



Fred R. Varner

November 2, 1945 - December 7, 2023

Fred "Ray" Varner, 78, of Sterling Heights, MI, passed away on Thursday, December 8, 2023, at his home, surrounded by the love of his family. He was born on November 2, 1945, the cherished son of Clarence and Frances (Foster) Varner.

Ray dedicated his working years to the craft of Fixture Building, leaving a legacy of skill and craftsmanship that will be remembered by those who worked alongside him. However, his true passions extended far beyond the confines of his profession. In the quiet moments of his life, Ray found solace in gazing up at the stars, captivated by the mysteries of the cosmos.

A devoted family man, Ray's heart overflowed with love for those closest to him. He shared a special bond with his late wife, Helen "Tuddy," and together they found joy in their shared love for the Detroit Lions. Each week, Ray and Tuddy would come together to cheer on their beloved team, creating cherished memories that will be held dear by all who knew him.

Left to cherish Ray's memory are his daughter, Allison (Randy) Neroni, and their three children: Hunter (Carly) Neroni, Samantha Neroni, and Ian Neroni. He is also survived by his sister, Mari Frances Varner, and sister-in-law, Sharon (Al) Duncan. Ray's enduring love and wisdom will be missed by his family and friends.

Preceding him in death are his wife, Helen "Tuddy," his parents, Clarence and Frances, and other friends and family members who have gone before him.

In accordance with Ray's wishes, a visitation will be held at Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors on Monday, December 11, 2023, from 4:00-8:00 p.m. The family kindly asks that those who knew and loved Ray share their fondest memories at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com, creating a virtual space to celebrate the life of a remarkable man who touched the hearts of many.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 11. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home
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“ My condolences and deepest sympathy to Mari Frances, Allison, Sharon and Ray's entire family. I haven't seen Ray in quite some time but through the wonders of social media we have been in pretty close contact the last couple of years. He loved you all so much. I always considered Ray to be a man of few words but between grandkids and the internet he became a bit more "chatty" might be a good word to describe him especially after Tuddy's passing. They will both back together again where they have always belonged. Rest in peace Ray!

Ron Houghtaling - December 11, 2023 at 09:55 AM