



Dwight Raymond "Ray" Buss

May 8, 1943 - November 14, 2025

IN MEMORY OF:

Dwight Raymond "Ray" Buss

Serving Location:

CRAIN PLEASANT GROVE-MURDALE FUNERAL HOME

31 Memorial Drive, Murphysboro, Illinois

Dwight Raymond "Ray" Buss was born in Ridge Farm Illinois on May 8th, 1943, to Eunice Buss (née Black) and Dwight Cecil Buss. He died on November 14th, 2025, at University of California San Diego Hospital.

Ray graduated from Ridge Farm High School in 1961. He went on to become a Staff Sergeant in the United States Army from 1967-1969, and was honorably discharged due to injury. He completed a B.S. in Economics from Southern Illinois University in 1971, and coursework towards a PhD in Economics before changing careers.

His eclectic work background spanned many fields- From being in charge of former Illinois Senator Paul Simon's District Offices and campaign work, to oil and gas drilling company owner, legal contractor, land developer, project

manager and real estate broker in the State of California - Ray thrived in fast-moving and dynamic work of all kinds. In his prime, he enjoyed gourmet cooking with challenging preparation, reading, and entertaining in his home with his family in Carbondale, Illinois. He was a proud resident of El Centro, California, from 2006 until he died.

Ray is survived by his daughters, Erica Buss of Murphysboro Illinois, Lesley Lundberg (née Buss) of Denver Colorado, grandchildren Lucy and Lincoln, as well as countless contacts and friends with whom he enjoyed banter, humor and political discussion. He gave generously to many local and national organizations throughout his life, focusing on marginalized populations and creating education and health for all. Ray will be laid to rest in Illinois.

A Private Inurnment was held at Pleasant Grove Memorial Park.

Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Pleasant Grove Memorial Park

31 Memorial Dr.
Murphysboro, IL 62966
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Tribute Wall

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“ So sorry to learn of Ray's passing. I have great memories from his years in Carbondale and Democratic Party activities. Lilly Crane, Carbondale

Lilly Crane - January 07 at 12:19 PM

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Thank you so much Lilly, that means a lot to us

Lesley - January 15 at 02:23 PM