



## Raymond "Ray" P. Pini Sr.

March 3, 1937 - March 1, 2018

Pini

Raymond "RAY" P.Sr., passed away peacefully at home in Shelby Township, Michigan March 1, 2018. Beloved husband and best friend of Genevieve (Bolas), they were married August 23, 1958, St. Lawrence Catholic Church, Utica, Michigan.

Proud and Loving Father of Gina (Peirre) Savoie, Raymond P. Jr. and Jeffrey (Shannon). Proud grandfather of Haley and Kelsey Savoie, Jenna, Ryan, Jeffrey Jr., and Kyleigh. His late parents Gene G. and Jennie V. Pini were gifted with the birth of their son Ray born on March 3, 1937. Joining his two surviving brothers Ronald G. (Diane) and Robert L. (Deborah) Pini.

Ray was a genuine family man as well as a community and business leader. He co-owned and operated the family business Utica Distributors, Utica, MI in the wholesale of garden equipment.

He was a member of the Utica Kiwanis Club and a loyal member since 1958 serving as a Sheriff for many years, incentivizing many Kiwanians to make larger donations and receiving larger fines. Ray with his great friend the late Bill Hoehn had the dream to start a new Kiwanis Club in the community that would focus on seniors as their members and in April 2015, unfortunately after Bill's death, the Kiwanis Club of Shelby Golden K was chartered in Bill's honor and Ray served as the First Club President. Ray was recognized throughout the community for his contagious laughter, generosity, kindness and commitment in helping many different philanthropic needs. He was member of

the Sterling Heights Chamber of Commerce and recognized for his dedication and humble commitment to our community in 1985 by Man of the Year in Shelby Township. Ray was always encouraging his daughter and sons to keep loving their families with ethics, respect and moral values, including his partnership with his son Ray in the hot air balloon business and became known as "Captain Cutty" and also helping his son at his restaurant in Shelby Township.

Family will receive friends at Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Road, (3 blocks East of Van Dyke on the north side of M-59), Utica, Michigan on Tuesday March 6th, 2018, from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. and Wednesday March 7, 2018 from 1:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

In State at St. John Vianney Catholic Church, 54045 Schoenherr Road (North of 24 Mile Road), Shelby Township, Mi at 9:30 a.m. Thursday March 8th 2018 until time of his Funeral Mass at 10 a.m.

Memorial Contributions appreciated to the Kiwanis Club of Shelby Golden K. P.O. Box 182317, Shelby Township, Michigan 48317

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 6. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home  
8459 Hall Road  
Utica, MI 48317  
(586) 731-2411  
utica@sullivanfh.com  
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

## Visitation

MAR 7. 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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## Pass & Review by 2 Kiwanis Clubs on Wed

MAR 7. 5:00 PM (ET)

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## **In State**

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**MAR 8.** 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. John Vianney Catholic Church  
54045 Schoenherr Road  
Shelby Township, MI 48315

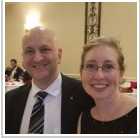
## **Funeral Mass**

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**MAR 8.** 10:00 AM (ET)

St. John Vianney Catholic Church  
54045 Schoenherr Road  
Shelby Township, MI 48315

# Tribute Wall



“ Thoughts and prayers to the Pini family. I only knew Ray a short time, but his kindness and humor always stood out to me. David Kotwicki

David Kotwicki - March 08, 2018 at 04:05 PM

SB

“ Susan Beisel lit a candle in memory of Raymond "Ray" P. Pini Sr.



Susan Beisel - March 06, 2018 at 10:46 PM

SB

Prayers to the entire family during this time of loss of the patriarch of your family.

Susan Beisel - March 06, 2018 at 10:47 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Raymond "Ray" P. Pini Sr..



March 06, 2018 at 07:53 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Raymond "Ray" P. Pini Sr..*



March 06, 2018 at 02:46 PM



“ *Marlyn Ramos sent a virtual gift in memory of Raymond "Ray" P. Pini Sr.*



**marlyn ramos** - March 05, 2018 at 08:15 PM



*Sorry for your loss 🙏🙏*

**marlyn ramos** - March 05, 2018 at 08:20 PM



“ *Such a great guy! I remember like it was yesterday, although a very long time ago, Uncle Ray took Gina and I to our first concert! Chicago at Pine Knob! It was the best experience! We had a fun filled day with lunch and a BBQ at the Pini home afterward. I was not a cousin by marriage but I was family in the Pini family. You were very special Uncle Ray...I will remember you always! Debbie Leonhardt, Southport, NC*

**Debbie Leonhardt** - March 04, 2018 at 05:32 PM

CP

“ *Christa Pini sent a virtual gift in memory of Raymond "Ray" P. Pini Sr.*

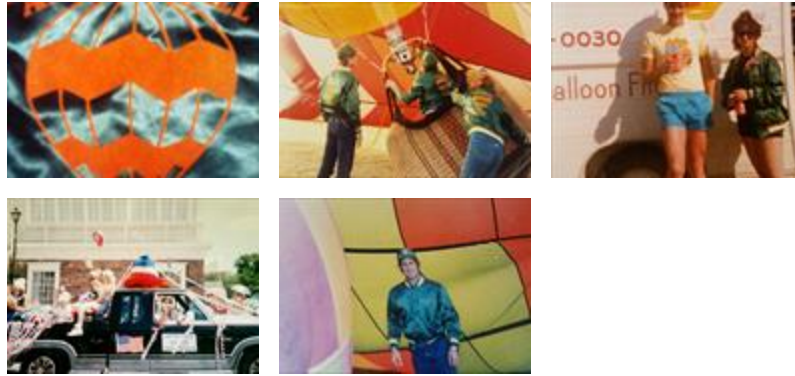


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**Christa Pini** - March 03, 2018 at 04:34 PM

CP

“ *7 files added to the album Memories of Uncle Ray*



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**Christa Pini** - March 03, 2018 at 03:23 PM

DA

*3 Brothers (Left to Right) Robert, Ray, Ron... Nice Picture!*

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**dave** - March 03, 2018 at 04:26 PM

MB

*Good picture of you guys. Bob, I haven't seen you since Shannon's wedding. Hope all is well with you. Shannon is my niece.*

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**Mark Belanger** - March 05, 2018 at 12:04 PM

CP

“ 1 file added to the album *Kiwanis Golden K Memories*



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**Christa Pini** - March 03, 2018 at 03:20 PM

DD

“ *Always with a contagious smile and a little joke to go along with it. Our deepest condolences to the PINI FAMILY. You will be missed by so so many and I personally will miss your daily E-mails. Until next time my friend. Dennis & Donna Dean  
Scottsdale, Arizona*

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**Dennis E. Dean** - March 03, 2018 at 02:30 PM

DA

“ *Uncle Ray, may you Rest in Peace! You will be missed.*

*Dave, Christa, Rachel, Stephanie & Austen*

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**Dave** - March 03, 2018 at 05:58 AM

SM

“ *Ray was a great friend to all he met. He was a dedicated Kiwanian and was always there to give his time, his expertise and his generosity. Always with a smile and a joke. He was welcomed I know in Heaven with open arms by his best friend Bill Hoehn. I know he's telling Bill his mission was to fulfilled Bill's dream of a Golden K club helping seniors in the community. You were loved and will be missed by all Ray. You and Bill RIP. Shirley & Ted*

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**Shirley J Medlin** - March 02, 2018 at 09:43 PM

SM

“ 5 files added to the album *Kiwanis Golden K Memories*



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**Shirley J Medlin** - March 02, 2018 at 08:36 PM