



Raymond L. Depp

December 1, 1937 - September 10, 2016

Raymond L. Depp of Williamsport, PA, and Venice, FL, passed away peacefully with his wife Carol at his side on Saturday, September 10, 2016.

For over 30 years, he led Tetley Tea's operations in Williamsport, PA, through that plant's closing in 2003. He also enjoyed a 30 year military career, primarily serving as a C-130 flight navigator with the Pennsylvania Air Guard in Harrisburg PA. He was 78.

Ray was born in Buffalo, NY, December. 1, 1937, to Minetta Wilhelmina Boge and Raymond Francis Doepp. He graduated from Buffalo's Canisious High School in 1956 and from the University of Buffalo in 1961 with a degree in Business Administration and Economics. While in college, Ray was in the Air Force ROTC and the Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity. Upon graduation from college, Ray entered navigator training school in the U.S. Air Force. In the early 1970's he began working at Tetley Tea's plant in Williamsport, PA, while continuing to serve as a flight navigator with the Pennsylvania Air Guard, where he ultimately achieved the rank of Lieutenant Colonel before retiring in 1990 after 30 years of service with the military. Ray began his career as the Production Manager at Tetley's Williamsport operation in 1971, eventually rising to oversee all operations at the Williamsport facility. He continued to work beyond Tetley's retirement age in order to see his employees through the closing of Tetley's Williamsport plant in 2003 and retired later that same year.

During his youth in Buffalo, Ray was a boy scout and altar boy and was active in theater at Stella Niagara Elementary School.

Ray is survived by his wife, Carol (Clarke), formerly of Sacramento, CA, four children - Larry Depp of Kansas City, MO, Diana Hoffman of Orono, MN, Eric Depp of Palm Beach Gardens, FL, and Sean Depp of Portland, OR, and six grandchildren - Julia, Emma and Sarah Depp of Kansas City, MO, Isabella Hoffman of Orono, MN, and Clive and Aria Depp of Palm Beach Gardens, FL. Ray enjoyed golfing and sailing with his sons and daughter. He and, his wife, Carol enjoyed traveling around the country and visiting their grandchildren. He and Carol divided their time between homes in Williamsport, PA, and Venice, FL, as well as Burney, CA. Husband, dad, and granddad will be greatly missed by all. Per his wish, he has been cremated.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday, September 23, 2016, 10 AM at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, 1301 Center Rd, Venice, FL.

Burial will be in Sarasota National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to Tidewell Hospice, Inc. 5955 Rand Boulevard, Sarasota, FL 34238. Toale Brothers Funeral Homes Ewing Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Tribute Wall

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“ *Its been about three months you've been gone pop and I've missed you everyday. Love you and miss you. I still feel you near me. Your voice and advice still echo in my mind. I am thankful for that. Your example gives me strength. May we all some day meet again.*

Sean Depp - December 13, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Thinking of you all during this sad time I will be with you in spirit during the Mass on Friday Such a true gentleman I am grateful to have known him*

Eleanor Silva - September 22, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I was very sorry to hear of your loss. My father cared deeply for Ray and always enjoyed their gold outings. Though no words can ease your pain, just know they are now playing the back nine together and will soon be enjoying a cold one at the nineteenth. Thank you for sharing him with my father for all those years.*

shelley nelson (daughter of Larry Stover) - September 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM