



## Raymond "Ray" Carl Lillquist

December 12, 1940 - May 2, 2014

### Raymond Carl Lillquist

Ray Lillquist, 73, of Mansfield passed away May 2, 2014 on the family farm. He was born December 12, 1940 to Edwin Carl and Violet Malina (Grenier) Lillquist at Mason City, Washington. Ray was baptized on January 28, 1944 by Pastor R.A. Koch.

Ray grew up in Grand Coulee, Washington. Ray's father, who worked on the Grand Coulee Dam and Great Northern Tunnel, passed away from polio when Ray was 5 years old. Later, his mother, Violet, remarried Milt Nelles. When Ray was 12 years old, the family moved to Fir Island to be close to family. He attended Conway Grade School and started his high school education at Mount Vernon. They moved to Soap Lake for his sophomore year of High School. Ray was confirmed into the Lutheran Faith on February 3, 1957. He finished his Junior and Senior years graduating from Quincy High School in 1959. Ray attended Eastern Washington University graduating with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in History.

During and after college, Ray worked in Quincy for Centennial Mill and Quincy Farm Chemical. In May 1969, he began working as a line shift supervisor for Lamb Weston where he was promoted to warehouse supervisor and shipping/purchasing agent in the main office.

On June 7, 1969, Ray married Etta Louise Nollmeyer, who he called one of his greatest blessings. They had two daughters, Nikki Marie and Merrie Louise while living in George. In the spring of 1978, Ray and Etta moved their

family to Mansfield, Washington to help on the Nollmeyer family farm. They had a son, Luke Raymond in 1981. Together Ray and Etta continued wheat farming with their son joining them in 2013.

In addition to farming, Ray's favorite times were spent with family and friends. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, fireworks, games, fun and laughter. Ray was a long-time member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Spokane, Washington. He will be remembered in our hearts forever as a loving, patient, kind husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend. Ray brought life and joy to our lives and words cannot express how much he will be missed. He was truly our "Ray" of sunshine from Heaven above.

Ray was preceded in death by his parents, Edwin and Violet; his step-father Milt; two brothers: Verlyn Lillquist and Les Lillquist; and nephew Victor Lillquist.

Ray is survived by his wife, Etta of 44 years; daughter Nikki (Brad) Murison of Mansfield; daughter Merrie Fleming of Clarkston; son Luke(Stacy) Lillquist of Mansfield; grandsons Braydon, George and Max Murison of Mansfield; brothers Marvin Lillquist of Seattle and Eugene Lillquist of Quincy; and numerous nephews, nieces and extended family.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, May 10, 2014 from 2 pm to 7 pm at the Waterville Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held on Sunday, May 11, 2014 at 11 am at the North Central Washington District Fairgrounds Community Hall in Waterville, Washington with a reception celebrating the life of Ray Lillquist following the service. Private Interment will be held at a later date. Memorials can be made to the Mansfield Ambulance Fund, Trinity Lutheran Church, Mansfield Scholars Foundation or a memorial of your choice.

Please express your thoughts and memories on the online guest book at [jonesjonesbetts.com](http://jonesjonesbetts.com). Arrangements are by the Waterville Funeral Home.

# Tribute Wall



“ Jones & Jones - Betts Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Raymond "Ray" Carl Lillquist



Jones & Jones~Betts Funeral Home - June 27, 2014 at 07:10 PM

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“ Stacy Lillquist lit a candle in memory of Raymond "Ray" Carl Lillquist



Stacy Lillquist - July 09, 2014 at 05:29 PM

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“ Nikki Murison lit a candle in memory of Raymond "Ray" Carl Lillquist



Nikki Murison - June 25, 2014 at 04:23 PM

CB

“ Dearest Etta & Family~~ I was definately saddened to read of Ray's passing & wish to share my condolences. Although a fella of quiet attitude, he showed great strength & love for all of you. May God's caring for you guide you over this hurtle ~~ Lovingly~~Chrystal (your family nurse).

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**Chrystal Bertram** - May 22, 2014 at 12:04 PM

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“ Such a kind man will be so very much missed. My heart aches for all of you, his family. May you find peace in your remembering.

*Martha Nerpel*

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**Martha Nerpel** - May 07, 2014 at 04:46 PM

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**Esther Zimmerman** - May 07, 2014 at 12:10 AM

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“ You simply couldn't find a more generous and kind man than Ray. His sense of humor fun and his laugh infectious. He was an such a important part in our lives and helping keep my Gram his neighbor at her home longer than most can at her age. He was so obviously loving to his family and part of the Etta & Ray love story that I aspire to. He will be missed so so very much.  
Esther Zimmerman



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**Esther Zimmerman** - May 07, 2014 at 12:06 AM

 Greta Williams

“ Uncle Ray was one of a kind. He had a quiet voice, a quick wit, and a huge heart. If you didn't listen closely you could miss many of his jokes. He loved to make people laugh and smile. His bond with his family both immediate and extended speaks volumes for the kind of person he was. We will miss you so very much Uncle Ray! Lost Lake will never be the same without you. I hope in time that Aunt Etta, Nikki and Brad (and boys), Luke and Stacy, and Merrie will find peace. The road will be long and hard. We are here for you and love you all.....

Greta

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**Greta Williams** - May 06, 2014 at 08:57 AM