



Ray A Bunting

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Ray Allan Bunting, 71, of Rehoboth Beach, Delaware slept away peacefully on April 25, 2019, at the Milford Hospice Center.

Ray was born on September 14, 1947 in Lewes, Delaware. He was pre-deceased by his Father, Alvah Freeman Bunting in 1949, his Mother Bertha Mae Lingo Vickers in 1994 his step-father, Charles Vickers in 2007 and a brother Gerald Lee Bunting in October of 2018.

Ray leaves behind his wife, Robin Gordon Bunting, his partner in life for 33 years. He is also survived by daughter, Dr. Lori Hudson Stark and her husband David, of Tucson, Arizona and daughter Tara Arnold and husband George, of State College, Pa. Ray had five grandchildren. Bryn Hudson, 22, a Sophomore at Trinity College, Hartford, Ct., Lauren Arnold, 17, a Junior at State College High, State College, Pa., Quinn Hudson, 16, a Sophomore at Catalina Foothills High School, Tucson, Az, Ashlyn Arnold, 14, 8th Grade, Mount Nittany Middle School, State College, Pa and Geordan Arnold, 6, Kindergarten, Mount Nittany Elementary, State College, Pa.

He also leaves a brother Charles R. Vickers and his wife Nancy of Lewes, De and a sister-in-law Christy Bunting of Virginia Beach, Va., two nephews, Michael Bunting and wife Lindsay of Virginia Beach, Va., and Will Short Vickers of Washington, DC., two nieces Jessica Bunting of Germantown, Md., and Morgann Ridgeway of Cross Junction, Va., and an Uncle William R. Bunting, Millsboro, De.

Ray graduated as a member of the Class of 1965 from Millsboro High School. He attended Benjamin Franklin University and the Capitol School of Technology.

Ray embarked on a career that started as Director of Security for the Hecht Companies in Washington/Baltimore where he was offered a position in their retail divisions as a Buyer. He retired as Senior Vice-President of Hecht's parent company, May Department Stores.



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He was the President of Smith Apparel for several years with locations in Selbyville, Ocean City and Fenwick and Waterworks in Bethany and Rehoboth. In 1986, Ray was encouraged to pursue a career in real estate in Ocean City, Maryland.

Ray had found his calling. With virtually no training, he rose to the top of the company for Heritage Development Corporation and placed number one in sales for 1986, 1987 and 1988. He was invited to participate in an international competition for resort sales and placed in the top two in his division. With this international recognition came a job offer to join a team being recruited to sell a resort condominium property on the Caribbean Island of St. Maarten. After seven years and with inventory dwindling, an International development firm pursued Ray to head their Resort Development and Sales division with the acquisition of the then 4 Star Oyster Pond Hotel. Ray's creativity and flare for design was key to the development of a resort environment with competitive amenity components. As Project Director for Oyster Bay Beach Resort, Ray and Robin were recognized as Project Directors for the Fastest Selling Resort in the Caribbean.

Upon returning to the US, after ten years, Ray was attracted to South Carolina for their base and after a brief stint in Murrell's Inlet, he settled in Hilton Head and enjoyed great success as a Sales Manager there for a Canadian Builder/Developer. This success earned him the offer for the top spot at the oceanfront Royal Floridian Resort in Ormond Beach, Florida.

After retirement and returning to Sussex County in early 2013, Ray was offered a position for a local homebuilder and his successful techniques and winning personality served him well.

In May of 2017, Ray started exhibiting symptoms that weren't easily diagnosed. After two months, he was diagnosed with a Glioblastoma Brain Tumor and given a terminal diagnosis of 12-14 months. Ever the fighter, Ray rose to the challenge. Following brain surgery, radiation and chemotherapy Ray spent time with his children and grandchildren, renewed old friendships, kayaked, went to Georgetown Speedway for every race and vowed to beat his diagnosis. In October of 2018, he danced at his niece Morgann's wedding in Western Maryland. His positive attitude and unfailing smile lit up every room he walked into.



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The week before Easter he had three friends he wanted to see and made the trip to see them - traveling to Eastern and Southern West Virginia. The list was complete. His journey was coming to an end.

Ray had a broadly diversified career and was involved in many hobbies and organizations. He was the youngest member of the American Society of Industrial Security, Past-President of the Bethany-Fenwick Chamber of Commerce and was elected to two five-year terms on the Indian River School Board. He was a former President of the Board of the Fenwick Branch of Delaware National Bank. He had served as President of the Eastern Shore Hunters Association and is a former member of the Selbyville Fire Department. He was a member of the St. Maarten Golf Association, the Eastern Caribbean Golf Association and the US Navy League in St. Maarten. He had been a contributing sponsor to resort case studies through the American Resort Development Association.

Most recently Ray was a member of Grace United Methodist Church and a member of the Chancel Choir, the Sussex County Association of Realtors, the National Association of Realtors and the Delaware Homebuilders Association. He was also active with the Eastern Sussex Republican Club and was an Associate Member of the Sussex County Republican Women's Club. He was a member of the Indian River Yacht Club, the Bridgeville Rifle and Pistol Club, the Delaware State Sportsmen's Association and a lifetime member of the National Rifle Association and of the Single Action Shooting Society. He looked forward to the monthly luncheons with his beloved Class of 1965 from Millsboro High School.

Visitations for Ray will be held on Saturday, May 4, 2019 from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM and from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM at Watson Funeral Home, 211 South Washington St., Millsboro, De. A Celebration of Life will take place at Grace United Methodist Church, 330 Church Street, Millsboro, De., on Sunday, May 5, 2019 at 2:00 PM. Internment will follow at Millsboro Cemetery, East State Street, Millsboro, De.

Ray loved flowers. Memorial donations can be made to the Millsboro Fire Department, PO Box 83, Millsboro, DE 19966.

Electronic condolences via www.watsonfh.com



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PF

Phil & Helen Fleischer lit a candle in honor of Ray.

Philip and Helen Fleischer had the privilege of working with RAY AND ROBIN AT ST. MARTEEN RESORT IN 1990 AND AT HERITAGE RESORTS AT OCEAN CITY MARYLAND IN THE LATE 1980"S, RAY AS A PROFESSIONAL SALESPERSON, HAD A MARVELOUS PERSONALITY THAT WAS SINCERE AND TRUSTWORTHY. OUR SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO ROBIN, AND CHILDREN AND FAMILY

April 19 at 8:00 PM



ES

Expression Of Sympathy lit a candle in honor of Ray.

A TRADITION AND SPLENDOR was sent on May 3, 2019My sincere sympathy to you and yours Robin. Ray will be in my daily prayers Sincerely yours Paul B

May 2 at 8:00 PM



ES

Expression Of Sympathy lit a candle in honor of Ray.

An A GARDEN PATH was ordered on April 30, 2019

April 29 at 8:00 PM



AW

Ana Williams lit a candle in honor of Ray.

My condolences to the family of Ray A. Bunting. Coping with the loss of a love one is never easy. You are not alone in your grief. May you find peace and comfort in knowing that Christ Jesus will use his power given to him by his father Jehovah God to resurrect all those in the memorial tombs/graves. John 5:28,29 1 Corinthians 15 :21,22

April 29 at 8:00 PM



ES

Expression Of Sympathy lit a candle in honor of Ray.

An A GARDEN PATH was sent on April 29, 2019From Everyone here at Joe Maggio Realty, God rest your soul."In the end, it's not the years in your life that count. It's the life in your years." - Abraham Lincoln

April 28 at 8:00 PM





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JA

Jane lit a candle in honor of Ray.

Right now, when your loss is so fresh, it may be difficult for you to imagine that this pain will ever go away. But in time the blessing of God's unfailing love will soften the hurt you're feeling and bring your heart the peace, comfort and hope that it needs to heal. Revelation 21:4 tells us that soon everything that causes us pain, including death, will be gone forever. We also have the hope of our loved ones being resurrected here on earth, as Acts 24:15 tells us. I do hope you find comfort in this. Though I did not know your loved one, I am touched by your loss. Please accept my sincere condolences and for more comfort from the Scriptures please visit jw.org.

April 27 at 8:00 PM



TS

The Smiths lit a candle in honor of Ray.

We wanted to share our condolences with Ray's family. It is never easy to have to say goodbye to a loved one. The pain of loss can be unbearable. Our Creator promises us that one day this pain will be just a memory. That beautiful promise can be found at Revelation 21:3, 4. Our pain and suffering will be a thing of the past, and we can cry tears of joy as we welcome back the ones that we love so much. We hope you find comfort in those promises.

April 26 at 8:00 PM



BC

Bruce & Nancy Carmine lit a candle in honor of Ray.

Ray was determined to beat the odds, and did so with his strong will, wife, family and friends. May he be remembered for his love of family and friends. Love, Bruce & Nancy

April 26 at 8:00 PM



BC

Becky Crockett lit a candle in honor of Ray.

April 26 at 8:00 PM





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C. Kenneth Carter lit a candle in honor of Ray.

Sympathy to Family. Ken

April 25 at 8:00 PM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Ray by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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