



Raymond Henry Fahlen

December 28, 1938 - January 24, 2026

Raymond Henry Fahlen, affectionately known as “Papa,” passed away on January 24, 2026, surrounded by the love of his family. He was born on December 28, 1938, at Jackson Park Hospital in Chicago, Illinois.

Ray was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 55 years, Judith Mary Fahlen (née Ahern), the great love of his life. After her passing, Ray demonstrated remarkable courage and strength, carrying her memory with him always. His family finds comfort in knowing that he is now reunited with Judy.

A man of faith and steady character, Ray was deeply devoted to his wife and family. He was also a passionate sports fan and a lifelong Chicago Cubs supporter. From T-ball to the professional leagues, Ray followed it all. He never missed a game, match, meet, or competition for his grandchildren and was always their loudest and proudest cheerleader—whether attending soccer, softball, baseball, basketball, volleyball, football, cheerleading competitions, or equestrian events.

Ray proudly served his country as a United States Army veteran and carried a lifelong love of country. He was also a devoted supporter of St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, believing strongly in helping others and giving back.

Ray is survived by his three daughters: Norah (Danny) Schumann, Jennifer (Timothy) Crotty, and Kristen (Josh) Cummings; his grandchildren Delanie, Mia, Connor, Finnegan, and Camille; as well as many extended family members and numerous friends who were blessed to know him.

Papa will be remembered as a quiet observer with a gentle sense of humor, known for his perfectly timed one-liners and thoughtful presence. His love was steady, loyal, and deeply felt. His legacy lives on through the family and friends who loved him dearly.

Raymond Henry Fahlen will be profoundly missed and forever loved.

Services

A Funeral Mass will be held at Our Lady of the Woods, 10731 W. 131st Street, Orland Park, Illinois, on Saturday, February 21, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

Immediately following the services, the family invites you to an Open House at the Crotty residence to share memories and celebrate Papa Ray's life.

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

FEB **21**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Our Lady of the Woods
10731 W. 131st Street
Orland Park, IL 60462

Tribute Wall



“ John, Lisa, Kate and Jessica purchased the Crysta I Cross Bouquet for the family of Raymond Henry Fahlen.



John, Lisa, Kate and Jessica - February 18 at 11:09 PM



“ Brian & Kate Moore purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Raymond Henry Fahlen.



Brian & Kate Moore - February 18 at 03:03 PM



“ Brian & Kate Moore planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Raymond Henry Fahlen.

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“ Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Raymond Henry Fahlen.



February 18 at 12:29 PM