



Raymond A. Harbach

April 4, 1942 - June 29, 2011

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SUN CITY, AZ- Raymond A. Harbach went home to his Lord and Savior on Wednesday, June 29, 2011, in Sun City, AZ at the age of 69. The cause was Melanoma.

Ray was born April 4, 1942 in Racine to Christian parents Benjamin and Lydia (Dell) Harbach. He attended school in both Racine and Kenosha, and served his country in the Army National Guard for over four years. In the 1960s he was lead singer for the band Ray Allen and the Trendels, and recorded several records. On June 15, 1968 Ray married Ingeborg "Konni" Konstanti in Las Vegas, NV. He then worked as a salesman for over 30 years before discovering a love for chainsaw carving. He and Konni have spent the last 13 summers making and selling their carvings at Custom Landscaping Garden Center of Eagle River.

Ray is survived by his wife, Konni; one son, Timothy (Amy) Harbach; two grandchildren, Iris and Harrison; four brothers, Edward (Dorothy) Harbach, Benjamin (Bette) Harbach, Dennis Harbach, and Russell (Tammy) Harbach; three sisters-in-law, Rosemary Harbach, Shirley Harbach, and Doris Konstanti; two brothers-in-law, Klaus Konstanti, and Ekkehard (Angela) Konstanti; special friends, Al Collins, Donna Baum, Frank (Carol) Cox, and Ron (Ida) Ruthe; other relatives and friends.

Ray was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Daniel Harbach, and LeRoy Harbach; a sister-in-law, Carolyn Harbach; a brother-in-law, Dietrich

Konstanti; and a nephew, Danny Harbach.

As Ray contemplated his life, in his last weeks, he was overcome by God's mercy and grace. He felt blessed to be raised in a Christian family, married to a wonderful wife, father of a good son, and gifted with loving grandchildren. He wanted to be remembered as "the luckiest bum that ever lived." He viewed those blessings and his salvation as gifts from God, through grace and mercy alone, by no merit on his part.

Funeral services to celebrate Ray's life will be held at 1 pm on Tuesday, July 5, 2011 at Epiphany Lutheran Church, 2921 Olive St. in Racine with Rev. Thomas Kraus and Rev. Michael Zarling officiating. Visitation will be held from 11 am until the time of service on Tuesday at the church. In lieu of flowers a memorial fund has been established for his family.

Cemetery Details

West Lawn Memorial Park

9000 Washington Ave
Racine, WI 53406

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 5. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Epiphany Lutheran Church
2921 Olive Street
Racine, WI

Funeral Service

JUL 5. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Racine, WI

Tribute Wall

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“ Mom and I are very sorry for your loss. Ray and Al Collins were at St Catherines when dad was in there last year and they played music for him and we are very grateful for that act of kindness.



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