



Raymond "Ray" Modlin

August 18, 1932 - July 22, 2020

Holy Rosary will be offered for Raymond Modlin at Stewart Family Funeral Home on Thursday, July 30th, at 6:00 p.m. followed by visitation from 6:30-8:00 p.m. and the Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, July 31st, at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church.

Honorary pallbearers will be Steve Wood, Scott Austin, Kris Modlin, Chip Berry, Stockley Berry and Troy Jackson.

Ray passed away on Wednesday, July 22, 2020. He was born to the late Raymond E. and Marie Modlin on August 18, 1932 in Saginaw, Michigan. He was deeply devoted to his family and found a special peace with them; especially in his later years. He graduated from Saginaw High in 1950 and joined the Navy where he was an aircraft mechanic and a flight engineer on a patrol bomber from 1951-55. Upon receiving an honorable discharge, he enrolled in Michigan State University where he received a B.A. degree in Hotel Management. He married his first wife, Ruth (Rene) Carmichael May 26, 1962 and they shared 39 years together until her death. After working in several hotels, he joined American Airlines in 1964 where he served in different management positions. He retired in 1987 and assumed a job as Purchasing Director at the University of Dallas from 1987-92. During his last year at U.D., he earned his realtor's license and practiced real estate in the Lake Palestine area. He and Ruth loved the lake and the city of Tyler. Ray

enjoyed traveling and was fortunate enough to visit all 50 states in the USA. He also visited many countries throughout Europe, the North Atlantic, the Mediterranean and the Caribbean. He married his loving wife, Doris, on October 5, 2002. They created many pleasant memories while on several cruises during their almost 18 years of marriage. Some of the charitable works that Ray engaged in were Hospice, Mother Frances Volunteer and St. Jude Children's Hospital. He was a lifetime member of the Knights of Columbus where he served in several offices in the 3rd and 4th Degree, and was a member of St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church. He was a member of AA. His ashes will be interred at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife Ruth, and his brother and sister-in-law Bob and Rose Modlin, father and mother-in-law Gil and Ruth Carmichael, brothers-in-law Gene and Hoagy Carmichael, and dear friends, Bill Fitzgerald, Ed Schwannecke, Jim Frawley and Melvin Zimmerman.

Ray is survived by his loving family including his wife, Doris of Tyler; daughter, Marcia and husband Steve Wood of Haslet; son, Kenneth and wife Kayce Modlin of Navasota; son, Gene and wife Carrie of Cheyenne, WY; and son, Robert Modlin of Chandler. He also leaves behind seven grandchildren, Stephanie and husband Scott Austin, Irene Wood, Kasidy and husband Cody McKinley, Kimberly Modlin, Julia and husband Chris Dorset, Leah Modlin and Kristopher Modlin. He also leaves behind nine great-grandchildren, Tyler and Stephen Austin, Emma Rae Wood, Kelby and Mason McKinley, Kolton and Conway Modlin, Annabelle Modlin, and Virgil and Everly Modlin. His extended family includes Michael and Erminia Kocian and their children, Matthew and Martina; Chip and Kim Berry and their children, Tarah and Jeff Fine and their children, Cole, Stella, and Crew, Blaire and Kris Freeman, Kelsie Berry, Stockley Berry; Amy & Troy Jackson and their daughters, Haylie and Ali Jackson.

Memorials, if desired may be made to Wellspring, P.O. Box 440, Whitehouse, TX 75791 or St. Jude Children's Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis TN or St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church Building Fund, 18221 F.M. 2493 Flint, TX 75762. No flowers please.

Previous Events

Rosary

JUL 30. 6:00 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy
Tyler, TX 75703
(903) 581-2008

Visitation

JUL 30. 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy
Tyler, TX 75703
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Memorial Mass

JUL 31. 10:00 AM (CT)

St Mary Magdalene Catholic Church
18221 FM 2493
Flint, TX 75762
(903) 894-7647

Tribute Wall



“ Stewart Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Raymond "Ray" Modlin



Stewart Family Funeral Home - July 29, 2020 at 05:39 PM

MW

That's my dad! What a wonderful tribute to his well lived life. ❤️ Marcia

Marcia Wood - July 29, 2020 at 08:55 PM

SA

Beautiful memories! I'll love you always Grandpapa!

Stephanie Austin - July 29, 2020 at 10:58 PM

DC

“ My name is Dorothy Clutter. I knew Ray from the Legacy group. He was always bringing with him his quiet serenity and a twinkle in his eye. What I will never forget about Ray is how kind he always was to me. It meant very much to me, and I am proud that he will always be part of my personal recovery; of my story, and of that of many others. He will be missed.



Dorothy Clutter - August 06, 2020 at 07:47 PM

LM

“ Loretta Martinez lit a candle in memory of Raymond "Ray" Modlin



Loretta Martinez - August 01, 2020 at 01:54 AM



“ 2 files added to the album Life Tributes



Stewart Family Funeral Home - July 30, 2020 at 11:12 AM



“ 2 files added to the album Life Tributes



Stewart Family Funeral Home - July 30, 2020 at 09:25 AM

JM

“ Ray and I formed a friendship around 2001 through a shared malady. A gentle & encouraging spirit, is who I remember. Friend, Rest Now

Joe Kenneth McCarty - July 30, 2020 at 12:50 AM



“ 3 files added to the album Life Tributes



Stewart Family Funeral Home - July 29, 2020 at 07:28 PM



“ 93 files added to the album Life Tributes



Stewart Family Funeral Home - July 29, 2020 at 05:37 PM



“ You will be greatly missed Sir! A great man full of lots of wisdom. I especially appreciated all of our talks about the hospitality business. Your recent concern about us during the pandemic will never be forgotten. The visits to Tyler will certainly not be the same without you, especially around the fire during the holidays. I promise to root extra hard for Sparty this Fall and Winter. I know heaven is full of stories now that you have arrived safely! Hold the fort down for the rest of us and we will see you on the other side! RIP Ray Ray!

Jeff Fine

Jeff Fine - July 29, 2020 at 12:32 AM

CD

“ *Such a beautiful soul and sweet spirit. I know he will be greatly missed by his family who admired and adored him, but I also know they're grateful for all the precious time they spent living life with him. Sending thoughts of peace, comfort, and most of all JOY for a life well lived to this precious family - Cara, Jammie, Landry. & Jackson Dodge*

Cara Dodge - July 28, 2020 at 12:23 PM

LM

“ *Ray was a great friend. I will always remember Ray. Larry Murph*



Larry Murph - July 23, 2020 at 04:33 PM

CW

I thought the world of Ray. Such a nice man and I will miss him dearly. Carla Waller

carla waller - July 24, 2020 at 09:56 PM

MP

Ray was a good friend--always a smile on his face. Great picture!

Milt Price - July 25, 2020 at 12:33 PM

 Rick Clutter

I cannot help but be happy for Ray. He "got It." What a blessing to all of us poor shmucks who still have work to do. He will be missed.

Rick Clutter - July 29, 2020 at 02:34 PM