

Randall "Randy" Ray

Randall Wayne "Randy" Ray, 57, of Joplin, died at 1:15 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 31, 2005, at his home. He had been ill since February.

Randy was born June 22, 1948, in Joplin, to E. Wayne and Barbara (Bell) Ray. He was a graduate of Joplin High School and Missouri Southern State University. He was the owner and operator of his own business, Ozark Builders, for 30 years. He was a member of St. Peter's Catholic Church and the Joplin Fliers. He had taught at Neosho High School for two years. He was an Army veteran of Vietnam, having served as a medical corpsman. Randy thought of life as one big adventure. He enjoyed scuba diving, skiing and was a private pilot.

He was preceded in death by his father, E. Wayne Ray, who died Aug. 30, 1997. He married Phyllis Allen on Aug. 22, 1987, in Joplin. She survives.

Additional survivors are a son, Shannon Stansberry, his wife, Jennifer, and son, Tyler, of Joplin; two daughters, Lori Ramsey and her husband, Aaron, and their son, Connor, of Joplin, and Abby Haffner, of Carthage; his mother, Barbara Ray Hoofnagle and her husband, Leon, of Joplin; brothers, Bill Ray, of Cook Station, Mo., David Ray and his wife, Sara, of St. James, Mo., Ron Ray, of Joplin, and Tom Ray and his wife, Dana, of Ozark, Mo.; two sisters, Diane Daugherty and her husband, Jerry, of Olathe, Kan., and Trilla Carter and her husband, Monty, of Kansas City, Mo.; many nieces, nephews and friends.

A rosary will be said at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Peter's Church, a memorial funeral mass will be offered at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at St. Peter's by Msgr. Stephen Schneider. Burial of the cremated remains will follow at Ozark Memorial Park Cemetery with military honors. Honorary pallbearers will be Dr. David Seidl, Charley King, Jeff Asbell, Dale Janssen, Deryl Edwards, Boyce Mouton, John Brown, David Walker and Adam Rhodes.

Contributions may be made to St. Peter's Catholic Church directly or through Thornhill-Dillon Mortuary.

Email condolences to: life-memories@cableone.net

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