



Ray William Surlet

July 13, 1930 - March 23, 2024

Ray W. Surlet, 93 of Hannibal, MO passed away at 12:00 am on March 23, 2024 at Beth Haven Nursing Home.

A Celebration of Life will be held at 1 pm on April 6, 2024 at Ford-Liley Funeral Home in Patton, MO.

Ray was born in Chaffee, MO on July 13, 1930 to John and Dora Surlet. He was raised in Allenville, MO by his aunt and uncle, Lou and Tony McMillan after his mother passed away. He married the love of his life, Frances C. Lynn on June 18, 1948. She preceded him in death on February 14, 2013.

Survivors include his daughters Connie Siebler (Nathan Ray Surlet-great grandson) and Carol Greening (Andy); five grandchildren Megan Bell (Jeff), Andrew Lemons (Devan), Derek Greening (Shana), Molly Bainter (Brooks); and sister Mary Lou Lowes. He is also survived by 12 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife Frances Surlet, parents John and Dora Surlet, brothers Herb and June Surlet; sisters Ada King, Dorthy Surlet and Pete (Alfa) Hudson; and his aunt and uncle, Lou and Tony McMillan.

Ray attended Allenville high school then joined the Army at age 16 in 1947.

He was sent to Guam then returned home, but called back in 1950 and fought in the Korean War. He was in the 23rd infantry regiment 2nd division in heavy weapons. He was honorably discharged on December 4, 1951 and given the combat infantry badge, distinguished unit badge and the Korean Service medal.

After returning home, he and Frannie moved to Chicago and then to St. Louis where he was employed at Boeing for 33 years as a foreman machinist. He retired at age 56 then he and Frannie moved to Patton, MO. There he was active in his church, the Lion's Club, and helping out his friends and community. He was a Mason for 58 years and Methodist by faith.

In 2014, he moved to Hannibal, MO to be closer to family.

Horary pallbearers will be Andy Lemons, Nathan Surllet, Wayne Meyer, Jeff Bell, Carter Bell, Aidan Bell, Derek Greening, Kaleb Greening and Brooks Bainter.

Memorial contributions may be made to Beth Haven Nursing Home in Hannibal, MO or Community Loving Care Hospice in Bowling Green, MO.

Cemetery Details

Patton Methodist Cemetery

Patton, MO 63662

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR 6. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Patton

Patton

Tribute Wall

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“ Donna Y. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ray William Surlet.

Donna Y. - April 04, 2024 at 11:20 AM

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“ Connie and Carol and family- Sending my prayers of comfort to all of you in this time of loss. We are never ready to lose our Daddies no matter how long we were blessed to have them here with us. A memorial tree will honor him. I think it represents our family the best. It will continue to grow and branch out but the roots will always run deep. Go rest high on that mountain Uncle Ray.
Love your niece,
Donna Lowes Young

donna young - April 04, 2024 at 11:18 AM