



Raymond Eugene Capots

September 14, 1937 - December 27, 2025

Raymond Eugene Capots, age 88, passed away on December 27, 2025, in Columbus, Ohio.

Raymond lived a life shaped by passion, discipline, and generosity. He loved carpentry, drumming, baseball, Ohio State athletics, and especially the OSU Marching Band--a source of pride and joy throughout his life. A gifted athlete, Ray played baseball, even speaking with a scout from the Cleveland Indians--an achievement he carried with quiet pride.

Those who knew Raymond remember not only his talents, but his warm hospitality, steady character, and lifelong commitment to serving others.

Raymond was born on September 14, 1937, in Youngstown, Ohio, to Louis Raymond Capots and Anne (Patrone) Capots. He attended Boardman Schools, after which he proudly joined the United States Army before beginning his college education.

He earned his Bachelor's degree from Youngstown State University and later completed a Master's degree in Criminology at Xavier University in Cincinnati.

Raymond dedicated his professional life to public service. He began his career at the Mahoning County Courthouse, working as Juvenile Parole

Officer, a role he approached with deep compassion and integrity. His commitment and leadership eventually led him to serve as Chairman of the Ohio Parole Board, where he was widely respected for his fairness and dedication to justice.

Prior to his working in the courts, Raymond shared his love of music by teaching drumming at McKelvey's. Teaching, mentoring, and encouraging others--especially young musicians--brought him great fulfillment.

His hobbies and interests were many. Some of which were woodworking, carpentry, drumming and music instruction, Ohio State athletics and the OSU Marching Band, baseball (player, fan, and lifelong student of the game), welcoming others with unmatched hospitality, an avid Frank Sinatra fan, and a Handel's Ice Cream proponent.

Raymond was preceded in death by his parents, Louis Raymond Capots and Anne (Patrone) Capots; his older brother, Louis Capots; and his younger sister, Judy (Capots) Watkins.

He is survived by the love of his life, and wife of 57 years, Carol (Craven) Capots, whom he met at the Mahoning County Courthouse; his nephews, Nick and Becky Watkins, Rick and Susan Watkins, and Danny and Belinda Capots. He is also lovingly remembered by many members of the Craven family, too numerous to name, but all of whom held him dearly in their hearts.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be Celebrated on January 10th, 2026 at 10:30 am at Saint Joan of Arc Church, 10700 Liberty Road, Powell, OH, 43065 where a Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service.

Ray is remembered by his loved ones as an honest man and patient man, who used humor to lighten the mood of every room he entered.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 10. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church
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Powell, OH 43065
<http://www.stjoanofarcpowell.org/>

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Tribute Wall

LF

“ *Mr Capots hired me in 1976 at the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction. He was the best boss I've ever had. So sorry to hear of his passing.*

Lois Farra - February 19 at 08:36 PM

AN

“ *I worked with Mr. Capots in the 90's when he came to Pickaway Correctional Institution monthly. He was wise and I learned a lot from him. He was a great guy. I am better for knowing him. My condolences for the loss of a great man. Annette Chambers-Smith*

Annette - January 12 at 12:25 PM

KB

“ *I work for ODRC and I remember Ray. He may have never known my name, but he always stood out to me as a person who was kind and well respected for his professionalism and wisdom. ~ Kim Beitel*

Kim Beitel - January 10 at 04:33 PM

DC

“ *Danny C. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Raymond Eugene Capots.*

Danny C. - January 10 at 03:45 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Raymond Eugene Capots.*



January 08 at 06:00 PM



“ *Denna LaMons-Pace planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Raymond Eugene Capots.*

Denna LaMons-Pace - January 08 at 06:00 PM



“ *Carol, I am so sorry about the passing of Mr. Capots. I first met him in 1983 on the job. He was the best boss ever. You and he embraced me and treated me like family. He gave the best advice and I never made a major decision about my home w/o consulting with him first.
He actually was a renaissance man who certainly will be missed. 🙏*

Margarette Ghee - January 08 at 04:15 PM



“ *The Dave Carmendy family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Raymond Eugene Capots.*



The Dave Carmendy family - January 08 at 04:08 PM

TF

“ *The Dave Carmendy family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Raymond Eugene Capots.*

The Dave Carmendy family - January 08 at 04:08 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Raymond Eugene Capots.*



January 08 at 12:03 AM

CC

“ *The most vivid memory I have of Ray was his deep, and unwavering love for Carol. His number one goal in life was that she was happy and he worked tirelessly to make that happen every chance he could? He would stand quietly in the background and watch her smile, and that filled his big heart! She was his EVERYTHING!*

Cathy Craven - January 02 at 08:20 AM

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PS As one of his favorite Frank Sinatra song goes, - Love & Marriage, they go together like a horse & carriage!

Cathy Craven - January 02 at 09:29 AM