer. He, Winnie, Billy & Linda were my next door neighbors in Schaumburg. I worked with him at O'Hare, Elmendorf Alaska, and Denver. God bless you Ray and may you rest in peace .Lloyd Eastburn*

Lloyd Eastburn - February 18, 2019 at 11:41 AM

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“ Ray was not only a good man, he was a good friend! He was extremely supportive of those who had the good fortune of working with him as well as for him. A good manager who was straight forward and just fun to be around. I am thankful for the opportunities he afforded me. Rest in peace my friend, you will be missed!
Walt Claxton

Walter Claxton - February 01, 2019 at 05:37 PM