



Ray L. Bellus

September 11, 1932 - March 31, 2020

Raymond (Ray) Bellus passed away on Tuesday, March 31, 2020, at the age of 87, from heart complications. Ray was born in Kansas City, Kansas and graduated from Bishop Ward High School in 1951. He was raised in a small house near Strawberry Hill in Kansas City, Kansas and later enlisted in the United States Air Force becoming a skilled aircraft instrument mechanic. His service to our country enabled him to travel the world where he spent significant time in Asia, The United Kingdom, The Middle East and Guam. Ray witnessed the detonation of one of the first hydrogen bombs on Eniwetok Island in the Pacific Ocean. After his honorable discharge from the U.S. Air Force, Ray worked for Southwestern Bell Telephone company (later AT&T) and retired in 1987, when he started his own successful telephone business; Mar-Bell Telephone Service.

Dad enjoyed coaching the Chiefs from his recliner offering colorful, critical advice enabling them to win two Super Bowls.

Our dad was a devoted husband, father, little league coach and life teacher. He was very proud of the accomplishments of his kids and grandkids and probably wore down his neighbors with stories. Ray was the life of the party. He loved having a great time and held nothing back at family gatherings, weddings or with guests at the lake.

Dad lost the love of his life Leigh Bellus in 2011. Not a day went by without Dad recalling the good times with Mom, or asking "I wonder what your Mother is doing right now?" The family is saddened that this chapter in our lives ends but we know deep in our hearts that Dad is in the best place walking now alongside Mom in God's Kingdom. We all have one more angel watching over us during these very difficult times. Few people earn the title of Patriarch but to us he was the head of our family and will be forever missed.

Dad was also preceded in death by his parents, Emma and Stanley Bellus, a brother, Daniel Bellus and sister, Adelma Golubski. In addition, we know he is being greeted in heaven by his sister-in-law, Sheila Bellus and brothers-in-law, Fred Mason and Eldon Golubski.

Dad is survived by all three of his kids who wrote this obituary, Deb Mecum (Donnie), David Bellus (Patty) and Danny Bellus (Karen) and one sister Nadine Mason. He is also survived by his seven grandchildren, Brittany Knight(Ryan), Matt Bellus(Jenna), Emma Bellus, Tyler Mecum(Darcie), Austin Mecum, Bailey Bellus and Drew Bellus and three great-grandchildren, Griffin and Charlotte Bellus and Nolan Knight.

A private graveside service for the family will be conducted at St. Patrick Cemetery in Laurie, Missouri. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be given to the St. Patrick Catholic Church in Laurie, Missouri. Later this year, the family will have Ray's Life Celebration when conditions allow.

Cemetery Details

St. Patrick Cemetery

800 Highway O
Laurie, MO 65038

Tribute Wall

DM

“ *I sure do miss you Dad. I just wanted to say HI and let you know I think of you and Mom everyday.
I love you both so so much ❤️ Debxoxo*

Debbie Mecum - August 08, 2021 at 05:27 PM

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David Bellus - April 06, 2020 at 03:11 PM

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“ *Dad*

*Shared a bunch of pics. All family.... its what you were all about.
More in the pics than just the pics. Love, laughter, and family.....*

I'll miss you buddy.

Love your son, David

David Bellus - April 06, 2020 at 03:10 PM

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David Bellus - April 06, 2020 at 02:25 PM



“ I lost a great friend this week, he and I worked together very closely several years ago at the Elks Lodge, he was a great Elk at that time & helped start the Volunteer Bartender Program & he established the tip fund that has accumulated much money over the years to help the Lodge with many projects for the Lodge & for the community. He has not been active in more recent years with the passing of his wife, who he loved so much. Now they are together again in Heaven. I give TRIBUTE to a GREAT MAN & GREAT FRIEND. Our thoughts & prayers are with his family. John Clifford



John Clifford - April 03, 2020 at 08:26 PM

DS

“ Diana And Dan Sutherland lit a candle in memory of Ray L. Bellus



Diana and Dan Sutherland - April 03, 2020 at 10:34 AM

DS

We are so sorry to hear about Ray's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.

Diana and Dan Sutherland - April 03, 2020 at 10:38 AM

JV

“ *Jim And Glenda Veulemans sent a virtual gift in memory of Ray L. Bellus*



Jim and Glenda Veulemans - April 02, 2020 at 09:25 PM

JV

*Ray and Leigh were a great couple and they were very active in lending a hand where ever help was needed at the Elks lodge in Laurie in wad a pleasure to work with them.
They are blessed with their dear family. We remember the wonderful memorial they did in memory of their mother when she passed away.
The wonderful video of Leigh at their family gatherings.
With our sincere sympathy,
Jim and Glenda Veulemans*

Jim and Glenda Veulemans - April 02, 2020 at 09:35 PM

SB

I didn't know Ray for very long but w became good friends. greeting each other at church and checking on one another via the telephone. He was a very special man and will certainly be missed.

Sandy Borchers - April 05, 2020 at 02:34 PM