



Raymond Kimbel, Jr.

April 20, 1932 - April 6, 2014

Raymond Kimbel, Jr. of Manton passed away Sunday, April 6, 2014 in his home surrounded by his family. He was 81. He was born on April 20, 1932 in Grand Rapids, Michigan to Raymond and Henrietta (Zylstra) Kimbel and they preceded him in death. On October 23, 1954 he married Patricia Fay Frying.

Ray graduated from Manton High School in 1951 and went on to serve in the United State Marine Corp. He was an active member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church of Manton. He had the position of the longest running mayor of Manton for 21 years, during which time he was awarded Citizen of the Year. He retired in 1992, after driving bus for 27 years for Manton Consolidated Schools. He owned and operated a masonry business, Kimbel Construction for many years with his sons. Ray was a member of the Rotary Club of Manton as well as a volunteer firefighter.

Ray loved spending time and being surrounded by his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. He also loved volunteering for his church, community, doing woodwork, traveling and being outside.

Ray is survived by his wife, Patricia of Manton; children: Sheryl (Kim) Neeb of Portage, Alan Kimbel of Manton, Shana LaPan of Temperance and Melissa (Randy) Miles of Manton; daughter in law, Lisa Kimbel; grandchildren: Ryan LaPan, Tia (Neeb) VanDyke, Tiffany Neeb, Chelsea Kimbel, Adriane Kimbel,

Joseph Kimbel, Jillian LaPan, Jessica (LaPan) Owens, Coleman Kimbel and Noah Miles; great grandchildren: Alaina LaPan, Chloe Owens, Kaiden Owens, Cameron LaPan, Charlie LaPan, Emerson LaPan and Jonathon Sult- Neeb; sisters, Betty (Bob) Miller of Comstock Park and Emmaline (Bill) Marsh of Cadillac and sister in law Arlene Kimbel.

In addition to his parents Ray was preceded in death by his son, Randy J. Kimbel; brothers, Donald Kimbel and Jack Kimbel; infant brother, Gerald Eugene and sisters, Henrietta (Dave) Hiebert and Berdenia (Ivan) Groth.

Funeral services will be held 1:00 p.m. Thursday, April 10, 2014 at the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Cadillac with Pastor Jonathan Chitwood officiating. Friends may meet the family one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial will take place at Fairview Cemetery in Manton. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Tribute Wall

VP

“ *I remember Ray from my whole childhood. He was the most fun Constable. And you could always count on him for a laugh. My prayers go out to his family. I am so sorry.*

Val Porter - April 29, 2018 at 01:31 PM

CK

“ *I miss my grandpa very much loved him like my father and my grandfather was a passionate man and very hard working and respectfull I love him very much he will be missed*

Coleman kimbel - October 21, 2016 at 12:37 AM

WM

“ *Sorry to hear of your loss. We enjoyed flying Ray. Everyone of the pilots liked him too. God Bless*

Wings of Mercy - May 29, 2014 at 01:37 PM

CK

“ *its unreal*

coleman kimbel - May 05, 2014 at 10:33 AM

JN

“ *Prayers for the family. A very kind person. RIP Ray.*

Joyce Nye - April 22, 2014 at 11:23 PM

DT

“ Pat, thanks for the phone call, so sorry to hear the news, Ray was such a nice and fun man. We will talk, God Bless you and your family.

Dave & Edie Thompson - April 11, 2014 at 03:46 PM

MD

“ I'm so sorry to hear about your loss. Your family will be in my prayers.

Mary (Ballmer) DelleCave - April 10, 2014 at 09:28 AM

MD

“ I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. I will remember your family in my prayers.

Mary (Ballmer) DelleCave - April 10, 2014 at 09:14 AM

TK

“ Love and prayers to the Kimbel family. Ray |é|á|was |é|á|the most heartfelt, energetic, loving, compassionate, dedcated family man that I have ever known. He will be greatly missed. God bless and keep you. Rest in peace Ray

Tami Kimbel - April 09, 2014 at 09:27 PM

PB

“ I signed previously, but forgot to sign my maiden name.

Priscilla Ballmer - April 09, 2014 at 08:34 PM

PP

“ I have so many good and happy memories of Ray and I will never forget him. I am glad he is no longer suffering, but he will be greatly missed. We have lost one very great and respected man! My thoughts and prayers go out to Pat and all your many friends and family. My deepest sympathies to you all.

Priscilla Porteners - April 09, 2014 at 08:18 PM

JM

“ I'
Il miss him a lot, until I see him again. He remembered my Grandpa MacGregor, when he lived in Manton, and reminded me of him. I'm praying for the family's peace and comfort and sending my love.

Julie MacGregor-Weber - April 09, 2014 at 09:10 AM

MP

“ Pat and Chelsea,
The Palazzolo's
are very sorry for your loss. We know ray fought the good fight and will be watching over you all.
Sincere wishes for healing for you all,
Love, Marilyn, Jerry, Ben and Angie Palazzolo

Marilyn Palazzolo - April 08, 2014 at 10:43 PM

MF

“ One of my favorite bus driver/mayor/band supporters during my time in Manton...so sorry to hear of his passing..

Mike Filkins - April 08, 2014 at 10:19 PM

JS

“ So sorry to hear of Ray's passing. He was a great great man. So many thoughts no way to put them into words.

judy sherman shively - April 08, 2014 at 09:55 PM

CJ

“ thoughts and prayers to your family, ray was a great and well respected man. such a loss to the community.

cindy johnson - April 08, 2014 at 08:22 PM

TM

“ Dear Pat & family, was sorry to hear of Ray's passing - always a sweet guy. God bless you all.

Thelma Crouse Merritt - April 08, 2014 at 07:01 PM

CV

“ So so sorry to hear of Rays passing...he was a dear person and friend to all of us..our condolences go to Pat and the family..sleep in the Lord our dear brother and we will meet again soon. Love all of you The Valkners

chuck and donna valkner - April 08, 2014 at 06:50 PM

MR

“ So sorry Pat & Missy of hearing about Ray's passing. It's a loss for the whole community. Prayers, blessings and peace to you.

Monica Raso - April 08, 2014 at 03:25 PM

DE

“ WE LOVE YOU, PAT AN YOUR FAMILY. WE ARE PRAYING FOR YOU

Don n Judy EALY - April 08, 2014 at 01:23 PM

DE

“ Good Man! Great sense of humor, he will be greatly missed. Praying for the Family.

Don and Cheri Ealy - April 08, 2014 at 01:14 PM

CM

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends .Sorry for your loss

Carla Moffit - April 08, 2014 at 07:56 AM

JL

“ I have many fond memories of Ray as the Manton Police Officer as I was a Deputy Sheriff for Wexford. An honorable and highly respected man was Ray. As well, I am proud to know his sister Emmy. Very fine family. Prayers and thoughts are with those he leaves behind.

Jerry Leavell - April 07, 2014 at 05:37 PM