



## Raymond John Swatzyna

August 18, 1932 - November 4, 2021

Frankfort – Raymond John Swatzyna, age 89, passed away Thursday, November 4, 2021. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at Good Shepherd Catholic Church on Tuesday, November 9, 2021, at 12:00 p.m. with Father Charles Howell officiating. Visitation will be held from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. service time on Tuesday. Interment will be held at Camp Nelson National Cemetery on Wednesday, November 10, 2021, at 12:30 p.m. with military honors observed by the VFW Post 4075.

Ray was born in Beckley, West Virginia on August 18, 1932, to the late William Victor Swatzyna and Agatha Elizabeth Kobelia Kologenski. He retired as Lieutenant Colonel of the United States Air Force and as Director from Kentucky State Government Divisions of Forestry. In his spare time, he enjoyed time spent with his friends golfing at the Frankfort Country Club. He is survived by his loving wife of 61 years, Joy Swatzyna; children, Robin Ryan, Raymond John Swatzyna II, and Robert Michael Swatzyna (Karen); grandchildren, Brandon Ryan (Leila), Joy Beth Muntz (Kyle), Caitlin Ryan, Emily Swatzyna, Jordan Steele, Connor Swatzyna, Caden Swatzyna, Nathan Swatzyna, and Joe Kidwell; and great-grandchildren, Savannah, Jack, Brixton, and Blake Ryan. He was also blessed with several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his siblings, Ronald, Roman, Rudy, and Billy Swatzyna.

In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made to Good Shepherd

Catholic Church or Bluegrass Hospice Care.

Arrangements are under the direction of Harrod Brothers Funeral Home & Crematory.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 9. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Good Shepherd Catholic Church  
72 Shepherd Way  
Frankfort, KY 40601

## Mass of Christian Burial

NOV 9. 12:00 PM (ET)

Good Shepherd Catholic Church  
72 Shepherd Way  
Frankfort, KY 40601

## Graveside Service

NOV 10. 12:30 PM (ET)

Camp Nelson National Cemetery  
6980 Danville Road  
Nicholasville, KY 40356

# Tribute Wall



“ *Raymond John Swatzyna*

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *Tammy And Walter Weitzel lit a candle in memory of Raymond John Swatzyna*



**Tammy and Walter Weitzel** - November 10, 2021 at 07:54 AM



“ *Karla Green Woods lit a candle in memory of Raymond John Swatzyna*



**Karla Green Woods** - November 09, 2021 at 01:03 PM



*John, I am so sorry for your loss and my prayers are with you and your family babe. Love you always. Karla*

**Karla Green Woods** - November 09, 2021 at 01:05 PM

MP

“ I only knew Mr. Swatzyna in passing, as he frequently came into the downtown Farmers Bank where I worked. I will never forget his smile, kindness, and joyful attitude. I just wanted to let the family know what a treasure he was to all who met him. I am sending prayers up for his family during this difficult time.

Melissa Penix - November 09, 2021 at 10:24 AM

BM

“ Barbara Wise Messamore lit a candle in memory of Raymond John Swatzyna



Barbara Wise Messamore - November 07, 2021 at 09:32 PM

RG

“ In 1974 Ray hired me as a Service Forester. I had just graduated from the U of K Forestry Department and he went the extra mile to make sure I got assigned to his Forest Management section with the Kentucky Division of Forestry. Thereafter he took a special interest in my career and was a great mentor. Always kind and helpful, I was never with him that he didn't make me feel special. Joy, I hope you stay "joy"ful and keep that winning smile -- just like Ray's. What a special couple you two are.

RICHARD M GREEN - November 06, 2021 at 09:48 PM

LO

“ Joy & Nathan, we are very sorry for your loss. You and your family are in our prayers.  
Jeff & Lori Franklin

Lori - November 06, 2021 at 01:08 PM

TM

“ Joy, I am so sorry for your loss. Prayers for you and the family.

Teresa K Moore - November 06, 2021 at 09:06 AM

RN

“ I'm so glad I got to visit and talk with him in 2019. I told him I remembered him buzzing our house in Beckley during his Civil Air Patrol days, and how excited I was--I must've been about 6. He told me he got in a "little bit of trouble" for that! Thinking of you, Aunt Joy, and my cousins and Nathan and everyone.

Ruth Nerenberg - November 06, 2021 at 12:10 AM

SL

“ Such a gentleman and loving husband!

Susan Lawson - November 05, 2021 at 11:42 PM

JS

“ I came into the Swatzyna family in 2012, and Uncle Ray and Aunt Joy made me feel like I had been there forever! I so loved his sense of humor- he always had us laughing.



Joan Swatzyna - November 05, 2021 at 04:57 PM