



Raymond Floyd McDaniel

August 5, 1927 - February 10, 2019

Raymond Floyd McDaniel, known as "Papa" sadly passed away Sunday, February 10, 2019 at his home. He was 91.

He was born on August 5, 1927 in Edcouch, Texas to Ottis (Mayor of Edcouch, Texas) and Valerie (Bollier) McDaniel. After the early death of his mother his dad married Lillian (Ayer) McDaniel.

Raymond worked with his siblings on the family farm and also various jobs in town. He graduated top in his class as valedictorian. He later joined the Army Air Corp serving from 1947 to 1950. He was stationed in Germany for most of his service. After returning to the States he began working for Shell Oil Company as a Seismographic Engineer and retired after 30 years. After retirement he worked as an independent consultant for 17 years for various companies.

Raymond met and fell in love with his wife Mary (Caruso) McDaniel in Carlsbad, New Mexico in January of 1953 and they were married on March 5, 1953. They raised three daughters, Frances, Debra, and Rhonda and buried an infant daughter, Michelle in 1961 in Sherman, Texas.

Raymond moved his family while working in the oil fields to over 28 different towns throughout Texas, Mississippi, New Mexico, North Dakota and

Michigan. He loved family camping, fishing, yard work and most of all cooking out on his favorite grill. He enjoyed the family vacations and reunions with his brothers and sisters and all his nieces and nephews where he was known as "Uncle Nut" for teasing all of them.

After retirement he settled down in Cadillac, Michigan where most of his children and grandchildren reside. He enjoyed having coffee with his friends at the Blue Heron and loved socializing with his neighbors, Neil, Frank, and Kenny.

Survivors include his loving wife, Mary (Caruso) McDaniel of Cadillac; his daughters and spouses: Frances (Craig) Carney of New Mexico, Debra (Alan) Benson and Rhonda (Gary) Lung all of Cadillac; 9 grandchildren: Shelli Richardson, Adrian (Michael) Harvey, Janet (Dan) Howes, Jason Benson and Emily, Jodie (William) Musta, Christopher (Rikki) Lung, Kimberly (Brian) Dawson, Corey Lung and Danielle; great grandchildren: Andrew, Alix, Sabre, Maddison, Morgan, Greyson, Jacob, Gracie, Jase, Brynlee, Chloe, Carissa, Caleb, Cianna, Tyler, Ellie, Corbin, Grace and Harper; great-great grandchildren: Marley, Sabre, Jr., and TraeLynn; sisters: Dottie Baird, Betty Lancaster and Peggy (Gary) Walker. In addition to his parents and step-mother he was preceded in death by his daughter Michelle McDaniel; sisters: Patricia Smith and Eugenia Brodton; brothers: Melvin and Glen McDaniel; brothers-in-law: Roger Lancaster, Van Smith, Glenn Baird and Edward Brodton; sisters-in-law, Mariam McDaniel, a granddaughter, Heather Carney, a niece, Linda Smith a nephew, Wagner McDaniel, and a grandson, Bo Richardson.

The family would like to express their appreciation for the for the great care from the caregivers of Munson Hospice of Cadillac and from Munson In Traverse City.

Funeral services will be held 11:00 AM Saturday, February 16, 2019 at Peterson Funeral & Cremation Services in Cadillac with Pastor James Martin officiating and full military rites under the auspices of the Cadillac Area Honor Guard. Burial will be at Lucas Cemetery in Missaukee County. Friends may meet the family Friday from 5-7 PM at the Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Munson Hospice or to First Baptist Church of Cadillac. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Sending prayers of comfort and strength for all the family. Love from your cousins!* ”

Tracy (Lovell) Walters - February 12, 2019 at 10:03 PM

GC

“ *My sweet and funny Uncle Nut you will be missed so much. My second Dad. Love you!* ”

Georgia McDaniel Cheek - February 12, 2019 at 11:40 AM

MP

“ *He was like a second Dad to me for many years growing up. Rhonda and I were inseparable and I spent a lot of time with the family. I remember him as a strong and loving man. He will be missed. RIP Raymond.* ”

Mike & Sue Peterson - February 12, 2019 at 10:31 AM

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“ *Sending all the love as big as Texas. You are in our hearts and on our minds.* ”

Corey and Stephenie Evans - February 11, 2019 at 08:04 PM