

## Ray Deckert

February 26, 1940 - February 9, 2026

Ray Deckert, age 85, of Lake Villa, IL passed away on Monday, February 9th, at home surrounded by loved ones. He was born in Bellwood, IL on February 26th, 1940, the son of the late Alex Deckert and Dorothea Oratowski. He lived in Lake Villa since 1974 moving there from Chicago. On February 8th, 1964, he married the love of his life, Lorene. They lived a wonderful life together, raising their eight children. For 40 years, 40 months, 40 weeks, 40 days, and 40 hours (yes, he actually counted!), he worked as a machinist at Christy Metals. He enjoyed playing the guitar and played in a band along with his wife and eldest son, Ray. After the passing of his wife in 2010, Ray met Jan Gohs, where they found a great love connection. They enjoyed dancing, local theater shows, bowling, and spending time with family and friends. He was a lifelong Cubs fan. On November 2nd, 2016, his ultimate dream came true of witnessing his favorite baseball team win the World Series.

He is survived by his children, Ray (the late Cheryl), Ryan, Reid, Rhett (Kristin), Rhonda (Jason), Robyn (Derek), and Renny; 20 grandchildren; sisters, Carol (the late Andy), Sandy, Wanda (Pat), Nancy (Don), and Marcia (Jim); and brother, Paul (Edwin). He is preceded in death by his wife of 46 years, Lorene; his son, Ross; his brother, David; and girlfriend, Jan. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 14th, at RINGA FUNERAL HOME, 122 South Milwaukee (ROUTE 83) Avenue, Lake Villa, IL 60046 (2 blocks South of ROUTE 132/ Grand Avenue). In lieu of flowers,

please consider a donation to Feeding America and please become an organ donor.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **14**. 10:00 AM - 1:00 AM (CT)

Ringa Funeral Home  
122 S. Milwaukee Ave.  
Lake Villa, IL 60046  
(847) 356-2146  
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<https://www.ringafuneralhome.com>

# Tribute Wall

RE

“ I remember Ray as I was growing up. He was such a great guy, always smiling. His Elvis tunes were always great.  
I will miss Cousin Ray ❤️

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Renee - February 14 at 09:10 PM

NS

“ I have so many great memories of my big brother Ray. He was such a good man. I remember when I was young and he used to take me and brother Dave to Cubs games. He will be missed by all who knew him. Love to all his kids and grandkids as well as my siblings.  
Nancy

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nancy szura - February 14 at 11:44 AM

JL

“ Ray was my brother-in-law. He was SO kind and had a great sense of humor. He and Renie (my sister) turned Frank (my husband) and I on to The Siegel Schwall Band. We LOVED Corky Siegel. I remember going with Renie and Ray to see the band play in Chicago. Small venues, too. Those were the best times.

*Rest in peace now, Ray. You will be missed....*

*Stay strong Deckert Family. I love you all~ Aunt Josi*

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JoEllen Liebhaber - February 12 at 09:58 PM

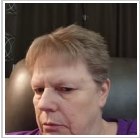
LF

“ Love your Lot 31 Family purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Ray Deckert.



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**Love your Lot 31 Family** - February 12 at 02:24 PM



“ I remember having the chicken pox when I was younger. Right after chicken pox I had the mumps immediately after. He came to our house and played his accordion every night for me till I got tired and fell asleep. I was so miserable and he made me feel so much better. I was happy. When I was 13 he took me into his home with his family of 3 at the time and took care of me for 3 years. I loved him so much and I will miss him very much as well. I love you all Deckerts and plus.

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**Marcia Lumpp Witmer** - February 12 at 12:31 AM

HS

“ Ray was such a sweet man to my mother, Jan. He was kind and funny. I felt lucky to have known Ray. Sending the family love and peace.

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**Holly Scheibe** - February 11 at 09:42 AM

AR

“ I was his Grandson, and he was truly always a joy to be around. He was always super sweet, and he had the jokes. He is a man to be missed. Love you Grandpa ❤️



Andrew Ryan - February 10 at 09:54 PM

JP

“ My cousin Ray was the best!! I saw him a lot when we were growing up. When I was an adolescent, he was already strumming a guitar and singing Elvis songs. Looked just like him. I gathered some friends and we sat on the floor while he sang. We screamed and swooned just like he was the real Elvis!! LOL!! In our much later years we reconnected up here in Madison when he and Reenie were frequenting the UW Health System for her lung transplant and after care. I enjoyed getting together with them when they came up. In my mind he always represented Kindness, Stability, and Responsibility.

Jacque Piraino - February 10 at 06:08 PM

FR

“ I am a cousin of Ray and I have a fond memory of him playing the guitar and singing Elvis songs for us younger cousins, probably ~70 years ago!

May Ray's soul rest in peace.  
Wishing condolences to his family and friends.  
With sympathy Fran Piraino/Madler.

Francyne - February 10 at 06:01 PM

DS

“ I met Ray ,when I was with his sister who I married( Nancy.)I enjoyed the time with him at game nights.in Illinois and here in Arizona. He is a great man and will be surely missed dearly.Don Szura

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**Don Szura** - February 10 at 01:27 PM

GS

“ Ray was a good man I got to know him when he and his band played at my wedding reception. Thanks for the memories.  
George Sanchez

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**George Sanchez** - February 10 at 04:04 AM