



Raymond H. Freeman Sr.

September 6, 2019

Raymond H. “Pap” “Uncle Ray” Freeman, Sr., 99 and 10 months, formerly of Strasburg and Peach Bottom, PA, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family, at the Lebanon Veterans Hospital on Friday, September 6, 2019 while under Eagle Heights hospice care.

Born in Lancaster, PA, he was the husband of the late Genevieve P. Freeman Corriere, his wife for 5 years, Betty A. Freeman, his wife for 24 years, and his loving companion of 33 years Doris Wiley. He was the son of the late Charles M. and Mabel I. Denlinger Freeman.

Ray retired as an insurance agent for 20 years with American General Life Insurance Company. He also worked with the former Trojan Yacht Company, the former Hubley’s Toy Company, and spent time working on the family farm. He was a former member of Wesley United Methodist Church and a lifetime member of the Millersville VFW Post 7294 and recently joined the American Legion, Lititz Post 56. He enjoyed spending time at his cabin in Elk Grove where he lived for many years after retirement.

He proudly served his country with the United States Army during World War II with the 342 Infantry Regiment, 86th Infantry” Blackhawk” Division which was one of the few units to earn campaign ribbons in both the European and Pacific Theatres. He served with the 3 “C’s” (Civilian Conservation Corps),

prior to his military service. While serving in the Philippines, he had the honor of meeting and shaking hands with General Ike Eisenhower.

He is survived by four children, Barry L., husband of "Jan" Jeanette Freeman, Denison, TX, Denise R. Freeman, Lititz, PA, Raymond H. Freeman, Jr., Ronks, PA, and Diane R., wife of Rodney J. Young, Strasburg, PA; 3 grandchildren, 7 great grandchildren, and numerous nieces, nephews, and other extended family members. He was preceded in death by 13 brothers and sisters.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend Raymond's Graveside Service at Conestoga Memorial Park with Military Honors provided by the Red Rose Veterans Honor Guard and Salute 21 on Friday, September 13, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. with Pastor Dale Parmer officiating. A celebration of Ray's life will be honored at the AMVETS Post 19, 715 Fairview Avenue, Lancaster, PA 17603 following the interment service.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the Lebanon Veterans Hospital, Attn: Eagle Heights Hospice, 1700 S. Lincoln Ave., Lebanon, PA 17042 or the Ann B. Barshinger Cancer Institute, 2102 Harrisburg Pike, Lancaster, PA 17601 in Ray's memory.

Ray and his family would like to thank and recognize the Wiley and Stoltzfus families for their loving kindness and support, as well as the staff at Musser's Market at the Buck.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

SEP **13**. 10:30 AM (ET)

Conestoga Memorial Park
95 2nd Lock Rd
Lancaster, PA 17603

Tribute Wall



“ *Raymond H. Freeman Sr.*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *Ray was quite a guy! High energy and a welcoming smile. A very nice man. My sympathies to Ray's family from the Garver family.*

Wendy Garver Fromm - September 10, 2019 at 07:40 PM



Thank you Wendy!

Denise - September 10, 2019 at 11:20 PM



I never forget all the wonderful times we shared at the Mountains snowmobiling.. at the beach fishing crabbing boating cookouts ... all the things he taught me shared and with me.. loved him like another Father.. ❤️❤️🙏🙏 .. loved his stories 🤔👍.. never seen him angry or have a bad word to say about anyone ever.. helped more people than himself .. always thinking of others .. I never forget the time he talked my Dad into growing a beard on their vacation and my mom hated facial hair .. she wouldn't go anywhere till he shaved .. lol they had a good time with that... I know all his friends and family were waiting to greet him on the other side .. hope he's fishing and crabbing with my Dad and Brother... Love him with all my heart and his memories will always be with me always .. ❤️🙏

Deb Bowman - September 12, 2019 at 10:51 AM

CD

“ *Connie DeGrave lit a candle in memory of Raymond H. Freeman Sr.*



Connie DeGrave - September 10, 2019 at 01:43 PM

DE

Thank you Connie!

Denise - September 10, 2019 at 11:19 PM

JW

“ *What a wonderful man...Always made others smile after talking with him...He's kicking his heels up in Heaven now... Thinking of you all and sending prayers for peace and comfort !!!*

Janet L Welch-Grebinger - September 10, 2019 at 08:25 AM

DE

Thank you Janet! He sure is, dancin that jig!

Denise - September 10, 2019 at 11:22 PM

GF

“ *OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO OUR FAMILY. UNCLE RAY WILL BE MISSED. REST IN PEACE UNCLE RAY. GARY & BRENDA FREEMAN*

GARY FREEMAN - September 10, 2019 at 06:00 AM

DE

Yes, he sure will Gary. I am so glad you and your family got to see him.

Denise - September 10, 2019 at 11:25 PM

LM

“ Ray always took the time to sit and talk when we would see him at his cabin in Elk Grove. He enjoyed taking a walk around to see everyone. He was a wonderful person and will be missed dearly. Our hearts go out to the family. Cherish and hold on to all the memories you have had with him over the years.

Jeff, Lori, Mike McAndrew

Lori McAndrew - September 09, 2019 at 07:17 PM

DE

Thank you Lori and Jeff. He really wanted to make one more trip up there.

Denise - September 10, 2019 at 11:27 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Raymond H. Freeman Sr..



September 09, 2019 at 04:38 PM