



Raymond C. Gielow

June 28, 1944 - April 26, 2023

Raymond Clifford Gielow, 78, of Fond du Lac, WI, passed away peacefully at home on April 26th, 2023.

Raymond, fondly known as Ray, was born to Betty and Raymond Gielow Sr., on June 28th, 1944, in Fond du Lac, WI. He was a talented athlete in his youth, who loved playing tennis, baseball, and golf. He was also a scholar and attended UW Stout to receive his degree in architecture and drafting. After graduating, Ray started with the State of WI prison system as an educator and supervisor.

Ray is survived by his wife Barbara and two children, Chris, and Alissa (Travis) Vielbig. He is survived by his three grandchildren; Savannah Gielow, Brandon Ruples, and Trenton Vielbig; two sisters Karen (Doug) Zwieszig and Linda Gaffney. Ray was preceded in death by his parents, Raymond and Betty Gielow Sr. and many other beloved relatives.

Ray was passionate about being a good family man, friend, and neighbor. He loved spending time with his wife Barb, keeping the lawn immaculate, feeding the birds, tending to flowers, and loving his little furry friends Smudgen and Winston. Ray was a consummate prankster and story teller as well. One can be sure Ray's group of buddies, who had preceded him in death, are now joining him in the most magnificent golf game of Ray's life.

SERVICE: There will be a graveside service at Rienzi Cemetery: N6101 Co Rd K, Fond du Lac, 54937 on Friday, May 12, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. Flowers and condolences can be sent to N7771 Ledgeview Springs Dr. Fond du Lac, WI 54937.

A Memorial Service at St. Paul's Cathedral, to be announced at a later date.

Cemetery Details

Rienzi Cemetery

Fond du Lac, WI

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAY 12. 1:30 PM (CT)

Rienzi Cemetery
N6101 Co Rd K
Fond du Lac, WI 54937
(920) 922-4543

Tribute Wall

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“ Ray Gielow was literally my oldest best friend. We had known each other since Lincoln School. I knew his parents, and he knew mine. As kids, we practiced hitting baseballs day after day, even though we never belonged to the same little league team. Summer times we played a lot of tennis at Taylor Park, and he and I were on the Goodrich tennis team. Finally, I had the honor of serving as best man at his wedding. One time I came home to Fond du Lac to visit my folks, Ray and Chris challenged me and my son Jason to a spirited game of basketball. The game ended in a tie, and we left it that way. It was a great pity that our careers took us to different parts of the world. Yet, last summer, when we shared an afternoon with each other in Madison, the friendship revived as if we had last seen each other the week before instead of 25 years before. The only difference was his white beard and my pot belly. I take comfort from the knowledge that these memories of Ray will be with me the rest of my life. Jon Brown, Austin, Texas

Jon Brown - May 02, 2023 at 11:07 PM

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“ Ray was a fantastic man!! I've had the honor of being his next door neighbor for the past 14 years. The stories he shared, and the enthusiasm and knowledge he gave me for yard care will be truly missed! He was always doing something in the yard. And he was never too busy to take minute out to come over and say hello. Rest in peace my friend.

Bob and Brooke Schneider

Bob Schneider - May 02, 2023 at 04:49 PM

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“ Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding, look with compassion on the members of the Gielow family in their grief. Surround them with your love, that they may not be overwhelmed by their loss, but have confidence in your goodness, and strength to meet the days to come. I ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Rev. Michael and Debra Hackbarth - May 02, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Raymond C. Gielow.*



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