



Virgil Raymond Bodensteiner

September 25, 1939 - November 23, 2019

Virgil Raymond Bodensteiner, of Lowry Crossing, Texas, passed away on November 23, 2019 at the age of 80. Ray was born on September 25, 1939 to Greg and Agnes Balk Bodensteiner in Castalia, Iowa. He attended schools in Ossian, Iowa and graduated from DeSales Catholic High School. Ray enlisted in the United States Navy on September 10, 1958 serving in the Korean and Vietnam Conflicts. He earned the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal (1st, 2nd and 3rd Awards), Vietnam Campaign Service Medal, Meritorious Unit Commendation, Navy Achievement Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary (Korea), and Good Conduct Award (1st and 2nd). Ray was Honorably Discharged as a Chief Petty Officer in 1969 following 12 years of active duty service. Ray married Connie Cowan on August 8, 1959 in Covington, Tennessee. He attended Eastfield College, in Mesquite, Texas and later University of Texas at Dallas in Richardson, Texas. He worked at Texas Instruments for a number of years and later started his own business, Second Source, where he worked the remainder of his life. Ray was an avid gardener, loved all Fords, especially Mercury Cougars and was a member of the Lone Star Cougar Club. He was also a member of the Ford Muscle Race Team where he earned the Dan Thompson Lifetime Achievement Award in 2019.

He is survived by his wife, Connie Bodensteiner; children, Doug Bodensteiner and wife, Teal, Virgil Bodensteiner Jr., Lea Bodensteiner, and Mike Bodensteiner and wife, Teresa; grandchildren, Summer Hernandez, Fox Hernandez, Lindy McMahan and husband Billy, and Chris Stanford and wife Samantha; great grandchildren, Aiden and Riley McMahan; brothers and sisters, Clarinda Thuente, Arlene Stendel, Dale Bodensteiner, Robert Bodensteiner, Lyle Bodensteiner, and Keith Bodensteiner, and numerous other loving family and friends.

Ray was preceded in death by his parents, Greg and Agnes Bodensteiner; a son, Greg Bodensteiner, a granddaughter, Jessica Bodensteiner, and brothers, Cornell Bodensteiner, Gerald Bodensteiner, and Leo Bodensteiner.

A memorial service with military honors will be held at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, December 7, 2019 at the Turrentine-Jackson-Morrow Funeral Home Chapel, 2525 Central Expressway North, Allen, Texas 75013. Inurnment will be held at a later date at DFW National Cemetery, Dallas, Texas.

Ray was always a proud participant in the AER Annual Toy Drive. In lieu of flowers, please bring new, unwrapped toys to the memorial service to be donated in his name. Donations can also be made in memory of Ray to Toys for Tots: www.toyfortots.org/donate/forms/tribute.

Memorials

Dad, today is your birthday. I miss you and making a cake to know that you are remembered and will be in my heart.

VIRGIL JR, SEPTEMBER 25, 2021

Well Dad its almost two years since you left us. Miss you every day. Wish you could have stay a little longer. But I knew is was time to say goodbye. I know you are watching over us.

VIRGIL JR, SEPTEMBER 4, 2021

This is farther today. Is the 2nd one with dad. I miss you so much. My life is not complete without you. You help so much and teach me a lot.

VIRGIL JR, JUNE 20, 2021

Today is Dad birthday it is the first without Dad. I miss you very much. Its hard to believe it been a year.

VIRGIL JR, SEPTEMBER 25, 2020

You've touched so many lives, ours included, and you'll be missed dearly. Thank you for being such a wonderful person. Our condolences to Connie, Virgil, Doug, Michael, and the rest of the family. Rest In Peace. We all love you.

NGAN MENEGAY , DECEMBER 7, 2019

What can I say about a man that was larger than life? Ray, thank you for taking a chance on me oh so many years ago. Rest in Peace, I love you, Sharie

SHARIE MCCOWEN, DECEMBER 7, 2019

I had the fortunate opportunity to know Ray through the Cougar Club. There was no finer individual who was always there to lend a hand or give advise when needed. Via Con Dios Ray!

SONNY MORGAN, DECEMBER 6, 2019

May God open his arms to you and heal the hurting your family feels at this time.

DAVID ETHERIDGE, DECEMBER 3, 2019

Ray was a great guy and always treated me like everyone else even though I'm disabled. I will miss him.

KAMRAN WAHEED, NOVEMBER 29, 2019

Ray was one of a kind, a great guy & great drag racer. It was an honor to count him as a friend. We will miss his humor & impish smile at the races.

MARK & CINDY KLINGLER, NOVEMBER 29, 2019

God Bless, uncle Virgil. I will never forget the way he and aunt Connie came to Lubbock, after my own father's serious burn accident. The conversations and time shared were comforting, informative, and forever deeply appreciated. May he Rest In Peace.

RHONDA BUSH, NOVEMBER 28, 2019

Very shocked and saddened to hear of his passing. He had my utmost respect as a man. Thoughts and prayers to Connie, Doug, Virgil, and Michael.

MARK HERNANDEZ, NOVEMBER 28, 2019

I want to send my deepest condolences to Connie and the family. I will always remember Ray with kindness. He was a great teacher and I learned almost everything I know about electronics thanks to Ray. He was generous, honest and kind. I will always consider Ray a great friend and hold the deepest respect for him. Prayers for comfort and strength to the family. Deepest Condolences, Jeannine Cline and family

JEANNINE CLINE, NOVEMBER 28, 2019

Connie and family, I am so heartbroken to hear of Ray's passing. He was a great boss and friend. He will truly be missed.

CHERYL DAVIS, NOVEMBER 27, 2019

Daddy, you will be missed very much. Life is empty without you. I'll carry on like you ask but it is so hard.

VIRGIL JR, NOVEMBER 27, 2019

I respected Ray and am proud to have called him my friend.

GENE MULLENBERG, NOVEMBER 26, 2019

Ray was a prominent figure in my life. I met Ray through his interest in Mercury Cougars. Turned out we both were electrical engineers and shared similar interests in work. Ray will always be a permanent part of my memories.

BILL DEMPSEY, NOVEMBER 26, 2019

We'll miss you lots Ray Ray! Love you!! Rest In Peace.

TRAMMIES , NOVEMBER 26, 2019

I am so sorry for your loss. Ray was a great guy and a good friend to Karen and Steve.

JANE KLUTH, NOVEMBER 26, 2019

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