



# Raymond G. Windy

August 22nd, 1930 - March 3rd, 2023

Age: 92 years

Raymond “Ray” G. Windy, 92, of Reese, beloved husband, father, and grandfather passed away Friday, March 3, 2023, at his home in Reese. He spent his last days in his earthly body in the living room of the home that he built, surrounded by the family he created with the woman he called the “most beautiful girl he’s ever seen”. As he lay there listening, the family showered him with all the love and affection they have for him. They played polka music for him and reminisced. His final hours were full of the ruckus of a full house made with laughter and love.

Ray was born August 22, 1930 in Cass City, to the late Josef and Theresa (Drewek) Windy. He attended Sand Valley School House. Ray proudly served his country during the Korean War with The United States Marine Corps.

Ray married the love of his life, the former Myra Volz, in Merrill in January of 1957. Together, they raised eleven children. He was employed as the Chief of Security for Steering Gear in Saginaw for many years until his retirement. He farmed the family homestead, was employed as the custodian for the church grounds, was sexton for the cemetery for St. Elizabeth Catholic Church for over 20 years, and had many other jobs.

He was a longtime member of St. Elizabeth’s Catholic Church in Reese. He served on the board and finance committee of the St. Elizabeth Credit Union, the board for St. Elizabeth Catholic Cemetery, and was a Grand Knight of the Holy Trinity Assembly 2013 Knights of Columbus. Ray enjoyed spending time with his family, gardening, vacationing, and being outdoors.

Ray is survived by his wife Myra; children, Lee Ann Pabst of Clinton Twp., Brian (Dawn) Windy of Saginaw, Thomas (Annette) Windy of Indianapolis, Timothy (Karen) Windy of Caro, Mark (Cheryl) Windy of Reese, Elizabeth (Phillip) Savage of Midland, David Windy of Reese, Patricia (Ken) Cartwright of Caro, Sarah (Larry) Koester of Reese, and Michael (Bridget) Windy of Bay City; seventeen grandchildren; nineteen great-grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews, and friends. In addition to his parents, Ray was preceded in death by his daughter, Theresa Ordway; and brothers and sisters, Elenor, Elizabeth, Agnes, Stephan, and Joseph.

Funeral liturgy will be celebrated at 11 a.m., Wednesday, March 8, 2023, at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, 12835 East Washington Road in Reese MI. Fr. Andrew LaFramboise will officiate with graveside committal rites to take place in St. Elizabeth Catholic Cemetery.

Family will receive friends at the Ware Smith Woolever Funeral Home, 9940 Saginaw Street in Reese, on Tuesday, March 7, 2023 from 3-7 p.m. with rosary starting at 7 p.m. and at the church on Wednesday, March 8, 2023 from 10 a.m. until the time of the Mass.

Those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider St. Elizabeth Catholic School or St. Jude's Children Research Hospital. All of us at Ware Smith Woolever are honored the Windy family has entrusted us with the care of their loved one. Condolences to the family may be made through our website at [www.wswfh.com](http://www.wswfh.com).

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