



Alvin "Ray" Farr

March 2, 1931 - September 24, 2019

Alvin "Ray" Farr, 88, of Fond du Lac, WI passed away on Tuesday, September 24, 2019 at Harbor Haven Rehabilitation Center.

Ray was born on March 2, 1931 in Laurel, Iowa to Ray and Martha Johnson Farr. On April 26, 1951, he married Carol Beaty in Marshalltown, Iowa. She preceded him in death in 2000.

After graduating high school, Ray served in the United States Marine Corps from 1951-1954 in California. He started his career by running a school with his brother Bob teaching telegraphy in Marshalltown, Iowa. He took the call to become a trainmaster in Mason City, Iowa. He and the family moved several times throughout his career including Green Bay, WI, Fond du Lac, WI, Chicago, IL, Cedar Rapids, IA, and retired in Fremont, NE in 1990. His life revolved around the railroad. After retiring, he and Carol moved back to Fond du Lac, WI.

Ray became a member of the First Presbyterian Church and attended service often because of the positive fellowship he found in other members. Another important part of his life was supporting the Noon Kiwanis by running committees, grilling at Walleye Weekend, and helping or selling tickets for Pancake Day. There was a running joke that you should run when you see Ray because you know he wants money or door prizes. He also volunteered

at EAA as a docent guide.

Some of his hobbies and favorite activities were traveling, fishing, playing cribbage, golfing, having coffee with "The Boys" at Hardee's, shaking dice at 3 Aces, and taking an occasional trip to Green Bay for "lunch". He also enjoyed watching baseball, golf, and football.

For those who knew Ray well, it was obvious he was a steadfast, humorous, caring, and a fiercely independent man. The whole family would like to especially thank the nursing, therapy, and food staff at Harbor Haven for helping him feel at home in his final days.

Ray was survived by his children: Sheryl (Henry) Brown of Fond du Lac, WI, Connie Thomas of Cedar Rapids, IA, and Becky Farr of Omaha, NE; his brother, Carl (Barbara) Farr of Mesa, AZ; sister-in-law Charlotte "Hoke" Farr of Marshalltown, IA; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and a great-great grandchild.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Ray and Martha; his wife, Carol; son, Terry Farr; son-in-law Terry Thomas; seven siblings, Esther (Dennis) Loomer, Doris (Verne) Taylor, Robert (Jean) Farr, Dale (Dorothy) Farr, Eugene Farr; Mary Lou (Willard) Kimmel and Jack Farr.

VISITATION: Friends may call on Monday, September 30, 2019, from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. at Kurki-Mach Funeral Chapel & Crematory, 31 East Division Street, Fond du Lac, WI.

FUNERAL: Funeral services will be held on Monday, September 30, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. at Kurki-Mach Funeral Chapel & Crematory, with Rev. Jack Harrison officiating.

VISITATION: Friends may call on Wednesday, October 2, 2019, from 10:00 - 12:00 p.m. at Anderson Funeral Homes, 405 W. Main St., Marshalltown, IA.

FUNERAL: Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, October 2, 2019, at 12:00 p.m. at Anderson Funeral Homes. Burial will follow at Rose Hill Memorial Gardens.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **30**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Kurki Funeral Chapel & Crematory
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Service

SEP **30**. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

LG

“ *My deepest sympathy. I enjoyed working with Ray my years in Noon Kiwanis.*
Linda Gurath

Linda Gurath - October 06, 2019 at 11:23 AM

DS

“ *I met Ray when he was a Trainmaster at N. Fond du lac on the C&NW. He was a great person to work with and always "nudged" you to do better. His great smile and laugh uplifted everyone.*



David Sass - October 06, 2019 at 11:21 AM

ML

“ *Loved being in noon Kiwanis with Ray. He was always a joy to be around.*

Marianna

Marianna Larson - October 03, 2019 at 10:18 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Alvin "Ray" Farr.*



September 29, 2019 at 02:54 PM

LF

“ Love, Rosemary, Lee, Justin, Mike, Meghan & family purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Alvin "Ray" Farr.



Love, Rosemary, Lee, Justin, Mike, Meghan & family -
September 29, 2019 at 10:02 AM

SL

“ A sad loss as we continue to lose that amazing generation. Losing Jack and Ray this year is very hard. I'm so sorry to all the family working through this loss.



Susan Larson - September 27, 2019 at 04:21 PM



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Nicole Kimmel - September 26, 2019 at 11:27 PM

AW

“ I will never forget his smile and the jokes or stories he had for me when he came into DQ... he always made my day better when we got to visit for a bit.

Amanda Webie - September 26, 2019 at 08:16 PM