



Raymond H. Dawson

March 20, 1928 - October 30, 2017

Raymond H. Dawson, age 89, a lifelong resident of Mentor, passed away Monday, October 30, 2017 at Altercare of Mentor. Mr. Dawson was born March 20, 1928 in Painesville, OH to the late William and Mae Dawson.

He was a graduate of the Mentor High School Class of 1946 and inducted to the Alumni Hall of Fame in 2005. He is a veteran of the U.S. Air Force and served during the Korean War, Intelligence Division, where he received the Army Commendation Medal and the Korean and U.S. Presidential Unit Citations medal; he was a member of the Special Operations, Special Forces Associations, VFW and American Legion.

Ray was a real estate broker, developer and life-long servant for the City of Mentor. He played an instrumental part of its history including assisting with the plotting of the Mentor Industrial Park on Tyler Blvd with then-Mayor Eleanor Garfield, consolidating the Village and Township School districts and the establishment of Garfield Park's pool and tennis courts. He served over 25 years on the Mentor Planning Commission, 10 years on the Mentor Port Authority and nearly 10 years on the Lake County Planning Commission. Additionally, Ray was a 15 year volunteer fireman and a Mentor Township Trustee member from 1959-62. Ray loved football vintage aircraft, sailboats and dogs; he had many four-legged friends throughout his lifetime.

He is survived by his wife: Patti Pringle Dawson; Children: Deborah Dykstra, William (Debbie) Dawson, and Jon (Nancy) Dawson, step daughter: Judith Pringle Miller, grandchildren: Sarah Dykstra, Megan Dawson, Dustin Dykstra, Billy (Missy) Dawson and Warrant Officer Lucas (Elyse) Dawson, great-grandchildren: Dylan, Brayden, Ava, Brodie, Eden, Will and Jackson, extended family: Douglas, Michael, Gregory (Katreana), Stephen Pringle and Karen.

He was preceded in death by his brother Ernest Dawson, the mother of his children, Ferne Dawson, and extended family Douglas and Jeffrey Pringle.

A Military & Memorial Service will be 12:30 pm Saturday, November 4, 2017 at Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave, Mentor, OH 44060

Contributions may be made in memory of Ray to The Hattie Larlham Foundation, P.O. Box 1200 Mantua, OH 44255-9988 or to Crossroads Hospice, 9775 Rockside Rd. Suite 270 Valley View, OH 44125

Offer condolences at www.brunners.com

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV 4. 12:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

CB

“ So sorry Debbie and family for your loss. It's a tough thing to go through and a very difficult time to say the least. Those memories that bring you sorrow will bring you joy eventually. Ray was a good, gentle and kind but outspoken man. He will be missed. Praying for your family friends and caregivers. Special hugs for you Debbie. May God bless you all.



Cecelia Burger - November 04, 2017 at 03:32 PM

JW

“ Our Love to the Dawson Family, I'm sure Harry and Millie are welcoming you. Jeff and Cindy Waterman.



Jeff & Cindy Waterman - November 03, 2017 at 05:27 PM

ST

“ Although you've been in the background, you have played a major part in my life. Without you I would never have owned a home. With all my heart, I thank you, May you Rest in Peace. Susan Tierney

Susan Tierney - November 03, 2017 at 09:49 AM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Raymond H. Dawson.*



November 03, 2017 at 08:59 AM



“ *Don Nelson purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Raymond H. Dawson.*



Don Nelson - November 02, 2017 at 03:50 PM



“ *Debbie Dykstra lit a candle in memory of Raymond H. Dawson*



Debbie Dykstra - November 02, 2017 at 08:42 AM



From Bill and Debbie Jackson, our sincere condolences to Bill and the entire Dawson family. Really enjoyed working with Ray in Mentor homebuilding.

Bill and Debra Jackson - November 05, 2017 at 01:04 PM

BA

“ Most of Billy's friends respectfully referred to Mr. Dawson as "Daddy Ray" or "Mr D". He was always telling Billy to "Get out there and seel something!!". Mr. D was always wearing cowboy boots and I recall the time when he was picking up Billy and a couple friends from an athletic practice at Ridge Jr High School and some deadbeat decided to confront him and the kids. Well, without another thought old Mr. D kicks this guy right between the legs with the toe of his boot! That's the way he was, always full of surprises. I will always have good memories of him.

Brian D Aingworth - November 02, 2017 at 01:35 AM

JC

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Joe Chesbrough - November 02, 2017 at 05:34 PM

LC

“ Ray and Leo were good friends for many, many years. I'll miss him.

Lenore Collins - November 01, 2017 at 05:57 PM

CC

“ Carl & Carmela Carter lit a candle in memory of Raymond H. Dawson



Carl & Carmela Carter - November 01, 2017 at 04:01 PM