



Ray R. Eytcheson

June 16, 2022

It is with great sorrow that the family of Raymond Richard Eytcheson Jr (79) of Magnolia, TX announces his passing on Thursday morning, June 16, 2022

Born in Downey, CA to Raymond and Betty Eytcheson, Ray moved to the Greater Peoria (IL) area shortly after his birth. After graduating from Pekin High School in 1961, and a short stint with the United States Navy, Ray joined the Caterpillar Tractor company as an entry level employee and worked his way through the ranks before retiring as an Upper-Level Manager dealing with Telecommunications for a large portion of the company's international footprint. For many years in the mid 1990's and early 2000's, Ray also operated the Olde Town Pub in Spring Bay.

Ray was known for his quick wit, ability to bring divergent groups to consensus, and the ability to make hard decisions in crisis situations. Ray never drew attention to himself, but often dominated the room simply by his presence. Ray believed in Honor, Duty, Respect, Discipline...these were his four pillars, and ones he instilled in all around him.

Ray leaves behind his loving wife Linda Kim Eytcheson, 3 children (Kimberly Macurdy of The Woodland, TX, Timothy Eytcheson of Tucson, AZ, and Thomas Eytcheson of Greenville, SC), 9 grandchildren, and 9 great-grandchildren.

Private services for immediate family will be held in Magnolia, TX. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the ASPCA; a charity near and dear to Ray given his lifelong love of animals

Tribute Wall

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“Dad has always been a superhero in my eyes. Superman, as I affectionately called him. He was able to do anything! His specialty at Caterpillar Tractor was worldwide telecommunications but his passion was family. Providing for, nurturing and loving with all of his being. Guiding us through the pitfalls of life and celebrating the triumphs. Dad was always there with EXACTLY what you needed to hear EXACTLY when you needed to hear it.

Other passions of his included gardening, reading and his beloved woodshop. From jewelry boxes to rehabbing old homes, building furniture and other keepsakes.

Dad's touch went far beyond family to reach out to the communities he lived in. From his early days in the Pekin Jaycees to president of his neighborhood HOA, he was always available to help others. Whether you just met him or knew him for years, he was a kind, respectful, caring man that always made himself available to help a person in need.

Above all, Dad was a teacher. A teacher of life to all of us. Answering questions about any and all aspects of our lives. Helping us to understand everything from current affairs to how to cook. Dad showed how to live life with respect and compassion for all. He is and always will be a blueprint of what a man and father should be. The world is a lesser place without him.

Thomas L Eytcheson - June 21, 2022 at 11:32 AM

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“ I am saddened by the loss of my ‘brother’ in heart! Ray was my protector for years and he’ll always be in my heart! My eldest cousin on my mother’s side of the family who lived with us for over a year while in high school! I always looked up to him! He was the kindest person ever in my life!



Susan Speerly-Janke - June 19, 2022 at 11:35 AM