



Ray McLeod

January 29, 1932 - February 11, 2018

Ray McLeod, age 86, a lifelong Lake county resident, died peacefully Sunday February 11, 2018 with his immediate family by his side at TriPoint Medical Center in Concord. He was born January 29, 1932 and served in the US Navy during the Korean War.

Ray was a lifelong member of the Painesville Elks Lodge #549, a founding member of the Middle Bass Island Yacht Club and a member of the National Association of Marine Surveyors.

Mr. McLeod owned and operated Douglass & McLeod Inc. from 1951-2014. The company manufactured and sold the world-renowned International 14, Highlander, the Thistle and the DM 22 sailboats. The business transformed into a company focused on repairs, winter storage, a retail store front and surveying. A marina was also added.

Douglass & McLeod pioneered the use of fiberglass manufacturing the boats in the 1960s. This revolutionized the sailing industry as we know it today. Douglas & McLeod was the forerunner of Tartan Yachts.

Ray was most content and at home on the water with family and friends. Traveling, fishing, and being at the boat works or in the "shop" were his favorite pastimes. Ray lived large, lived well, lived long, and most importantly

was loyal to those fortunate enough to call him a friend.

Ray is survived by his daughter Heather (McLeod) Rini, son-in-law Christopher Rini; and Grandchildren Jack and Anna Rini.

Ray was preceded in death by his parents: Ray McLeod Sr. and Helen C. McLeod and sister Maxine "Mickey" Nicely.

A celebration of Ray's Life will be held from 2 - 4 pm Saturday March 17, 2018 at Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor Ohio 44060.

A memorial service with military honors will be 4 pm Saturday March 17, 2018 at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to Hospice of the Western Reserve.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAR 17. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



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“ *To the family and friends of Ray, my sincere condolences.*

Ray was one of the friendliest guys I have had the pleasure to meet. He welcomed me from the first time we were introduced. I enjoyed my visits to Cleveland but especially the Wednesday night meetings at the boat yard. Sitting on the porch, drinking beers and sharing stories, views and sometimes a little debate.

One of my favourite memories was on the small scale railway at one of Rays friends, when the carriage came off the track and Ray, Dale and myself ended up rolling around on the ground.

We are remembered by the tracks we leave.

Rest in peace Ray.

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