



## Raymond "Ray" Trimble, Jr.

May 28, 1926 - April 29, 2025

IN MEMORY OF:

Raymond "Ray" Trimble, Jr.

Serving Location:

CRAIN FUNERAL HOME – EGYPTIAN CHAPEL

3208 South Park Avenue, Energy, Illinois

Raymond "Ray" Trimble, Jr., age 98, of Carterville, passed away on Tuesday, April 29, 2025 at his home.

He was born on May 28, 1926, in Sidell, Illinois, to Raymond, Sr. and Helen (McGee) Trimble. He was married to Mary Jo Trimble for 38 years and she survives.

Ray served his country during World War II by enlisting in the U.S. Naval Reserve Air Program during his senior year in High School. His last operational duty was aboard the carrier USS Randolph in the North Atlantic as a member of the Torpedo Squadron #20 where he flew Grumman Avengers off the carrier deck. He then worked for McDonnell-Douglas as an aeronautical engineer working on the Heat Shield Project for spacecrafts and

the Patriot Missile Program. Ray was most known for being a legend in the Brittany World. Ray's involvement with the bird dog field trials started around the 1950s. He was the first pointing dog man to receive AKC's Lifetime Achievement Award. He was also inducted into the American Brittany Club Hall of Fame, the Brittany Field Trial Hall of Fame, and was named a Living Legend by the Bird Dog Museum. Some of his accomplishments include winning the National Open All Age Championship in 1963 and the National All Age Amateur Championship in 1986. In 2017, Ray became what is believed to be the oldest person to win an American Field Amateur Championship. He was 90 years old and six months of age at the time. In 2021, Ray did one even better when he won, with his dog, Tuff, an American Field Open Championship. He was 94 years and six months of age. Ray was also an active member of the Hickory Ridge Senior Golfers and was a member of the former Aldersgate United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Jo; son, Mark (Carole) Trimble of Poplar Bluff, MO; step-daughter, Donna (Joey) Mott of Glenmora, LA; three grandchildren, Jamie (Liz) Trimble, Josh (Kelly) Trimble, and Alyssa (Johnnie) Spraggins; three step-grandchildren, Natasha Mott, Courtney Mott, and Zack (Laura) Mott; seven great great-grandchildren; and sister, Betty (Harold) Lareau.

Along with his parents and his first wife, Ruby, he is preceded in death by his son, Scott Trimble.

Funeral Services with military honors will be held on Tuesday, May 6, 2025 at 12:00 PM at Crain Funeral Home Egyptian Chapel with Pastor Steve Utey officiating. Visitation will be held the day of the service from 10:00 AM until 12:00 PM at the funeral home.

Entombment will follow the service at Egyptian Memorial Gardens Mausoleum.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Bird Dog Foundation (Brittany Wing) in Ray's name at Bird Dog Foundation, 505 TN-57, Grand Junction, TN 38039

Crain Funeral Home in Energy is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Egyptian Memorial Gardens

3208 S. Park Ave.  
Energy, IL 62933  
(618) 942-6051  
crain@crainsonline.com

# Previous Events

## Interment

**MAY 6.** 1:45 AM - 1:15 PM (CT)

Egyptian Memorial Gardens  
3208 S. Park Ave.  
Energy, IL 62933  
(618) 942-6051  
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## Visitation

**MAY 6.** 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Crain Funeral Home - Egyptian Chapel  
Hwy 148 just north of Illinois 13, next to the Williamson County Airport  
3208 S. Park Ave  
Energy, IL 62933  
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## Funeral Service

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MAY 6. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (CT)

Crain Funeral Home - Egyptian Chapel

Hwy 148 just north of Illinois 13, next to the Williamson County Airport

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Energy, IL 62933

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# Tribute Wall

HW

“ Harry and Sue Wirth purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of Raymond "Ray" Trimble, Jr..



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**Harry and Sue Wirth** - May 04, 2025 at 12:13 PM

LF

“ Love The Ve'a Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Raymond "Ray" Trimble, Jr..



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**Love The Ve'a Family** - May 03, 2025 at 05:30 PM

SS

“ My condolences to the family of Mr. Trimble. Mary Jo, if I can help you in any way, please let me know.

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**Sandra Smith** - May 03, 2025 at 03:28 PM

EG

“ Ed & Judy Graves purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Raymond "Ray" Trimble, Jr..



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**Ed & Judy Graves** - May 03, 2025 at 02:48 PM

DM

“ *Godspeed Ray. I'll watch over Mom for you down here while you watch out for her from heaven. Keep running those Brittany's in heaven!* 💜

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**Donna Mott** - May 03, 2025 at 10:38 AM