

Raymond Walter Raguse, 81, of Alexandria, MN passed away peacefully with his family at his side on Tuesday, October 6, 2020.

Ray was born on June 9, 1939, in Breckenridge, MN, the son of Walter and Alice (Ahlstein) Raguse. He was raised on the family farm near Wheaton, MN and attended school in Wheaton where he graduated in 1957. He enlisted in the United States Army Reserves in 1958 and served his country until he was honorably discharged.

Raymond was united in marriage to Evelyn Goodwalt at the Munson Church near Wheaton on October 8, 1960. The couple was blessed with two sons, Michael and Bryan. Ray worked for the Traverse County Highway Department doing road maintenance and snow plowing. Later he drove for Jacobson Transport. In 1969 Raymond began commuting to Alexandria, MN to work at Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing (3M). Soon after, he moved his family to Alexandria. He retired from 3M with over thirty-five years of service. He continued working for the next ten years doing fieldwork for a local farmer.

Ray enjoyed deer and pheasant hunting with his family and friends. He especially enjoyed fishing and just spending time in the boat with Evie, Mike and Bryan. Raymond was a skilled woodworker. He made cradles for his grandchildren, bean bag games and over three hundred boat shelves. Most important to Raymond was his family. He was proud of his sons and loved spending time with them. He was a dedicated and loving husband to Evie. They were just two days away from celebrating sixty beautiful years together.

Ray was a member of the American Legion and served for many years on the Wheaton Fire Department. He was also a longtime member of Shalom Lutheran Church in Alexandria.

Survivors include his wife, Evie, sons, Michael Raguse (Dawn) and Bryan Raguse (Karen); four grandchildren, Samuel, Sarah, Gannon and Gabriel; and two great grandchildren, Zander and Brantley; sisters-in-law, Evonne (LeRoy) Anderson, Elaine Best, and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Walter and Alice Raguse, brother, Darryl Raguse, parents-in-law, Sam and Rose Goodwalt, brothers-in-law Elvin (Sonny) Goodwalt and Gerald Best.

In Loving Memory

**Raymond W.
Raguse**

June 9, 1939



October 6, 2020



The Day God Called You Home

*God looked around His garden
and found an empty space.*

*Then He looked down upon the earth
and saw your tired face.*

*He put his arms around you,
lifted you to rest.*

*God's garden must be beautiful,
for He only takes the best.*

*He knew that you were suffering.
He knew you were in pain.*

*He saw the road was getting rough,
and the hills were hard to climb.*

*So He closed your weary eyes,
and whispered, "Peace be thine".*

*It broke our hearts to lose you,
but you did not go alone.*

*For part of us went with you,
the day God called you home.*

Memorial Service

Shalom Lutheran Church
Alexandria, Minnesota
Monday, October 12, 2020
11 AM

Officiant

Reverend David Fleener

Musician

Ruth Blom

Honorary Pallbearers

Kevin Raguse	David Raguse
Samuel Raguse	Gannon Raguse
Sarah Raguse	Gabriel Raguse

Military Honors

Alexandria Veteran's Honor Guard

Interment

Wildwood Cemetery
Wheaton, Minnesota