



## Harry D. Ray

March 27, 1925 - November 14, 2015

Harry D. Ray, 90, formerly of Murphysboro, passed away at 12:26 a.m. Saturday, November 14, 2015, at the Carlyle of Stonebridge Lake, in Southlake, Texas.

Harry was born on March 27, 1925, in Murphysboro, to Harry Ray and Ruby (Reiman) Ray.

He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

He had worked as an engineer with the Illinois Department of Transportation for thirty seven years.

Mr. Ray was a member and elder of the United Methodist Church in Murphysboro. He had served on the Murphysboro School Board, where he had been a past president. He had also served as a leader in the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts of America. He was also a member of the Elk's Lodge.

He enjoyed gardening, woodworking and spending time with his family.

Harry married Joan Ballard on December 25, 1947, in Murphysboro, Illinois, and she survives.

Other survivors include two children and their spouses Steve and Pat Ray of Suwanee, GA and Cheryl and David Rath of Haslet, TX

six grandchildren Jennifer (Rath) Brauen and her husband Matt Brauen, Eric Rath, Ashley (Ray) Semerenko and her husband Alex Semerenko, Brian Ray and his wife Mallory Ray, Jeffrey Ray Anyan, and Kaitlyn Ray Anyan Hansen and her husband Chris Hansen:

five great grandchildren Tyler Brauen, Cooper Brauen, Tinley Brauen, Vivian Semerenko, and Addison Ray;

one brother Homer Ray of Orange City, FL;

He was preceded in death by two sons Harry David Ray, Jr. and Thomas Scott Ray, one brother Dr. John Ray, and his parents.

His body has been cremated. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, November 21, 2015, at the United Methodist Church in Murphysboro. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the church. For more information, please visit [www.pettettfuneralhome.com](http://www.pettettfuneralhome.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Harry D. Ray*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Dearest Mrs. Ray, Steve and Cheryl,  
It is with a heavy heart I write to you, expressing my condolences on the passing of Mr. Ray. He was always such a special person to me as well as dear, sweet Mrs. Ray. I have such happy memories of the times I spent at your Westwood Hills home. I have always and continue to hold the Ray family close to my heart. I would love to have your addresses and phone numbers if possible to share with you a more personal message. Please know that I will be thinking of you in the coming days. Feel my arms around you sending hugs and love and wishing you peace and comfort at this time. With affection, Tricia Flanigan Parmley-miss you all so very much.*

Patricia Parmley - November 19, 2015 at 10:44 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with your family at this sad time.*

Marietta Strothmann - November 14, 2015 at 09:34 PM