



H. Ray Bush

June 14, 1934 - February 2, 2021

H. Ray Bush, age 86, of Makanda, passed away on Tuesday, February 2, 2021 at Manor Court in Carbondale.

He was born on June 14, 1934 in Bloomington the son of Clyde Harold and Dorothy Mary (Jackson) Bush. He married Margaret "Maggie" Rich on September 2, 1955.

Ray retired from Murphysboro High School after 25 years of teaching. However after retirement he found himself teaching another 9 years at John A. Logan College. He was a part of the Little Egypt Barber Shop Quartet and enjoyed singing with them for over 20 years. Ray also was a garden enthusiast. He was a member of Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church and the American Legion Post 127 in Murphysboro. Ray proudly served his country in the United States Navy during the Korean War.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Margaret; daughter, Christine Bass and husband Michael, grandson, Kristopher Bass and wife Rebekah and their son, Aiden; grandson, Jackson Bass and wife Anne and their daughter Rae; grandson, Jeremiah Bass and wife Casie; daughter, Linda Crain and husband Terry; grandson, Mitch Murphy and wife Erica and their children, Liam, Elliot, and Augustus; granddaughter, Michelle McNemar and husband Sean and their children, Julianne and Declan.

Ray was preceded in death by his father, Clyde Bush; mother, Dorothy O'Farrell; step-father, John O'Farrell.

Services will be private. Interment will take place in Mound City National Cemetery with full military rites.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's' Association and can be mailed to the funeral home at 135 W. Vienna St., Anna, Illinois 62906.

Cemetery Details

Mound City National Cemetery

Mound City, IL

Events

Details are pending.

Tribute Wall



“ *H. Ray Bush*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Ray's influence on me in high school was so very positive. His example of strong leadership, good instruction and the ability to communicate made me look forward to his class. I was fortunate enough to continue see him occasionally after high school and have always reflected on his positive example and will continue to do so. I am so sorry for your loss Maggie and family.*

Marvin Graff

Marvin Graff - February 07, 2021 at 12:03 PM



“ *I am so very sorry for this loss, Ray was my favorite teacher at Murphysboro High School and a very dear friend to my father Erle Rip Tomlinson JR and myself. I always have great memories of him. Thank you for the all of the great memories. Rip Tomlinson*

Rip Tomlinson III - February 06, 2021 at 06:05 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of H. Ray Bush.*



February 05, 2021 at 09:16 AM

TN

“ *Such a sweet sweet man...He always had a smile for meand a song*



Tina (nurse) - February 05, 2021 at 07:43 AM

MM

“ *Mr. Bush was one of the great teachers of MTHS. I spent lot of hours in his shop. Thing he taught me I still used today. Prayer.*

Mike Mills - February 04, 2021 at 10:58 AM

MP

“ *I am honored to be a student of Mr. Bush. I witnessed a great man of integrity. His teaching method was well planed. He stated the goals and expectations of his class early. I was not a great student but the lessens he taught,brought a lifetime of satisfaction of doing a job with pride. After winning an award in a national contest Mr. Bush was the teacher that congratulated me and told me I had a great future ahead of me. I will never forget his examples of kindness and encouragement. He was a man the helped me and many others. I am honored to call him a friend and mentor. I am praying for the family to have great memories of joy , hope and faith.*

Michael Pierson - February 03, 2021 at 08:42 PM

HB

“ *It was an honor and pleasure getting to know Ray through The Little Egypt Barbershop Chorus. Sing on Ray.
Herb Beattie*

Herb Beattie - February 03, 2021 at 12:34 PM

JR

“ James rosson my bush taught me a lot on metals class spent 4 years with him



James rosson - February 03, 2021 at 08:32 AM

MC

“ Ray, I will forever remember you as a loving husband to Maggie and the sweetest couple who were genuinely in love and simply inseparable. And although we knew leaving this physical world is inevitable and the time would eventually come, it doesn't make it any easier to see him go. May he rest in sweet peace in his heavenly home. Maggie, I pray your grief be softened with the many happy memories you shared. I can almost imagine the beautifully sweet reunion you'll share when you join him someday! Deepest sympathy to the entire family. He's gone, but never forgotten!

Melinda Clary - February 03, 2021 at 06:46 AM

LT

My sentiments exactly! Ray and Maggie are deeply missed and were loved by our Pleasant Ridge Church Family.

Lisa Tripp - February 03, 2021 at 10:02 AM

NB

Maggie and family, We are with you in heart and thoughts. What wonderful memories we share, making 'harmony' with the Barbershoppers! God bless you always, but especially now. Sending our love, Barb and and Norm Bauer

Norman Bauer - February 03, 2021 at 08:33 PM

RC

I was so blessed to work with Ray and the other guys in "D" wing at the Murphysboro high school starting in 1977. I started the first year of the new high school and continued there for 9 years. Ray was such a help to me. He was always willing to help me with mechanical questions but additionally helped me to deal with student discipline. Over the years I have talked to a number of his former students that always say how much they learned from Ray Bush. Skills that they continue to use for a lifetime. What a pleasure to have known Ray Bush. Sincerely, Rod Collard

Rod Collard - February 05, 2021 at 05:11 PM

CB

Maggie and Family, this is such sad, sad news. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this most difficult time. What a wonderful life Ray led for all of you and I'm so very sure you have many, many fun loving memories as a result. My memories go clear back to when Chrissy and Linnie were just littles and I was an occasional babysitter for them on whatever that street was just off Oakland Avenue in Bloomington. I'll always hold dear those memories. Ray was always so soft spoken and such a sweet guy. What the world needs (especially now) are more humans of his integrity. Love you all, Connie (Bush) Bandeko

Connie Bandeko - February 07, 2021 at 10:17 AM