



## Raleigh Dean Hathaway

June 28, 1953 - October 5, 2015

Raleigh D. Hathaway, age 62, of Valley, NE died 10/5/15. Preceded in death by father Bernard. Survived by wife Nathalie and daughter Kayla of Valley, mother Beverly Hathaway of San Antonio, TX, siblings; Martin (Phyllis) of Oklahoma City, OK, Ron of San Antonio, David of San Antonio, Suzanne (James) Johnson of San Antonio, Cheryl Ann (Scott) Schroeder of Wichita Falls, TX, Carol (Greg) Thorn of Dallas, TX, and Barry Hathaway of San Antonio.

Funeral Mass 10 AM Friday, Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 2207 Wirt Street, Omaha, NE. Visitation from Noon to 7 PM Thursday with family receiving friends from 5-7 PM and a Vigil service at 7 PM at the funeral home in Elkhorn. Interment Prospect Hill Cemetery of Elkhorn. In lieu of flowers, memorials to CUES(Christian Urban Education Service) 2207 Wirt St. Omaha, NE 68110.

The world became a better place on June 28, 1953 after Raleigh Dean Hathaway was born at Burtonwood Air Force Base near Warrington, Cheshire, England.

Raleigh (or “Deanie”, as his daughter Kayla would call him), grew up as the second oldest child of 8 in Wichita Falls, Texas. He graduated from Iowa Park High School and immediately embarked on a career in the beer distribution

business at the age of 19, working for Ray Clymer of Golden Distributing Company. His passion and work ethic enabled him to rapidly move up within the company, becoming the Branch Manager of the Lake Dallas location after a short period of time.

His ability to manage not only the business, but his knack of bringing out the best in everyone around him enabled him to become the youngest General Manager within the Coors Distributor Network after Ray promoted him to his failing location in Memphis, TN. He successfully completed his task in a short amount of time, allowing Ray to sell the business for a significant profit.

After Memphis, Raleigh moved to San Diego, working as a Brewery Representative for the Coors Brewing Company. Pete Coors recently said of Raleigh “he’s always been one of my favorites in the business”. During his short time working for the brewery, Raleigh met Bob Schulze, who sensed Raleigh’s passion for the beer distribution business, offering him the Branch Manager position for the Dan McKinney Company’s San Diego operation. He worked with Bob for 24 years, ultimately building one of the most successful beer distributors in all of Southern California.

After selling the business, Raleigh took a short time to relax with his family before being offered a position to run Premier Midwest Beverage in Omaha in 2009. He had an immediate effect on the business, turning sales and profits around in less than one year’s time.

His motto of “consumers first” helped build the culture and attitude of everyone he worked with. His selfless attitude and teachings have had a profound effect on everyone that he worked with and for. Raleigh would always ask “how are we doing” instead of “how are you doing”, because if you weren’t ok, Raleigh wasn’t ok. He was the ultimate husband, father, friend and worker. He cared for everyone and truly brought out the best in those around

him. He always wanted to help people that were less fortunate, and had a deep passion for anyone that struggled with life. He was involved in many children's charities, especially ones that helped children with illnesses. He loved the St. Jude's Foundation, often becoming emotional when discussing it with others. He was sensitive and understanding. He was generous with his time and his money. He never wanted to see someone who was struggling.

Raleigh loved his family and friends, especially his wife Nathalie and his daughter Kayla. He was a true gentleman and a remarkable father. The stories from his short time here with everyone are, and will always be legendary. Raleigh was literally the ultimate human being.

Deanie, you will be missed by many. Heaven just took from us one of the greatest people we have ever known. We love you. We are thankful for everything you have brought to our lives. We all look forward to seeing you again someday...because life just won't be the same without you here.

Godspeed to you, Raleigh Dean Hathaway. Thank you for being you.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Raleigh Dean Hathaway*

December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ *We are in our thoughts and prayers as the anniversary of Raleigh's passing approaches. His mark on our hearts lives on.*

**Craig and Robin Hanloh** - September 28, 2016 at 03:38 PM



“ *Dear Natalie and Kayla,  
We just learned of Raleigh's passing today, 4 months after his death. We are heartbroken, especially for the two of you. Raleigh was indeed a remarkable man. We will never forget his friendship and kindness toward us and Cheyenne. He was there for us through her open heart surgery when she was 5 months old. Cheyenne loved his yellow tie with navy blue polka dots so he just took it off and gave it to her one day. It is in her baby memories box to this day.  
We know there must be many stories like ours of the lives he touched. We were blessed by his kindness and will never forget him.  
Peace and grace to you.  
Craig & Robin Hanloh*

**Craig & Robin Hanloh** - February 12, 2016 at 12:18 AM

JS

“ Natalie  
*It is terrible to hear about your loss and We express our sincere sympathy to you and your family.  
Death can never take a good man away, he's in our hearts and the hearts of the everyone he inspired, his legacy remains.*

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**John and Janet Stange** - October 08, 2015 at 01:02 PM

DC

“ Natalie, I am was very saddened to hear the news about Raleigh. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Raleigh was always inspiring and taught me a lot. “Those who walk uprightly enter into peace; they find rest as they lie in death”;. Isaiah 57:2

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**David Crowl** - October 07, 2015 at 01:37 PM

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**David Crowl** - October 07, 2015 at 01:36 PM

TB

“ Natalie, I am so sorry for your loss but hope you take comfort knowing God has his plan and he only takes the best. Raleigh will be missed by all and he made his mark on our world over and over. Take care and God bless

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**Terry Burross** - October 07, 2015 at 08:28 AM

JS

“ Natalie & Kayla,

*Words can't begin to express our sorrow for your loss. Raleigh will always have a special place in our hearts.*

*Our prayer, thoughts, sympathy and love are with you.*

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**JD & Micki Sturdivant** - October 06, 2015 at 10:18 PM

MD

“ Kayla,

*I am so sorry in your loss. May the memories of your dad live on inside your heart forever. Know you and your mom are in my thoughts and prayers.*

*My deepest sympathy,  
Michelle Delisi  
Marian High School*

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**Michelle Delisi** - October 06, 2015 at 03:12 PM

GI

“ *We are saddened to hear about Raleigh's passing. Please find comfort in knowing that our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.*

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**Glazer's Distributors of IA** - October 06, 2015 at 02:56 PM

JD

“ *To the family of Raleigh Hathaway,*

*We are truly sorry for the pain and sorrow you are experiencing during this very difficult time. It is our sincere hope you find comfort in knowing that God has promised to resurrect our dear loved ones who have passed away. John 5:28.*

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**jd** - October 05, 2015 at 12:55 PM