



## Raymond Melhorn

July 22, 1929 - September 8, 2020

Raymond Melhorn, age 91 of Herrin passed away at 3:34 AM on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at Herrin Hospital.

He was born July 22, 1929 in Herrin to Ben and Lucy Justice Melhorn. He married Lorna Jean Wiseman on May 5, 1950.

Ray was a long time member of Hurricane Memorial Baptist Church in Herrin, where he served as a deacon for many years. He was also a Past Master of the Herrin Masonic Lodge and received his 50 year Masonic pin on June 16, 2007. Ray had been a HAM Radio operator since 1951, and served as treasurer of the "Breakfast Club" and "Sara Radio Club" for many years. Ray was employed with the United States Postal Service for 29 years, and retired in 1995.

Ray is survived by his wife, Lorna Jean Melhorn of Herrin; sons, Terry (Chris) Melhorn of Hurst, Les (Pat) Melhorn of Highlands Ranch, CO; daughter, Sara (Ed) Reif of Loveland, CO. He is also survived by grandchildren, Tracie Zoller of Herrin, Kellie Green of Herrin, Matt Taitt of St. Louis, MO, Jennifer Teubel of La Vergne, TN, Adam Fordham of Orange, CA, Matt Fordham of Highlands Ranch, CO, Shauna Melhorn of Denver, CO, Benjamin Melhorn of Denver, CO, Aaron Reif of Des Moines, IA, Jordan Reif of Loveland, CO, and 10 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Bessie Martinez; brother, John Melhorn; granddaughter, Dana Leslie Melhorn; and great-granddaughter, Nevaeh Green.

A private burial was held in Egyptian Memorial Gardens on Monday, September 14, 2020. Masonic rites were held privately at Crain Funeral Home Egyptian Chapel in Energy on Saturday, September 25, 2021 with Herrin's Prairie Masonic Lodge #693 performing the customary Masonic rites.

Crain Funeral Home Egyptian Chapel in Energy is in charge of arrangements.

In lieu of flowers and gifts please consider a memorial donation in Ray's honor to Hurricane Memorial Baptist Church in Herrin. Envelopes are available at the funeral home or can be mailed to the church at 505 S 22nd St, Herrin, IL 62948.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Raymond Melhorn*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Jean and family, I am saddened to see that Ray has passed. Wow, 91 years old. When I think of him I still remember him as a great, young father and husband. He was always so nice to me. May you take comfort in your faith, family and friends and keep your memories close to your heart.*

**Patti Vallett** - September 11, 2020 at 07:21 AM



“ *Ray was the person who led my father (Norman "Pappy" Younkin) to the Lord. He spoke often of that moment and of his friendship. For that, I am eternally grateful as I know my father was. I can see him with open arms for Ray at heaven's gate. With great respect,  
John Younkin*

**John Younkin** - September 10, 2020 at 11:38 AM



*Ray and Pappy were good friends of my dad, A. G. Sizemore. They were wonderful men and I'm sure there in Heaven finding a project to do together!*

**Darlene S Cook** - September 10, 2020 at 04:59 PM

WL

“ Ray was one of my brother’s (Kenneth) best buddies and my friend also  
Good fond memories of growing up in Herrin

Walter Longman - September 10, 2020 at 09:19 AM

GA

“ Ray was a fun and caring individual, he loved making jokes, but what he loved most was his wife Jean and traveling with her. May God be with everyone that loved him. I know I will miss him a lot, as Ray and Jean kind of became parent figures to me. 💕😭🙏

Gaby - September 09, 2020 at 01:33 PM

PB

Paul and I have such WONDERFUL memories of Ray. He was a Strong Christian Man who had such a JOY for the Lord. We loved talking and spending brine time with both Ray and Jean. You always saw them together. We will miss Rays laugh and smile. All who knew Ray were better for it....Paul and I send our most sincere sympathy to Jean and the Family. We know that he is CELEBRATING in the arms of His Lord

Paul and Eva Bennis - September 10, 2020 at 04:45 PM

DC

I have so many fond memories of Ray. He never met a stranger, always cutting up, and looking at the brighter side of situations. What a wonderful Christian man he was!

Darlene S Cook - September 10, 2020 at 05:02 PM

RC

*I have so many wonderful memories of Ray! He was a great man. He loved the Lord and he loved people and was always ready to help anyone in need. When Otis became a deacon Ray was his mentor. For many years together they served God and the people of Hurricane Memorial Baptist Church and now they are rejoicing together in heaven. I send my sincere sympathy to Jean and all the family. God bless you all!*

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**Ruth Ann Calliss** - September 16, 2020 at 12:24 PM