



Raymond R. Leigh

September 10, 1945 - August 18, 2025

Mt. Horeb – Raymond Robert Leigh, a man of faith, family, and country, passed away peacefully while surrounded by his family on Monday, August 18, 2025, just a month shy of his 80th birthday.

Born on September 10, 1945, Raymond's life was defined by his dedication to serving others. After graduating from Mineral Point High School in 1963, he enlisted in the United States Army, serving for three years. His commitment to duty continued when he joined the United States Air Force in 1968, where he served for 22 years before retiring as a Master Sergeant in 1990.

Not one to stand still, Raymond began a second career with the United States Postal Service, working as a mail handler for another 22 years before retiring again in 2012.

Raymond's heart for service extended far beyond his professional life. He demonstrated the love of Jesus through his sponsorship of children around the globe for over 30 years. He was always available to give a friend a ride or meet for coffee or ice cream to talk about his faith. His love for God, his family, and his country was evident in all he did.

Raymond is survived by his beloved wife of 56 years, Carol (Barr) Leigh; his daughters, Cynthia (Dewayne) Hawpe and Amy (Joey) Bernard; and his

grandchildren, Abigail Hawpe, Emily Bernard, Melody Hawpe, and Elisha Bernard. He also leaves behind his siblings, Donald (Donna) Leigh, Shirley LaDow, Donna (Ron) Hughes, Linda McLaughlin, John (Cathy) Leigh, Robert (Amy) Leigh, and Paul Leigh; brothers and sisters-in-law, Marie (John) McGuire, Butch Barr, Dave (Arlene) Barr, Terry Barr, Connie (Shayne) Chapman, Tim (Leanne) Barr, Jan Leigh, as well as numerous nieces, nephews and many friends he cherished as family.

Raymond was preceded in death by his parents, Delzie and Virginia Leigh; his parents-in-law, Bernard and Annabel Barr; his granddaughter, Hannah Hawpe; his brother, James Leigh; his sister, Nancy Bonjour; brothers and sisters-in-law, Jerry McLaughlin, Vernon and Pat Van Natta, and Sue Leigh; his niece, Dawn Frye; and his nephew, Chance Leigh.

Funeral Services will be held on Monday, August 25, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. at the GORGEN-McGINLEY & AYERS FUNERAL HOME in Dodgeville. Pastor Steven Troester and Pastor Bruce Bennett will officiate. Burial will be held in Graceland Cemetery in Mineral Point with Military Graveside Rites accorded by the Mineral Point American Legion Post No. 170. Visitation will be held on Monday from 9:00 a.m. until 10:50 a.m. at the funeral home. A luncheon will follow at the Mineral Point American Legion Post.

Cemetery Details

Graceland Cemetery

800 Fair Street
Mineral Point, WI

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 25. 9:00 AM - 10:50 AM (CT)

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400 East Grace Street
Dodgeville, WI 53533
(608) 935-5222
gorgenfh@mhtc.net

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Military Graveside Rites

AUG **25**. 12:00 PM.

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Tribute Wall



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Raymond R. Leigh.*



August 23, 2025 at 06:10 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Raymond R. Leigh.*



August 22, 2025 at 08:27 AM



“ *The WORD@Lakeside Church of God Family purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Raymond R. Leigh.*



The WORD@Lakeside Church of God Family - August 21, 2025 at 09:56 PM



“ *What an AWESOME Legacy of Love & Faith & Devotion he leaves behind!* ❤️🙌❤️👉❤️

christine Coleman - August 21, 2025 at 05:59 PM

RM

“ Thinking of all of you in your loss with my sympathy and prayers.
Rosalie May

Rosalie May - August 21, 2025 at 09:41 AM

LP

“ Love, Charles and Laura Page purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Raymond R. Leigh.



Love, Charles and Laura Page - August 20, 2025 at 05:43 PM

BF

“ On behalf of the Badger Honor Flight Board and all our volunteers, we extend our deepest condolences to you all, the family of Raymond Leigh. We are forever grateful for his service to our great country. What an honor it was for us to take him on his well-deserved trip of a lifetime. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Badger Honor Flight - August 20, 2025 at 12:01 PM

TT

“ The Azle ISD Dyslexia Team purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Raymond R. Leigh.



The Azle ISD Dyslexia Team - August 19, 2025 at 11:38 PM

AN

“ The world has lost a great man. I had the privilege and honor of working with him at the post office. He had quite a work ethic and would always say to me, "A chance to excel Annette, a chance to excel". My heart goes out to Carol and the girls. He was so proud of his family. RIP Ray. And although I will always miss you in this earthly plane, there is no doubt that you were met with "Well Done Good and Faithful Servant."

Annette - August 19, 2025 at 11:10 PM

TH

“ So sorry for the loss of Raymond he was always such a light to my family, I will always remember is so kind words to me with encouragement when I needed it the most....my heart goes out to the family love and hugs

Tammy Henson Hammond - August 19, 2025 at 10:49 PM

JU

“ Carol and family. I so sorry for your loss. He will be missed by so many. Your in my thoughts and prayers

Judy - August 19, 2025 at 08:56 PM

RC

“ Raymond and Karen Cox purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Raymond R. Leigh.



Raymond and Karen Cox - August 19, 2025 at 07:58 PM

DH

“ Leigh Family,
So very sorry for your loss. So many good memories of spending
time at 'Ginnys'. Love to you all.
Di

Diane Hermanson - August 19, 2025 at 05:08 PM

DR

Family, oh the memories! My heart is heavy but rejoicing at the same
time. I wished I could hold you all in my arms. I know there is a big
reunion going on in heaven. Daddy and Raymond still talking about
those oil wells in Texas. Y'all were such a big part of my life growing up
and no one ever doubted Raymonds love of God. Heaven's getting
sweeter all the time. Love to all.

Debbie Reeder - August 19, 2025 at 08:36 PM

SC

I'm so sorry for your loss.

Sue Persinger Nordby, Ray's cousin. - August 19, 2025 at 08:40 PM

SB

While I did not know Raymond personally, I did know several of his
siblings. My sympathy to all his
family.

Sharon I Byrne - August 20, 2025 at 02:24 PM