



Raymond Steven Brazda Jr.

December 21, 1963 - October 31, 2024

Raymond Steven Brazda, Jr. was born December 21, 1963, in Omaha, Nebraska to Raymond, Sr. and JoAnn (Olsufka) Brazda. Ray grew up in Waterloo, Nebraska and graduated from Waterloo High School in 1982. Ray was a member of the Waterloo Panthers football team (#52), and enjoyed playing the drums, pheasant hunting with his dad, and partying with his friends. Growing up, Ray knew the importance of time with his family, and he always looked forward to camping at the Louisville Lakes with his parents and sisters, attending family gatherings at Grandpa and Grandma Olsufka's in Duncan, and even playing Barbies with Michelle.

Ray worked a number of jobs in his life. He worked for All American Fundraising for a short time, worked for the state of Nebraska, where he really took to plowing snow, and made numerous long-time friendships. He then worked for the Village of Waterloo and the City of Yutan, Cornhusker Insulation, and most recently was a heavy equipment operator with Sudbeck Homes.

Ray became a father at a young age to Juston and Holly, and later welcomed his daughter, Tawni to the family. He loved being a father, and was proud to marry Tracy Hussey on July 14, 2018, at Lake Platteview in Venice, Nebraska, and they made their home in Yutan. He was the Yin to Tracy's Yang, and they had a calming effect on each other. Ray was her rock, and Tracy could count on him whenever, wherever, even if it was something he didn't want to do.

Ray was always up for a good party, and he was always the life of the party. Whether it was a Husker party, or watching the Chicago Bears, if Ray was there, there was going to be loud music, some beer to drink, and maybe the police would show up because of noise complaints. He loved hard rock music like Nickelback and Metallica, and his last concert was Alice Cooper and Rob Zombie, and he loved fast cars, even building his own Mustang, the louder and faster, the better. He looked forward to nachos and cheese dip on Thursdays at El Bee's and couldn't wait to turn on the Bears game.

Ray was a helpful, hard-working, loving, caring, wild, and loyal man. He would hold Tawni's hand when she was little and was just a phone call away if you needed any help. He could fix nearly anything, from car problems, to heating and air, to construction issues, he had a knack of figuring things out. He would visit Tawni every Friday at work, and was happy with her boyfriend, Aaron and her dog, Oakley. He was just happy and laughed all the time. You may have heard him say, "Hold my beer and watch this!", and you may have watched him jump a sand pile on a golf cart after hearing him say that! He was known to greet his river friends with an emphatic "WOO!!" His other great words of wisdom were, "if you're gonna be stupid, you'd better be tough".

Ray passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, October 31, 2024, at the age of 60 years, 10 months and 10 days. He is survived by his wife Tracy; children Juston (Swan) Brazda of Valley, NE, Holly (Michael) Negley of Waterloo, NE, and Tawni Brazda and her significant other, Aaron Pavlik of Arlington, NE; 7 grandchildren Tjaiden, Jaylee, Keegan, Kane and Luka Negley; Chloe and Abigail Brazda; stepsons Blake and Caleb Adams; parents Raymond, Sr. and JoAnn Brazda of Tilden, NE; sisters Kim Brazda of LaVista, NE and Michelle Brazda of Tilden, NE; nieces and a nephew.

Ray's funeral service will be Saturday, November 9, at 11 AM at Reichmuth Funeral Home, Elkhorn. Interment at Prospect Hill Cemetery of Elkhorn.

Visitation will be at the funeral home in Elkhorn Friday from 5-7 PM.

Memorials may be made to the family.

Cemetery Details

Prospect Hill Cemetery of Elkhorn

21901 W. Maple Road
Omaha, NE 68022

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 8. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Reichmuth Funeral Home - Omaha / Elkhorn
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Funeral Service

NOV 9. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Reichmuth Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Raymond Steven Brazda Jr.*



Reichmuth Funeral Home - November 05, 2024 at 08:01 PM

RC

“ *Ray, JoAnn, Kim and Michelle, I am so sorry for your loss. I have forever held a special feeling for your family. I believe that is because I was always made to feel welcomed. I hope you receive strength and hopefully some joy from memories of a great man.*
Rich C

Rich Christensen - November 09, 2024 at 01:38 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Raymond Steven Brazda Jr..*

November 08, 2024 at 10:07 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Raymond Steven Brazda Jr..*



November 08, 2024 at 10:45 AM

TF

“ *The Foster's purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Raymond Steven Brazda Jr..*



The Foster's - November 08, 2024 at 09:49 AM

KB

“ *Ray you will forever be missed. Love your big sis* ❤️

Kim Brazda - November 07, 2024 at 04:41 PM

LS

“ *Love-Tom, Diane, Joe & Anthony Stalaker purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Raymond Steven Brazda Jr..*



Love-Tom, Diane, Joe & Anthony Stalaker - November 07, 2024 at 04:06 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Raymond Steven Brazda Jr..*



November 07, 2024 at 08:56 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Raymond Steven Brazda Jr..*



November 07, 2024 at 08:41 AM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Raymond Steven Brazda Jr..*



November 06, 2024 at 04:29 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Raymond Steven Brazda Jr..*



November 06, 2024 at 12:21 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Raymond Steven Brazda Jr..*

November 06, 2024 at 12:21 PM



“ *My Brother - I will miss you always and forever. Love You*

Michelle Brazda - November 04, 2024 at 12:36 PM

CV

“ Casebeer, Franson, Lee, VanBoskirk purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Raymond Steven Brazda Jr..



Casebeer, Franson, Lee, VanBoskirk - November 04, 2024 at 10:47 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Raymond Steven Brazda Jr..



November 04, 2024 at 07:20 AM

AF

“ Aaron Pavlik and family purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Raymond Steven Brazda Jr..



Aaron Pavlik and family - November 03, 2024 at 03:41 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Raymond Steven Brazda Jr..



November 03, 2024 at 03:34 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Raymond Steven Brazda Jr..

November 03, 2024 at 03:34 PM



“ I love you dad 🍷❤️🍷



Tawni Brazda - November 03, 2024 at 09:37 AM



Love you

Michelle Brazda - November 04, 2024 at 12:48 PM



“ L J , Jamie and Grant purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Raymond Steven Brazda Jr..



L J , Jamie and Grant - November 03, 2024 at 08:12 AM



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L J , Jamie and Grant - November 03, 2024 at 08:12 AM