



## Raymond D. Hellowell

February 24, 1947 - March 6, 2019

Raymond D. Hellowell of Cadillac passed away Wednesday, March 6, 2019 at Green Acres with his family by his side. He was 72.

Ray was born February 24, 1947 in Detroit to Verney and Doris (Coltman) Hellowell and they preceded him in death.

Ray graduated from East Detroit High School in 1965 and was later inducted into the athletic hall of fame. He then served in the United States Army. After his time in the service Ray attended Grand Rapids Junior College where he played football. He earned a football scholarship to Adrian College where he was awarded most valuable player. He graduated with his bachelor's degree in education. Ray worked at Cross Machine and Tool in Fraser, Michigan for many years as a machine builder before moving to Cadillac in 1980 to raise his family in Northern Michigan. Once in Cadillac he worked at LaSalle Machine and Tool and later began substitute teaching. He coached football in Manton and taught GED courses at Missaukee County Jail. Ray was an insurance agent for Allstate Insurance for the majority of his career before retiring from Fekete Knaggs & Burr Agency.

He was a sports enthusiast; he enjoyed watching the Lions, Tigers and any University of Michigan game. He was a Chain Gang member for the Cadillac varsity football program for 15 years. Ray enjoyed golfing, skiing, hunting and

snowmobiling. He loved spending time with his family traveling and camping. Ray had a generous nature and big heart. He loved to unexpectedly give his loved ones surprises and got great delight in doing so.

He is survived by his children: Brad (Clarissa) Hellowell, Lori Noaker, Lindsay (Eric) Elsholz and their mother, Nancy Hellowell all of Cadillac; grandchildren: Alana, Brooklyn, Cavin, Barron, Henrik, Hadley, Olivia, Parker; a sister, Sharon Manthey and a nephew, Ryan Manthey both of Bloomfield Hills.

Funeral services will be held 3:00 PM Saturday, March 9, 2019 at Peterson Funeral and Cremation Services in Cadillac with Reverend Scott Torkko officiating. Friends may meet the family Friday from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at the funeral home. His final resting place will be Haring Township Cemetery in Wexford County.

An online guestbook is available at [www.petersonfh.com](http://www.petersonfh.com).

# Tribute Wall

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*My condolences to the family. Ray and I played football at Oakwood Junior High. His smile and good nature are still carried with me today.*

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**Fred Bolle** - March 09, 2019 at 08:41 PM

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*Our deepest condolence's Brad, Lori, Lindsay and Nancy for your great loss Kelly Rees, Mike & Mark Walsh*

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**Kelly Rees** - March 09, 2019 at 10:02 AM

TS

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*My respects and condolences to the family. I was in some of Ray's classes in high school and can still remember his smile and personality. He lives on in memory.*

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**Terrie (Mastej) Stampor** - March 08, 2019 at 08:21 PM

RS

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*Ray and I were Jr high classmates and played baseball together for two years. We were high school friends and I am sorry to hear of his passing at such a young age.*

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**Rick Shingledecker** - March 08, 2019 at 07:07 PM

BS

“ After transferring from an all girls school to EDHS, Ray was one of the first boys I met. He seemed to always have a smile and I always thought of him as a really " good guy."

*Condolences to his family and all who cared about him.*

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**Barbara Stevens** - March 08, 2019 at 04:09 PM

DM

“ Ray was great classmate. We spent many an hour in the balcony bleachers studying for Mr."

*Franklin Farnsworth Page'*

*s"*

*English mid-terms and finals. You will be missed my friend*

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**Dennis Morisette** - March 08, 2019 at 01:48 PM

DH

“ Ray was a great guy and will be missed by all his edhs friends

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**Dan Hartley** - March 08, 2019 at 01:48 PM

CP

“ High school classmate. I remember Ray as a truly good person and a great athlete. My condolences to the entire family, and wishes for many fond memories to rekindle joy for the gift of Ray.

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**Christina Pitts** - March 08, 2019 at 01:39 PM



JP

“ *Classmate and teammate of the Oakwood Jr High Football team. Ray was a great guy and with a great sense of humor. He will be missed by all.  
God Bless to Ray and family!*

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**John Papuga** - March 07, 2019 at 09:28 PM

CF

“ *Nancy and family, We are so sorry for your loss. It is something that one never gets used to. Praying for peace during this difficult time.*

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**Chuck & Tam Swanberg and family** - March 07, 2019 at 06:24 PM

JH

“ *My Deepest sympathy to the Hellowell family! Ray was a good friend who mad us all laugh. We will miss him dearly especially on our snowmobile trips, together with the guys!  
R.I.P. my friend!*

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**Jerry Hicks** - March 07, 2019 at 03:50 PM

MM

“ *To Raymond's family. So sorry for your loss. Prayers to all Classmate (Maria DeCarlo 1965)*

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**Maria McLaughlin** - March 07, 2019 at 03:07 PM

LR

“ My wife and I will keep you in our prayers. Ray and I were in a few classes at EDHS and were " friends" . I wish we would have kept in touch after high school. If only I had known you moved up here.  
EDHS 1965

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**Larry Rospierski** - March 07, 2019 at 02:35 PM

MP

“ Ray will be missed and there will be a void especially for Brad, Lori & Lindsay. There is no one that can replace your dad and now you are flooded with his memories, the last time you spoke to him, the most significant thing he ever said to you, the best fatherly advice he ever gave you, etc. I wish you God' s peace and His presence as you go through the grief process. It will not be easy and there is no " easy" button to push.  
I offer you my favorite Bible verse for your loss: "  
The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit."  
Psalms 34:18

*He will be missed by all of those who were fortunate to know him and call him a friend.*

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**Mark & Sue Parent** - March 07, 2019 at 01:47 PM

MW

“ Brad Lori Lindsay and nancy,had some fun times with you guys on Cecil road my thoughts and prayers are with you. Mike

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**Mike Walsh** - March 07, 2019 at 01:17 PM

SS

“ Ray was a wonderful caring person. My thoughts and prayers to his family. He is with our Lord and Savior now, rest in peace.

Susie Smith - March 07, 2019 at 10:59 AM

AD

“ RIP Ray my sister Marie and her husband always talked highly of your friendship. Even though I didn't meet all of your family, your acquaintance was a pleasure meeting you a few times. Bless the Hellowell family.

Ann Dovre --Marie's twin sister

Ann Dovre - March 07, 2019 at 07:28 AM

MT

“ RIP dear friend. You always made us smile with your funnies. We will miss you so much. Enjoy the light Ray and keep smiling. Your family will remember you by the memories you have left them.

Marie Tabun - March 07, 2019 at 07:23 AM

JB

“ Sorry for your loss. He was a great person. Our thoughts & prayers are with the family. Rest In Peace Ray! You will be missed. Brad, Lori & Lindsay know he will always be watching over you & your children.

Jacki Bailey - March 06, 2019 at 09:13 PM

TF

“ We keep you all in our thoughts and prayers. We know this is a tough time, but know that he is walking with our Father now.

The Ulanski Family - March 06, 2019 at 08:38 PM

JR

“ Ray was a Great Friend who it was My Very Fortunate Pleasure to have known and spent time with all these years.  
We did a lot of things together and Golf being one of them. Ray always knew how to make everyone laugh and never realized how much of a comedian he could be.  
I will sadly Miss Ray always. My thoughts and prayers to his Entire wonderful Family who it's also My Pleasure to be associated with.  
Each of YOU are Very Special to Me.  
Take care and Rest My Good Friend  
Jack Rabun

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**Jack Rabun** - March 06, 2019 at 06:00 PM

BD

“ Leatherman , Enjoy your new golf course!!

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**Butch Dinkins** - March 06, 2019 at 05:40 PM

PF

“ Thoughts are with you and your family

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**Peter St John & Family** - March 06, 2019 at 05:07 PM