



Raymond "Ray" Suttmeier

October 24, 1934 - February 16, 2023

Raymond "Ray" Suttmeier, age 88 years, longtime area resident of Cairo, N.Y. passed away on February 16, 2023.

Ray was born on October 24, 1934, in Catskill, N.Y., and is the son of the late John W. and Winifred (Dolores) Costello Suttmeier.

Besides his parents, he is predeceased by his loving wife of 43 years Judith "Judy" Cochrane Suttmeier, brothers John Jr. and Thomas Suttmeier.

Survivors include his three children Brian Suttmeier, Bonnie Suttmeier Galvin (Derek) and Bruce Suttmeier (Kevin) and his three grandsons Ryker, Luke and Deegan Galvin, sister in law Dorothy Suttmeier and the second love his life Virginia "Ginger" Pedersen.

During his lifetime Ray attended Cairo Central School and Albany Business College. He operated the R. J. Suttmeier Real Estate and Insurance Agency in Cairo, N.Y. for 47 years. During that time, he was a member and past president of the Greene County Board of Realtors, Greene County Association of Insurance Agents and The Cairo Rotary Club. Ray was also a member of The Greene County Republican Committee and served on The Greene County Legislature. Ray also served twenty years on The Cairo Town Board.

Ray loved to travel. He and Ginger have visited over fifty countries.

Relatives and friends are cordially invited to attend calling hours at Richards Funeral Home, 29 Bross Street, Cairo, N.Y. on Thursday, February 23, 2023, from 4:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, February 24, 2023 at 10:00 A.M. at the funeral home, with Pastor Victor Nelson officiating.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Ray's memory may be made to The Resurrection Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 563, Cairo, N.Y. 12413.

Interment will follow in the family plot of The Catskill Town Cemetery, Catskill, N.Y.

Condolences and memories may be made at www.richardsfuneralhomeinc.net.

Cemetery Details

Catskill Town Cemetery

Jefferson Avenue
Catskill, NY 12414

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **23**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Richards Funeral Home - Cairo
P.O. Box # 383
29 Bross Street
Cairo, NY 12413
(518) 622-9503
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Funeral

FEB **24**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

PS

“ Dear Brian, Bonnie and Bruce, I am not sure if you will see this message as I am just learning of your Dad's passing, almost two years ago now. I am Peter Siver. My Mother was Helen Suttmeier, and my Grandfather was Fred Suttmeier. My Christmas card to your Dad last year did not come back, but yesterday the one we sent last month did. I know we met several times in the past, including when your Mom passed.

We are sorry to learn of Ray's passing. We were fortunate enough to have seen him at the family reunion (held up the mountain in the Inn). My first memory of your Dad dates back to the early 1960's when I would visit my Grandfather for a week. Each day we walked "the town" and stopping at the insurance office was a must stop. As years passed and I got to know your Dad I learned how funny he could be, and how proud he was of all of you.

If you know, could you send me the address of Dottie True. Her Mother was my Mother's Godmother. I recently uncovered a letter written to my Mom by my Grandmother just before she died. In it she speaks of "Mrs True." I would like to share it with Dottie.

Sincerely, Peter Siver (88 Caisson Road, Colchester, CT 06415; pasiv@conncoll.edu).

Peter Siver - January 04, 2025 at 09:42 AM

LK

“ Our deepest sympathy , with love and friendship.



Leo & Kristen Klemke - February 24, 2023 at 05:26 PM

KJ

“ *Kenneth Suttmeier Jr lit a candle in memory of Raymond "Ray" Suttmeier*



Kenneth Suttmeier Jr - February 24, 2023 at 04:48 PM

DA

“ *Brian, Bonnie, & Bruce*
So sorry for your loss, your Dad was a good man, and my Mom loved working for him. Sorry I did not make the wake last night, I just found out that it was yesterday. I know it is hard to lose a parent especially when your other parent is already gone. Just try to remember the good times and know that he loved you all very much. Please accept my deepest sympathy at this time and if you guys need anything do not be afraid to reach out. 🙏🙏🙏

Dawn Cody (Johnson)

Dawn - February 24, 2023 at 08:24 AM

AT

My sincere sympathy to Brian, Bonnie and Bruce and your whole family. Ray was a good man and a good friend. May he rest in peace.
Anita Turner

Anita Turner - February 28, 2023 at 06:07 AM

JO

“ So sorry for your loss Bonnie, Brian and Bruce. Your Dad was a great man. Your family were neighbors of ours for many years. My Mom Millie Meddaugh always said what great neighbors we had. I got to know Ray better as I grew older. He taught me the Raymond rule, 2 cocktails before dinner. I will never forget him. Rest in peace my friend and say hi to Millie.

jane obertubbesing - February 23, 2023 at 06:36 PM



“ Sorry to hear of your passing. Our class is dwindling but I don't think any of us expected to live this long but we all have lived a good long life. My thoughts are with you Ginger.. Dottie True

Dorothy True - February 23, 2023 at 03:38 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Raymond "Ray" Suttmeier.



February 23, 2023 at 01:37 PM

RF

“ Robin and the Lewis & Clark Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Raymond "Ray" Suttmeier.



Robin and the Lewis & Clark Family - February 23, 2023 at 11:19 AM

LS

“ Laurie J Suttmeier lit a candle in memory of Raymond "Ray" Suttmeier



Laurie J Suttmeier - February 22, 2023 at 08:03 PM



Brian, Bonnie and Bruce - I am so very sorry for your loss. Your Dad was a terrific guy, what a sense of humor. I wish I could be there with you all! A big gathering, with memories being shared and a few jokes thrown in... Uncle Ray would appreciate that. I'll be there in thought and spirit, and next time I'm in town I'll stop by your parents grave site.

Laurie Suttmeier - February 22, 2023 at 08:12 PM

MA

“ Brian, Bonnie and Bruce, I'm very sorry to about your dad's passing. Your pops was probably one of the nicest people I ever met. He was first person ever to call my dad 'Al' that I can remember. I recall walking out of his office on Main St and asking my dad, "Why did he call you that?" After my pops did a little 'splaining about nicknames and whatnot, I figured that your dad HAD to be cool. I think I was 4 or 5 at the time. A memory I still keep, even today. God bless your dad... he was truly one of a kind. Please accept condolences from Jeannie, Lisa, Marki and I



Mark Abramajtis - February 22, 2023 at 01:51 PM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Raymond "Ray" Suttmeier.*



February 22, 2023 at 06:34 AM



“ *Rita Spiritelli lit a candle in memory of Raymond "Ray" Suttmeier*



Rita Spiritelli - February 22, 2023 at 03:33 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Raymond "Ray" Suttmeier.*



February 21, 2023 at 03:52 PM



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Christy Pedersen - February 21, 2023 at 03:19 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Raymond "Ray" Suttmeier.*



February 21, 2023 at 09:25 AM



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Richards Funeral Home of the Mid Hudson Valley Inc. - February 20, 2023 at 03:24 PM



“ *My first memory of your dad was driving around looking at houses in 1973. My sincere condolences to all of you.*

Rachel Tomkowicz - February 20, 2023 at 02:17 PM



“ *Paul R. Seney, Jr. lit a candle in memory of Raymond "Ray" Suttmeier*



Paul R. Seney, Jr. - February 20, 2023 at 12:28 PM

PJ

Richards Funeral Home of the Mid-Hudson Valley, Inc. Cairo and Athens, N.Y. and also W.C. Brady's Sons, Inc. Funeral Home, Coxsackie, N.Y. send our condolences to The Family of Raymond "Ray" Suttmeier during this difficult time.

Paul R. Seney, Jr. - February 20, 2023 at 12:30 PM



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Richards Funeral Home of the Mid Hudson Valley Inc. - February 20, 2023 at 12:27 PM