



Raymond J Tucci

August 8, 1948 - July 27, 2021

Raymond Joseph Tucci, of Chesterfield, passed away Tuesday, July 27, 2021 at the age of 72, surrounded by his family. He was born August 8, 1948 in Detroit, Michigan to the late Sylvio and Rose (Fornari) Tucci.

Ray was a proud veteran of the United States Marine Corp, having served as a radio operator in Vietnam. He retired from Detroit Edison after almost 35 years working in the St Clair Power Plant. He enjoyed sailing, whether he was taking his boat out on Anchor Bay or participating in the Port Huron to Mackinac race. He also loved classic cars! He owned many different hot rods over the years and would work on them in the garage and travel to various car shows.

Ray was also involved in the community. He coached his daughters' basketball teams for many years and more recently volunteered at The Stahls Automotive Foundation where he was able to share his love of cars with the public.

Ray also loved his dogs! He leaves behind Jake and Storm, his faithful companions and protectors. They never left his side, especially when they knew he was sick. He fought a 2 year battle with Pancreatic Cancer, staying strong and positive through the entire journey.

Survived by his children, Maria (Michael) Daigneau and Deana (James) Derocha; his grandchildren, Ava, Elena, Vincent, and Sophia; and his former wife, Angela Tucci. Also survived by his former wife, Laura Tucci; her children, Curissa and Jared; and grandchildren, Madison, Emma, Lucas, Mason, and Harper. He is also survived by his sisters, Elaine (Ron) Berkel and Bernice (John) Smerdon, and many, many friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents and his sisters, Sylvia Tucci and Patricia Schnoblen.

The family suggests those who wish to express sympathy to consider making a donation to the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network or the Vietnam Veterans Association - Chapter 154 in Ray's name.

Visitation for Raymond will be on Friday from 2-8 p.m. at the Wasik Funeral Home, 49150 Schoenherr Rd. (N. of 22 Mile Rd.) Shelby Twp. A funeral service will be on Saturday at 11:00 a.m. at the funeral home. An inurnment at Great Lakes National Cemetery will be at a later date.

Cemetery Details

Great Lakes National Cemetery

4200 Belford Road
Holly, MI 48442

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 30. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home, Shelby Township
49150 Schoenherr Rd.
Shelby Township, MI 48315
(586) 532-8600
shelby@wasikfuneralhome.com

Funeral Service

JUL 31. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DT

“ Ray, my paternal cousin, was as handsome as he was kind, warm, friendly, sincere, caring, and talented. As everyone knows, Ray was an all-round exceptional human being. Unfortunately, I was positioned out of state when Ray passed away, so I missed paying my condolences in person. To all of us who respected, admired, and loved Ray, we mourn our loss. But to Maria and Deana especially, I want you to know I FEEL for you both dearly. I will never forget the deep void I felt in my chest when my own dad passed away nearly 40 years ago. So, until we can meet post-Covid, Deana and Maria, I send you both my heartfelt condolences, positive thoughts for healing, prayers for strength, and all my love. Your cousin, Den

Dennis Tucci - November 14, 2021 at 07:08 PM

MF

“ Ray was one of the most honorable and kind-hearted people that I have ever met. I had just started working at the Stahl's Museum when it was located in a building in St. Clair Shores. Ray would come with the Easy Rodders to visit the museum. He later became one of the first volunteers at the museum when it moved to its present location. Ray was always there whether you needed help, advice, a kind word or just a good laugh. The world has suffered a great loss with Ray's passing. I hope that a good home will be found for both Jake and Storm, Ray's loyal canine companions.

Marilyn Florek - July 31, 2021 at 12:11 PM

VS

“ I went to St. Margaret Mary's elementary school with Ray. He was a great guy. Deepest condolences to his family. Sorry to lose him.

Veronica Sanitate - July 31, 2021 at 12:16 AM

JA

“ Ray was a friend and valued member of the Easy Rodders of Michigan. He served as secretary of the club and was always willing to offer his time and energy to club functions, especially our car show each year. He will be missed by his many friends. ..Condolences to his family and peace to Ray Mike & Jan

JAN&MIKE - July 30, 2021 at 10:24 PM

LK

“ so sorry for the loss of Ray: My dad Andy Caravaggio has lots of memories of him and has been talking about all the family and friends they have shared: .Condolences to the family. Andy misses you:: will be missed buddy!!!!

Lena Caravaggio Kine - July 30, 2021 at 03:02 PM

PZ

“ Condolences to the family. Ray was always an Easy Rodder!! RIP you will be missed buddy!!!!!!!!!!!!

Paul and Laura Zimmermann - July 30, 2021 at 01:13 PM

GJ

“ Ray and I worked together to on making the gym at St Clair PP a nice place to work out we had a good time on making some nice improvements. Sorry to hear of his passing.

Gerry Fraley

gerald fraley jr - July 30, 2021 at 08:41 AM

RC

“ sorry to see this he was a good guy always had s smile on his face!!!

Rex Clark - July 30, 2021 at 05:57 AM

DM

“ Very sad to hear of Ray’s passing. I worked with him at the St Clair Power Plant. After our retirements, I ran into him several times at Stahl’s Auto Museum. He always had time for a nice conversation. He will be missed. Dave Moore

Dave Moore - July 29, 2021 at 09:18 PM

FT

“ Ray and I worked at Central heat Beacon heating plant many, many years ago, before he moved to the instrument shop. We shared an apartment when I was between marriages. Then he moved to Chesterfield and didn't see him again until I moved there also. We used to bump into each other at church on Sunday. Just a few words of greeting. He was busy and so was I. But I never forgot how he helped me through some tough times. We worked swing shift, different crews. Ray came home to our apartment and saw me as I was leaving for the midnight shift. I saw him put a pot-pie in the oven and said “see you in the morning”. When I got home, there was Ray crashed on the couch and gray smoke hanging in the air of the apartment. I shook him and said “Ray. Your pie's done”. It was a hockey puck. Took a week to clear the air. I remember also one of his cars. A Jaguar XK-E. Beautiful car. But not quite right. It was always in the shop. Parts were hard to find. Somebody gave him a birthday present about that time. A build it yourself scale model of a Jaguar XK-E. With parts missing.

All I really want to say is my time with Ray was well spent. I know that knowing him made my life better. Amen.

Frank Trudeau
DTE retiree

Frank Trudeau - July 29, 2021 at 07:37 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Raymond J Tucci.



July 29, 2021 at 07:08 PM



“ I met Ray when I attended Nativity grade school and he attended St Margaret Mary grade school. Our group of friends would go ice skating at Chandler Park. We would go to basketball games and football games. Our friendship from those days was carried thru to most of our lives. I checked on him often during the last two years and this guy never gave up. He fought the fight with everything he had. He always had such nice things to say about the people who helped him the most. I am going to miss my lifelong friend and all the talks we had. Until we meet again
 Kathy Mette

kathy mette - July 29, 2021 at 04:52 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Raymond J Tucci.



July 29, 2021 at 01:35 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Raymond J Tucci.



July 29, 2021 at 01:16 PM

RM

“ Ray and I were Marine Corps buddies and shared many a beer and story at the Marine Corp birthday party. He was a true friend and will be greatly missed.

Roger Milkowski

Roger Milkowski - July 29, 2021 at 12:46 PM

BB

“ Ray was a great neighbor, friend & sailor. We became neighbors 36 years ago, enjoyed raising our families and outings together with Angie. He invited me to crew on his sailboat while mentoring me in developing my sailing skills. He was always the kind of guy you could count on if you needed anything. Early in his cancer battle I called him to catch up and wanted to meet for lunch. Sadly with Covid-19 and recently him not feeling up to it we never got together. Ironically I ran into Ray & Angie at Nino's just last week as he was coming from a Doctors appt. and Angie was trying to get him something he might be able to eat. I look back now and realize it was fate that we had that one last brief encounter. God bless you, RIP. God bless Angie who did a lot for Ray, Maria, Deanna and all the extended family.

Brian Black - July 29, 2021 at 11:42 AM

JD

“ It is with great sadness to hear of Ray's passing. Our paths crossed at the Stahl museum as volunteers and many classic car related events around town. Ray was a true gentlemen and patriot. My condolences to his family.

Jerry Drenzek

Jerry Drenzek - July 29, 2021 at 11:04 AM

AL

“ Ray was like a brother to me. We shared some pretty good times. We both enjoyed going to gun show's together. Had some pretty good perch fries at his house with Ernie and Bob. Rest In Peace my Vietnam Veteran Brother you will be greatly missed by many. 🇺🇸🙏. Al Leder.

Al Leder - July 29, 2021 at 10:19 AM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Raymond J Tucci.



July 29, 2021 at 09:53 AM

TP

“ Ray was a good guy. He never griped or complained. He was honest and could be hilariously funny. When he was going through cancer treatment, he accepted the situation stoically. A lot of people will miss him.

Tim Propst - July 29, 2021 at 08:44 AM



Sorry for the loss of Ray. . I hope he is in a better place. God bless.him.

Doug Fergusson - July 29, 2021 at 09:30 PM

AT

“ Ray and I hired into edison on the same day oct.5 1970- we eventually were the first two I&C apprentices at central heat - as a couple of young energetic wise guys we had great times with our journeymen and tech group- lots of laughs but also some serious work with all the new control changes being implemented at the heating plants - Ray eventually left central heat and we both became I&C supervisors -we never lost contact if for just a call or email every so often - Ray was the type of friend you had forever - he will be greatly missed- condolences to family and friends -RIP buddy--Al Thompson

allan ralph thompson - July 28, 2021 at 08:38 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Raymond J Tucci.



July 28, 2021 at 08:29 PM

JG

“ Angie, Maria and Deana, I'm so sorry to learn of Ray's passing and for your loss, Ray put up a good fight. May he Rest in Eternal Peace.
Jack Giannosa



Jack Giannosa - July 28, 2021 at 08:12 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Raymond J Tucci.*



July 28, 2021 at 07:07 PM



“ *I first met Ray when I was assigned to a project in 1973 at the Beacon Heating Plant (Detroit Edison). He was working in the instrument shop and assisting us on the oil conversion project. We always started the day in the instrument shop having coffee and telling jokes about things that happen during the day. We stayed in touch all these years until I retired in 2001. Ray and I were both members of the Marine Corp League and would always get together at the Marine Corp's birthday party telling stories and reminiscing about the good ole day's, Ray will be greatly missed.*

Ron Hudas

Ron Hudas - July 28, 2021 at 06:49 PM



“ *Ray and I met when we both started volunteer work at Stahl's Auto Museum almost 11 years ago. We walked in together that first day and became friends quickly. We worked together quite often on a lot of projects, and Ray was a very knowledgeable/capable person with tools and vehicles. More importantly, he was a leader with the Stahl's staff, volunteers and the visitors. He was ready to help others whether it was museum-related or otherwise. During the recent COVID season, I lost track of Ray's battle with cancer. I miss him already. Ray, thank you for your service to our country, and may the Lord give you peace. Fred Rindhage*

Fred Rindhage - July 28, 2021 at 04:42 PM