



## Ernest Ratterman

August 17, 1925 - November 22, 2022

Ernest Ratterman, age 97, passed away Tuesday, November 22, 2022, in Columbus, Ohio. He was born August 17, 1925. He was an army veteran and served in WWII in Europe. He graduated from the University of Cincinnati where he received a degree in aeronautical engineering. On August 25, 1950, he married Mary McCoy and they had seven children together and were happily married for 72 years. He began his career in Texas where he worked for Bell Helicopters. He joined the General Electric company in the early 1950's and worked for them in a variety of locations. He finally settled at General Electric Super Abrasives Division in Worthington, OH. Ernie maintained his keen engineering mind his entire life. He was a devout Catholic and a proud member of St. Peter Roman Catholic Church. He had a passion for sailing that dated back to his teenage years at camp and continued as he captained his own sailboat, the Windslipper, at his family's cottage in Cedarville, Michigan. Ernie loved being active and rode his bike, walked and rowed well into his 90s. He had an affinity for jazz music and was a member of the Central Ohio Hot Jazz Society for a number of years, enjoying many Dixieland jazz shows with his children and grandchildren in his later years. Ernie was a loving and devoted father, uncle, grandfather and great grandfather; nothing was more important to him than his wife and family. He is survived by his wife, Mary Ratterman; his seven children, Linda Ratterman, Nancy Morris, Susan Bodnyk, Amy Carman, Dan Ratterman, Jody Devereaux, and Sara Michaels; his eleven grandchildren, Greg Morris, Kaitlin

Reyna, Elise Bodnyk, Kyle Bodnyk, Paige Ratterman, Jason Ratterman, Kailey Devereaux, Lauren Ratterman, Sophie Devereaux, Patrick Devereaux, and Addison Michaels; and four great grandchildren. A Memorial Service will take place on Saturday, December 10th at 10:30AM at the St. Peter Roman Catholic Church.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Association. <https://act.alz.org/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ernest Ratterman*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Ernest Ratterman.*



December 09, 2022 at 03:55 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ernest Ratterman.*



December 09, 2022 at 03:04 PM



“ *Ernie was always a true gentleman and was a valuable member of the St. Peter Bible study class for many years. Despite his failing eyesight he could be counted as an interested and informed participant in any discussion of Scripture. His love and respect for Mary and his family was clearly evident. It was a gift to have known Ernie. God bless Ernie and his family.*  
*Kathie Rupp*

**Kathleen Rupp** - December 08, 2022 at 07:26 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Ernest Ratterman.



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November 30, 2022 at 09:50 AM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Ernest Ratterman.



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November 29, 2022 at 07:16 PM



“ *Love you always dad.*

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**Amy Carman** - November 29, 2022 at 03:19 PM