



Raymond A. Ganoë

May 3, 1941 - April 10, 2014

Raymond A. Ganoë, 72, of Cape Canaveral, Florida, formerly of Clarion, passed away on Thursday, April 10, 2014, in Fleming Island, Florida. Born on May 3, 1941 in Clarion, he was the son of William E. and Cecilia Aaron Ganoë.

Ray was a 1960 graduate of Clarion-Limestone High School. He then graduated from Clarion State Collage with a degree in Secondary Science Education. He taught science at Clarion High School and coached basketball and track.

Ray was a member of Our Savior Catholic Church in Cocoa Beach, Florida. He was also a charter member and former president of the Merritt Island Breakfast Rotary Club.

Raymond owned and operated Ray's Tire Center from 1971 to 2012.

He is survived by a son, Steven Ganoë and his wife, Deborah, of Jacksonville, Florida; two daughters, Cheri Ganoë Villa and her husband, Tony, of Manassas, Virginia, and Marcia Ganoë and her partner, Jenni Moehringer, of Seattle, Washington; and seven grandchildren, Mac Ganoë, Jack Ganoë, and Steven Ganoë Jr. of Fleming Island, Florida, Brittney Zeman of Silver Springs, Maryland, Ben Zeman of Virginia Beach, and Aaron and Alese Zeman of Manassas, Virginia.

Also surviving are five siblings, Mary Louise Beichner of Oil City, Dorothy Beichner and her husband, Eugene, of New Castle, Robert Ganoë of Clarion, Kathleen Thompson and her husband, Dick, of Clarion, and Bernard "Bun"

Ganoe and his wife, Linda, of Clarion; four sisters-in-law, Nancy Ganoe of Clarion, Gayle Ganoe of Clarion, Donna Ganoe of Fisher, and Nancy Ganoe of Shippenville; and numerous nieces, nephews, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; five brothers, David Ganoe, William Ganoe, Richard Ganoe, Leo Ganoe, and Edgar Ganoe; and a sister, Claire Marie Leitch.

Family will receive friends from 8 to 10:30 a.m. on Monday, April 14, 2014, at the Robert V. Burns Funeral Home, 638 Wood Street, Clarion.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, April 14, 2014, at the Immaculate Conception Church in Clarion with Rev. Monty Sayers, pastor of the Immaculate Conception Church, presiding.

Interment will be held at the Immaculate Conception Cemetery Mausoleum.

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Tribute Wall

LM

“ *Marcia, Cheri and Steve, I was so sorry to hear about your Dad's passing. You are in my thoughts and prayers.* ”

Luanne Desko Morrison - April 28, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BT

“ *Please know the you have my sincere sympathy for the loss of you father. He was a friend, and will be missed.* ”

Blaine Taylor - April 15, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ It made this Alberta morning feel much colder to awaken to the news of Ray's passing. He was a fine man with one of the most well-developed subtle senses of Appalachian humour that I had ever known. In fact, for several of us a whole genre of humour is known as 'grinderisms', e.g., 'smaller than a cake of soap after a hard day's washin'. I met him first as a fantastic teacher -- for me, personally, the best among several good ones at CAHS. We knew him as 'Grinder' because of his tenacity and awesome focus. We all learned from his example, and this 'never give up' attitude has been a significant factor in what success I have enjoyed in life. The fact that a teaching job could not hold him is among the most poignant examples I know of what is wrong with public education. Ray was a significant influence in my life. Among the excellent experiences I have enjoyed most over the past decade was re-connecting with Ray, to his surprise, in Florida a few years ago. (Thanks to his son Steve for helping me find him again.) After his brother Ed's recent passing, I was determined to connect again and was on the active lookout for an opportunity to travel to Florida soon. I am sad to know that we won't have another extended BS session in his barber's chairs. However, I remember him mostly as a happy, generous and gentle soul, and this morning the world seems poorer for his loss. To his family left behind I offer my sincere condolences. If I did not have to be here next week to administer two final examinations to my classes at the University of Alberta, I would travel down for this funeral and to pay my heartfelt respects to this man.

John Spence - April 12, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ I was so sorry to hear of Ray's passing. He came to see Mother a few times and I was so happy to see him there. I will not be able to be at the funeral home because I have to work but I will be thinking of you and praying for you. I am sure there has been a Ganoë reunion in heaven.

Judi Matthews - April 12, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *My deepest sympathy to the entire family....*

Sherry Vossburg Suleski - April 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM