



## Raymond Ollison

May 29, 1923 - January 15, 2014

Raymond Ollison was preceded in death by his parents, his older brother, Alfred, his twin brother, Ray, and his sister, Jenny.

He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Charlene, his son, Larry Ollison and wife Loretta, of Osage Beach, Missouri, his daughter, Reta Lehman and husband Milton, of Gravois Mills, Missouri. He is also survived by four grandchildren, Sherrie Kennedy and husband Chris, of Camdenton, Missouri, Robbie Ollison and wife Julie, of Linn Creek, Missouri, Dustin Lehman of Versailles, Missouri and Amber Lehman of Springfield, Missouri, and six great-grandchildren, Elijah Ollison, Karissa Kennedy, Joel Ollison, Cassie Kennedy, Aeryn Kennedy and Bella Ollison.

Raymond Ollison, son of Edd and Bertha Ollison, was born on a farm in Climax Springs, Missouri on May 29, 1923. He graduated from Climax Springs High School where he was a member of the Climax Springs Cougars Basketball team.

Because of his brother's recent marriage, he enlisted and took his twin brother's place in the military in the 8th Air Force and served his nation in England during WWII.

After returning home from the service, Raymond married his hometown

sweetheart, Charlene. After living in Los Angeles, California for a short time, they moved to Versailles and then to Raytown, Missouri where Raymond worked for General Motors for the next 14 years.

In Raytown, they became actively involved in Spring Valley Baptist Church, where Raymond was an ordained Southern Baptist Deacon.

In 1964, they moved to Lake of the Ozarks and started in the marine business. The Ollison family has operated Raymond's Boat and Motor Sales in Gravois Mills, Missouri for nearly 50 years.

Raymond was involved in Gideon's International, the Marine Dealers Association and many other community organizations. He loved deer hunting, fishing, and spending time with the love of his life, Charlene, and his family.

Raymond will always be remembered as a loving man who was a generous giver and supporter of ministers and Christian organizations, most of which was done in secret.

Funeral services will be held at 2:30 p.m., Saturday, January 18th, at the Calvary Baptist Church. Graveside services and interment will follow in the Climax Springs Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m., Saturday, at the church. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Calvary Baptist Church or to Gideons International.

Arrangements are under the direction and care of the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home of Versailles.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 18. 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

Calvary Baptist Church  
10485 Missouri 52  
Versailles, MO 65084

## Service

JAN 18. 2:30 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

RM

“ *Charlene and family I loved Raymond with all my heart i have known you almost all my life God blessed me with this family Charlene my prayer partner I love you so much you don't know how blessed I am with you in my life.Call anytime God bless you all Regina*



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**Regina Myers** - February 05, 2014 at 10:25 AM

RW

“ *Charlene and family: So sorry to hear of Raymond's passing. I always considered him the most gentle, honest boat dealer I had ever done business with. I remember some of the stories he used to tell. It was always a fun experience to come to the store on 5 highway and trade stories or buy something he told me I had to have. Many fond memories that will never go away. Best of wishes to the whole family*

*Richard and Sandra Wyssmann*

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**Richard and Sandra Wyssmann** - January 30, 2014 at 08:54 PM

RE

“ *Charlene, Robby and Family. I am so sorry that Raymond is not with you now. Jesus knows your grief. But I know you are joyful that he is with our Lord. There will be a great reunion someday. Ron Everly*

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**Ron Everly** - January 27, 2014 at 11:29 AM

BB

“ *Charlene,*

*I am so sorry. I will be praying for you and your family.*

*Brian Bolz*

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**Brian Bolz** - January 21, 2014 at 09:23 PM

NY

“ *Charlene, you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Blessings to you. May you have peace and comfort.*

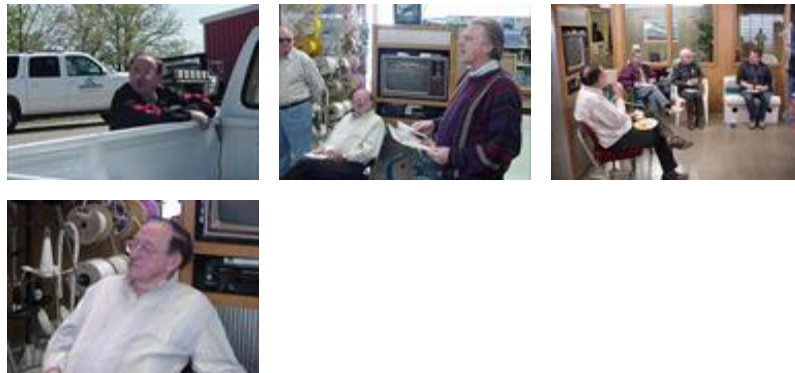
*Nona Young*

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**Nona Young** - January 18, 2014 at 03:02 PM

JP

“ *4 files added to the album New Album Name*



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**John Pierce** - January 18, 2014 at 12:55 PM

JP

“ Raymond was one of the most memorable persons I have ever met. There was never a dull moment once he arrived at his dealership when I worked for him selling boats years ago. If you came to buy a boat, I can always remember that he would rather trade than take your cash....and it didn't matter what you had to trade! Land, vehicles, cattle, planes, boats, jewelry, farm equipment, and guns were his favorites. My goal was to always get him what he truly wanted however, but was never able to find....a squeeze chute for his farm, of all things to wish for! He was the king of trading and all parties involved left feeling satisfied. I will cherish the laughter, the smiles, and the memories we shared together for as long as I live. My deepest condolences to Charlene, Larry, Reta, and the family on your loss.

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**John Pierce** - January 18, 2014 at 12:50 PM

DY

“ One of the nicest men you would ever want to meet! Always quick with an encouraging word. A wonderful husband and father. Heaven is blessed with one of its newest members! - from the kid who cut the weeds in the front ditch!

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**david p yarger** - January 18, 2014 at 10:31 AM

MD

“ Charlene, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family



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**Mary Ellen Dunnaway** - January 18, 2014 at 09:38 AM

RC

“ We are so sorry to hear of Raymond's passing. The words written about him are a beautiful tribute to his life. Our prayers of comfort are with you, together with our love and sincere sympathy.

Ray and Jennie Crowell - January 18, 2014 at 09:24 AM

JF

“ I spent many boat shows with Raymond and Charlene. The lean years and the bountiful years. Raymond always gave me a word of encouragement prior to the start of the show and there were times we prayed for God's blessings on our efforts. He will be missed. Charlene I will keep you in my prayers. Joe Farrell

Joe Farrell - January 17, 2014 at 03:17 PM

RH

“ So sorry to hear of your loss, Raymond was a very sweet man and always made you feel welcome. My love and prayers are with your family. Love, Reta Hoffman.

Reta Hoffman - January 17, 2014 at 02:54 PM



“ Raymond was a wonderful man. I am so sorry. May God bless your family. I will be praying for all of you.



Cristy Carver Gross - January 17, 2014 at 02:53 PM

DK

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with this family.  
Joe and Deb Klindworth

Debbie Klindworth - January 17, 2014 at 08:36 AM

JE

“ A great man of character...I always enjoyed going to see him because he was glad to see me! I felt special...That is how him and Aunt Charlene made everyone feel...they loved like no other couple I have ever known....

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**judy engle** - January 17, 2014 at 07:46 AM

BW

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. What a wonderful man of God! Heaven is rejoicing with their new heavenly member.



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**Bob and Karla Wenger** - January 16, 2014 at 08:11 AM

RC

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**Ray & Jennie Crowell** - January 18, 2014 at 09:23 AM