



Raymond E. Belfrage

September 20, 1923 - March 15, 2022

Ray was born September 20, 1923, in Kearney, Nebraska to Swedish immigrants Herman and Julia Belfrage. He graduated from High School in Scotts Bluff Nebraska and served in the US Navy. His service was in the Atlantic Theatre during WWII, as a flight engineer in a PBY Catalina “flying boat”. His love of the Navy and airplanes was consistent through his life.

Ray married Dorothy Mae Stewart “Dottie” who preceded him in death after a 71-year marriage. After the War, Ray graduated from the Roosevelt School of Aviation in Long Island, NY and went on to a long career as an aircraft mechanic and inspector for the Navy. He retired as a civilian Navy plant representative, holding the position of Quality Control Supervisor in 1980.

As a member of the Reynoldsburg United Methodist Church, Ray was involved in the site location and building committee for the current church location on Graham Rd. Though Ray and Dottie moved to Upper Arlington and later Dublin, Ohio, they remained involved with many lifelong friends in Dottie’s hometown of Reynoldsburg. He served as past president of the Truro Township volunteer fire department. Ray was a current member of the Northwest United Methodist Church.

Ray was Past Master of Reynoldsburg Masonic Lodge #340, and a 70-year member. Member of the York Rite Bodies, a 32-degree Mason, Valley of

Columbus, and member of the Aladdin Shrine. Ray was Past Patron of Worthington Chapter, and Past Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of Ohio.

Ray passed away peacefully on March 15, 2022, surrounded by a family that loved him deeply. Ray was so very proud of his daughter Debbie (Gary) Peterson, grandson Joshua Peterson and granddaughter Julia Peterson, son Eric (Alison) Belfrage, grandson Ray (Kate) Belfrage. Ray also had two great grandchildren, Hollis, and Dane Belfrage, along with many nieces and nephews, friends, and caregivers.

In retirement Ray was a passionate woodworker. He loved wood and created many works of art with his hands. He built toys, furniture, and carved figures, he loved watching, identifying, and carving birds. As a great mechanic, he had a lifelong love of cars, which included his 1965 Ford Mustang. He also often talked about his 1936 Ford Cabriolet V8 Convertible as the one that “got away”.

Ray had an indomitable positive attitude throughout his life and only remembered the good. He was a supremely kind and caring person who affected all who knew him. Ray will be missed by those that loved him, and all that knew him loved him.

Services include Visitation Friday April 1, 4-6PM at Rutherford Funeral Home 450 W. Olentangy St. Powell, Ohio 43065 with an Order of Eastern Star Service at 6:00 PM and a Masonic Service at 6:30 PM. A Funeral service on Saturday April 2 at 11:00 AM at NW United Methodist Church 5200 Riverside Dr. Columbus, Ohio 43220

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 1. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Rutherford Funeral Home at Powell
450 West Olentangy Street
Powell, OH 43065
(614) 792-1471
info@rutherfordfuneralhome.com
<https://www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com/>

Memorial Service

APR 2. 11:00 AM (ET)

Northwest United Methodist Church
5200 Riverside Dr
Columbus, OH 43220

Tribute Wall



“ *Raymond E. Belfrage*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *Brother Ray has always been my favorite Brown Shoe sailor (Navy humor). He always greeted everyone with his broad smile and always asks about how you are doing in life. A great man who will be missed by many.*

Stephen Woody - March 29, 2022 at 11:58 AM



“ *Eric, Tony and i are so sorry. Here's a hug.*

Sandy and Tony Mollica

Sandra Martin-Mollica - March 28, 2022 at 01:34 PM



“ *Dear Eric and Ray,
Fond memories of Ray always eager to help. He shared his knowledge and craftsmanship with son and grandson. They say there is no better teacher than your parents. That is certainly an atonement to Raymond.*

Warm regards and sympathy, Kim and Steve Husmann

steve husmann - March 28, 2022 at 08:14 AM

JB

“ Ray was a very kind gentleman he never new a stranger .We had the pleasure of knowing loving Ray and Dottie for a number of years he always had kind word for everyone he loved our dog Big Redand everyone he met.We will miss him Rest In Peace.



Julieand Harold Tucker and BigRed - March 25, 2022 at 04:25 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Raymond E. Belfrage.



March 25, 2022 at 02:08 PM

SM

“ Sorry for your loss. Scott & Gretchen Mote

Scott Mote - March 23, 2022 at 08:11 AM

BY

Eric and Ray, so sorry to hear about your Dad, I remember him well. He was always there at our baseball games and scouting events. --Bob and Rob York

Bob York - March 25, 2022 at 01:38 PM

KC

“ I am so sorry to hear of Ray's passing. He was a mentor to me and many other members of Reynoldsburg Lodge and other Masonic bodies. I was happy he could attend the installation of the lodge and receive his 75 year award this year. I will miss him and will always hold his memory as a blessing.

*Ken Cohen
Past Master
Reynoldsburg Lodge*

Ken Cohen - March 23, 2022 at 07:44 AM

CO

“ Debbie and Eric, We are so sorry to hear of your dad's passing. Our parents were great friends with your's and shared many good and meaningful times together. Your dad was an especially good friend to our dad through Masonic Order, Job's Daughters, church and the Reynoldsburg community. May your memories bring you and your families comfort during the coming days.

*Connie Pack Owen
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Connie Pack Owen - March 23, 2022 at 07:21 AM