



Raymond Chammas

August 17, 1979 - December 25, 2023

Raymond Chammas, a 44-year-old Navy Veteran and 20-year resident of Columbus, Ohio, died unexpectedly in Columbus on Christmas Day 2023. Ray is survived by his sweet and loving mom Terry Lewis, older sisters Jennifer Achatz and Nicole Rule, cousin Earl Mah, and was a loving Uncle to Kedzie Rule, Elsa Rule, Ainsleigh Rule, and Olive Rule. Raymond was predeceased by his loving grandparents Earl and Dorothy Barg, and Aunt Joyce Mah.

Ray also leaves behind many friends from his school years, service in the Navy, college, and motorcycle buddies.

Ray was born August 17, 1979, and raised in Oxford, Michigan by his beloved single mom. He was brought up seeing the hard work ethic his mom instilled in him, to never give up on his dreams, that he was worthy of amazing things, and with so much love. Ray was also blessed with incredibly loving maternal grandparents who taught him about farming, and hard work, and he spent many years helping his grandparents on the farm and going to the Detroit Eastern Market.

He enjoyed playing many sports for Oxford schools; football, baseball, and wrestling. Ray was an excellent leader and teammate and was loved by his coaches. He was a big Michigan fan and when attending Ohio State games would often wear Michigan apparel. At his college graduation ceremony from OSU, he had a big letter M on his cap!

Ray was also an excellent student and received honors in HS, even making

the list of "Who's Who Among American High School Students," a prestigious list that recognizes academic excellence, leadership, and community service. After graduating HS in 1997, Ray went on to serve in the Navy for 6 years aboard the USS Pearl Harbor and was stationed overseas when 9/11 happened. Ray received high recognition for his time in the Navy EN3 (Seaman) honorably discharged after several years of commendable service. Ray used his GI bill benefits to obtain his Bachelor of Science in Nursing completed in 2007 from Ohio State University, again graduating with honors and a 3.5 GPA. At the time of his death, Ray was in the process of completing his master's in engineering degree also from Ohio State University. There he maintained a 3.9 GPA and served as a teacher's assistant for several advanced engineering courses under Ph.D. professors.

Ray was also a proud owner and operator of his own HVAC business, RC Heating and Cooling where he received his 3rd class steam engineering licensure from Columbus State Community College.

Ray loved fully. He loved and cherished his mom the most. He was an incredible son, always recognizing and celebrating his mom on holidays and her special days such as her birthday and Mother's Day. He would visit her frequently and often send flowers no matter where he was. He made sure his mom was taken care of, safe and loved. Ray was the most loving and caring son, grandson, brother, cousin, uncle, and friend, and will be greatly missed. We will miss his warm hugs, handsome dimpled baby face smile, infectious laugh, and his enthusiasm for life.

A memorial gathering will take place on Saturday, January 27, 2024, from 1-3 pm with a eulogy service at 1:30 pm at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home 8459 Hall Road (3 blks E. of Van Dyke) Utica.

In honor of Ray and his beautiful life, and in lieu of flowers the family requests donations can be made to any local mental health services or a veteran support organization.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

JAN 27. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home
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Utica, MI 48317
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Tribute Wall

SH

“ I was so sorry to hear about Raymond. Sending much love and prayers to his family. May his beloved memory be a blessing.

suzanna Hsydu - September 19, 2024 at 10:06 AM

JF

“ Always remember your smile and kindness to others, even after all these years. You touched so many people, may your heart rest in peace Ray.

Jennifer Fruk - January 27, 2024 at 05:23 PM

GZ

“ My name is Glen Zastrow I was one of the 2 Watch Captains in the ships Galley and saw Ray on a daily basis coming through the serving line be it Breakfast, Lunch or Dinner and yes he always had a smile on his face no matter the situation. While I was a seasoned Sailor with 15 yrs in by the time I served on the Pearl Harbor I always enjoyed seeing all the new sailors of which made up a good portion of the crew from Officers down to enlisted navigate the ship and work spaces, even from our early beginnings at PCU Peal Harbor at 32nd St the flight to New Orleans, Mardi Gras and Bourbon Street ,The Landmark and Quality Inn hotels I believe he was at the Landmark I was at The Quality Inn to Avondale Shipyard the man still continues to smile, I left the ship in the Persian Gulf on her maiden cruise and went to shore duty then retirement I'm not sure how far Ray continued in service after I left and 9/11 happened and some of the crew went into SWCC/ Seabee units in support of our Country whatever the case may have been for Ray I know he continued to smile through it all. RIP Shipmate you will truly be missed by all who's lives you touched.🇺🇸

Glen Zastrow - January 14, 2024 at 01:11 PM

JE

*Glen,
Thank you for sharing, it means so much to us at a very difficult time.
Ray had the most incredible smile and ability to look at the bright side
of things. I only wish we could have helped him more during these last
few years.*

Ray left the navy in 2022, he served 6 years.

*Thank you for your friendship to my brother. It's comforting to know he
had so many great sailors watching over him.*

Jennifer -sister

jennifer - January 16, 2024 at 08:51 PM

JE

*Oops, meant to say he left the navy in 2002 after serving 6 years. Yes
he was enlisted during 9/11*

jennifer - January 16, 2024 at 09:11 PM

RH

“ My name is Rob Holmes, I was the the Ships oil king and LPO of the USS Pearl Harbor from around 1999- 2003/4. I have thought several days about how I was going to write this. I thought about how I could tell you how He has such a integral part is changing the Oil labs we ran through out the LSD fleet or how we developed a system that is still used today. Or I could tell you the story of when I first met a young kid that was mess cranking that was assigned to come work for me when his mess duties were complete. During our first 5 minute meeting, I mentioned that I had invited anyone that didn't have any family to spend the Christmas holiday to spend with were welcome to spend with me and my family. Ray was the only one that showed up. All though we we had only had a brief 10 min meeting before, knowing I was was going to be his LPO Ray came and not only impressed me but also my my Family. If memory serves me right, Ray stayed until the following day, By the time he left, My wife, Rita felt she had a new son, I had a 4 year old and 13 old daughter arguing which one was going to marry him. ((the 4 year old, Elizabeth to this day says she was the clear choice) Not only did Ray, for lack of a better term, work for me, He became the Work Center Supervisor of what I consider the the best Oil lab ever created. Much more importantly Ray became not only my friend friend but he became part brother and part son to me. Although it has been many years since we worked together, my family and myself think about you with fond memories and the love as part of our family.

I wish all of Ray's family and friends condolences is the loss of a good man and a great friend

Sincerely,
Robert Holmes
Rr2.Holmes@gmail.com
619-571-6533

robert holmes - January 13, 2024 at 11:17 PM

JE

Robert, this is beautiful and a reminder of the ray we all knew and loved.

*Thank you for writing such a wonderful memory
I'm going to reach out to you through email. Thank you for including your contact.*

Jennifer- sister

jennifer - January 16, 2024 at 08:45 PM

JE

“ 4 files added to the album Ray



jennifer - January 12, 2024 at 12:21 PM

DT

“ Terry and girls I am deeply sorry for your loss. He was like my second son. Rest in peace kiddo. Mother Tucker thinking of you fondly. Love and light.

Denise Tucker - January 10, 2024 at 09:20 PM

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robert holmes - January 13, 2024 at 10:12 PM

JE

Thank you Denise, Ray loved you and Mr. Tucker and of course Justin

Jennifer - January 22, 2024 at 05:26 PM