



Raymond Billmeier

December 22, 1943 - June 16, 2015

Ray Billmeier, 71 of Carroll, died Tuesday, June 16, 2015 at St. Anthony Regional Hospital in Carroll surrounded by his family.

Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 20, 2015 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Templeton. The Celebrant will be Fr. Timothy Johnson. Music will be by Jeanne Kerkhoff and the Sacred Heart Men's Choir. Lector for the funeral mass will be Ray's niece, Jennifer Mallum. Gift Bearers will be Ray's grandchildren: Nicholas Billmeier, Dawson Billmeier, Nolan Nepple, and Porter Nepple. Eucharistic Minister will be Alice Simons. Honorary Casket Bearers will be: John Renze, Bill Hess, Norm Schulz, Larry Schenkelberg, John Norgaard, Lon Diers, Pat Moehn, Dave Collison, Jim Irlmeier, and John Sing. Casket Bearers will be Ray's nephews: Doug Irlmeier, Chad Irlmeier, David Blum, Matt Billmeier, Ron Alspach, Larry Middleton, and Ryan Middleton. Burial will be in Sacred Heart Cemetery in Templeton.

Friends may call at the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll after 4 p.m. on Friday where there will be a Christian Wake Service at 7 p.m. Additional visitation will be held from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. Saturday at the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be left at the funeral home or the church for Kuemper Catholic Schools Foundation.

Following the burial Ray's family wishes to invite everyone for a luncheon and refreshments at the Carroll Country Club.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Sharp Funeral Home in Carroll and online condolences may be left for Ray's family at www.sharpfuneral.com.

Born on December 22, 1943 at Templeton, Iowa, Raymond J. was the son of Otto and Frances (Fuchs) Billmeier. Ray grew up in Templeton and attended Sacred Heart School, later graduating from Kuemper Catholic High School with the Class of 1962.

On October 9, 1965, Ray was united in marriage to Linda Irlmeier at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Templeton. The couple made their home in Carroll where Ray was employed at Sieg Automotive for many years. In 1991 Ray began his career with Feld Fire Equipment and was still working part-time until his recent illness.

Ray enjoyed tending to his lawn, gardening, grilling, and in his younger years playing fast pitch softball. He always enjoyed golfing, playing cards, and socializing with his family and many friends at the Carroll Country Club.

Ray's greatest joy was spending time with his entire family; especially his grandchildren and watching them with their various activities.

Ray was a member of Holy Spirit Parish in Carroll and a former member of Sacred Heart Parish in Templeton.

Left to celebrate his life is his wife Linda Billmeier of Carroll; his children: Brian Billmeier and his wife Niki of Carroll, and Stacey Nepple and her husband John of Carroll; his grandchildren: Nicholas Billmeier, Dawson Billmeier, Nolan

Nepple, and Porter Nepple; his brother: Lou (Terri) Billmeier of Carroll; his sisters: Darlene (Lloyd) Middleton of Templeton and Dorothy Bendixen of Carroll; his sisters-in-law and brother-in-law: Bonnie Hein of Carroll, and Duane (Pauline) Irlmeier of Templeton; as well as many nieces, nephews, other extended relatives and many friends.

Ray was preceded in death by his parents; his parents-in-law, Stoggie and Mep Irlmeier; his brother-in-law, Jerry Hein; and his niece, Sheila Schoeppner.

Tribute Wall

EH

“ *Dear Linda and family,
I am a Kuenper classmate of Ray's living in Canada and wish to extend my sympathies to all of you for the loss of Ray. May he rest in peace and may fond memories of him remain always with all of you.*

*Sincerely,
Elma Garbier Heidemann*

Elma Garbier Heidemann - June 24, 2015 at 10:37 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Raymond Billmeier.*



June 19, 2015 at 04:11 PM

CN

“ *Linda and family: We were saddened to learn of Ray's passing. May good memories fill your hearts. You'll be in our thoughts and prayers as you face the days ahead. Wes & CJ Niles, Carroll*

CJ Niles - June 19, 2015 at 10:24 AM

LB

“ *Linda and family, I'm so sorry to hear about Ray's passing. What a great guy. Hang in there....miss you. Lisa Brinker*



Lisa Brinker - June 19, 2015 at 03:50 AM



“ *Splendid Orchids was purchased for the family of Raymond Billmeier.*



June 18, 2015 at 10:40 AM

BL

“ *Good morning Linda-
-We just heard about the loss of Ray. Unfortunately due to distance unable to attend funeral. My husband Gus (john R) had hip surgery in November and both knees done March 2 . We have a checkup for me in Rochester this coming week so need to be able to go to that.*

We met you both when stayed at Rays parents in 1964 after our marriage. Your family is very special. Our prayers are with you. God bless you ----Gus and Becky Lingl-----

Bird Island Minnesota. Please express our sympathy to Darlene, Dorothy and Louie.

Becky Lingl - June 18, 2015 at 10:19 AM

TC

“ *The Omaha Fire Dept TSD; John, Steve, Greg, Jeff and Chad purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Raymond Billmeier.*



The Omaha Fire Dept TSD; John, Steve, Greg, Jeff and Chad
- June 18, 2015 at 10:00 AM



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



June 18, 2015 at 09:29 AM

Jl

“ *Linda & Family,*

On behalf of everyone at Scott Safety we are sorry for your loss. Ray has meant a lot to our company over the years and he was a fun guy to be around with. The fire service will miss his integrity and he really looked out for the customer.

John Irvin

John Irvin - June 18, 2015 at 08:57 AM

CH

“ *Ray will be missed by Ralston Fire, I always enjoyed his smile when he would stop in to pick up equipment for repair. Prayers to the family!*

Christine - June 18, 2015 at 08:38 AM

CT

“ So sorry for your loss,

Charlene (Irlmeier) Timson and family

CHARLENE TIMSON - June 18, 2015 at 08:26 AM

LW

“ *Linda and family! I am so sorry to hear about the loss of Ray! You have our deepest sympathy! Prayers for him and your family!*

Jerry and Linda Wenck

Linda Wenck - June 17, 2015 at 10:30 PM

JS

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Ray was a great man and always a pleasure to be around. Ray sold and serviced most of all our Fire Science equipment at the college and like clockwork we'd see him every Tuesday.*

Such an honest, genuine person that you truly enjoyed talking with. Never any pressure to sell and if he knew of a tool or equipment he could find for a less expensive price he was more than happy to make sure to do so on behalf of our taxpayers. He will be sorely missed. God Bless You.

*Fire Science Technology Faculty
Metropolitan Community College
Omaha, Nebraska*



jeff strawn - June 17, 2015 at 10:29 PM

EK

“ Linda and Family. Very sorry to hear about Ray. Please know we will remember him and all of you in our prayers. God Bless You.

Dick and Betty (Testroet) Klocke

Elizabeth Klocke - June 17, 2015 at 08:01 PM



“ Linda & Family, so sorry for your loss, Ray was a wonderful man, he will be missed by many. My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this very sad time.



*Charlotte Schroeder
(Charlie)*

Charlotte Schroeder - June 17, 2015 at 07:04 PM

LG

“ Linda, thoughts and prayers for you and your family throughout this difficult time.

Ernie and Linda Golwitzer

Linda Golwitzer - June 17, 2015 at 06:05 PM



“ Sorry you your loss Linda and family. I did not know Ray that much but I enjoyed Brian and Nikki when Brian worked for Mark Aulerich . You will be in my prayers.

Shirley(Snyder) Hansen , class of KHS 1965

Shirley Snyder Hansen - June 17, 2015 at 05:52 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Raymond Billmeier.*



June 17, 2015 at 04:50 PM



“ *Ray was a special friend and class mate. Our life on this earth has been better because of Ray. May he rest in Peace. Richard Harlow.....Montrose Iowa....Kuemper class of 1962.*

Richard Harlow - June 17, 2015 at 02:48 PM



“ *Ray was a good person to do business with and I learned a ton from him. Thank you to all the family for helping to make Ray this person. I will miss Ray but the memories will be there for me to recall. I am very sorry for your loss.*

*In His care,
Tom Ragan
Shelby Specialty Gloves*

Tom Ragan - June 17, 2015 at 02:23 PM



“ *Eric, Karen, Soren and Arrington Jensen purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Raymond Billmeier.*



Eric, Karen, Soren and Arrington Jensen - June 17, 2015 at 01:57 PM

JM

“ We are very sorry for this sudden loss of your husband, father, and grandfather. Being friends since Templeton school days and the Kuemper Class of '62 makes for an unrelenting bond. Ray remains a strong, happy reliable person in our hearts. We pray to God to give you strength now and in the future to understand His ways.
Jim and Joyce Masching

James and Joyce Masching - June 17, 2015 at 01:45 PM



“ Sorry for your loss. Ray was super guy he will be missed. Lenox Fire Department

Ryan Brown - June 17, 2015 at 12:37 PM

JF

“ Linda and Family, Ray will be missed by a lot of people in the Fire Service..I for one will never forget him..we have had many great and fun times together at different fire related functions..
So sorry for your loss..

Jay & Bonnie Fredrickson

Jay Fredrickson - June 17, 2015 at 06:25 AM

FG

“ Ray Will be greatly missed! I enjoyed playing softball and golf with him! Our prayers go out to the family!

Frank Golwitzer - June 16, 2015 at 07:58 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Raymond Billmeier.



June 16, 2015 at 05:14 PM



“ Thoughts and prayers to the Billmeier family. Ray was such a great guy. I enjoyed working with him and running into him in T-Town. He will be greatly missed by many!

Lisa Jensen - June 16, 2015 at 03:15 PM



“ Dear Linda and family, My heart aches today for your family on the loss of a great husband, dad and grandpa! May Ray RIP! I am remembering all the good times we have had in our friendship. We have to cling to our family, friends and faith in times of sorrow. I am here for you Linda! Love and hugs! Linda Bluml

Linda Bluml - June 16, 2015 at 03:03 PM



“ My prayers and sympathies to Linda, Brian, and Stacey and family. I enjoyed working with Ray tremendously and miss his vivacious spirit at the office! Raymond was a great man who left a strong and warm impression on those who had the privilege of knowing him. May he rest in peace and comfort to his family & friends.

*Bev Kramer
Accounting & HR Manager
Feld Fire*

Bev Kramer - June 16, 2015 at 02:36 PM

LB

“ *Linda Bluml lit a candle in memory of
Raymond Billmeier*



Linda Bluml - June 16, 2015 at 01:59 PM

MJ

*I was a class mate of Ray's from kindergarten through high school
graduating with him in the class of 1962. My memories of Ray are his
love of basketball in high school, his smile and great sense of humor. I
was blessed to spend time with he and Linda at our 50th Kuemper
High School Reunion, a memory I will treasure.
~Myra Eickman Johnson*

Myra Johnson - June 19, 2015 at 04:23 PM