



## Ray B. Kay

June 25, 1923 - December 17, 2021

After 98 years of lighting up every room he walked into on December 17, 2021, Ray B. Kay went to be with his bride of 67 years, Marie, who he spent the past 8 years eagerly waiting to see. He has left all of us with joyful memories we will cherish forever.

Ray was a proud, outgoing and energetic gentleman, who never met a stranger. Every person to him was just a friend he hadn't met yet. He loved his wife and family with every single ounce of his being, and was loved beyond measure in return.

Born in Chicago, Illinois on June 25th, 1923, Ray attended St. Ignatius High School and Illinois Institute of Technology. He was always active in sports, particularly track in high school. Later Ray took up bowling and what soon became his favorite, the game of golf, which he played through age 95.

During WWII, Ray served with the 5th Army in England for 3 ½ years. Following his military service he worked with International Harvester in Chicago and Toledo until 1949 and then quickly found a passion for car sales. Through the 1950's he worked with Bob Reese Ford and was the General Sales Manager at Leiphart Lincoln Mercury. He then began his 50 year career with the Schmidt organization. Ray joined the Schmidt family in 1960 as a General Sales Manager and later part owner of University Pontiac in Bowling Green, Ohio. In 1975 he joined the management team of Ed Schmidt Pontiac in Perrysburg and served as General Manager for over 2 decades. During his many years with Ed Schmidt, Ray contributed substantially to the success of the dealership, served as a leader and example for new salesmen and built lasting relationships throughout the community.

Undoubtedly, Ray's biggest blessing in life was meeting and marrying the love of his life, Marie. Together they built a life that garnered constant admiration from their family and for which we are forever grateful. Traveling was a favorite pastime and together they visited many beautiful places, Aruba, Hawaii, England, and perhaps one of his most memorable trips was playing a round of golf at the Old Course at St. Andrews in Scotland with his

son-in-law , Joe.

Left to cherish his memory are his biggest fans, daughters Janis Kay, and Susan (Joe) Vetter; grandchildren, Aly Sterling, Andrea Szenderski, Margot (Brian) Borger, Clay (Johanna) Vetter, Liz (James) Gorzynski; great- grandchildren, Madeline, Amelia and Gabrielle Sterling, Isabelle and Jillian Szenderski, Charlotte, Norah and Fritz Borger, and Rayland Sorrell Vetter.

We would like to thank the wonderful staff at Kingston Perrysburg's Memory Care for the loving care they provided Ray. As much as they claimed he brought them joy, he adored the love and affection they provided for him as well.

Friends may visit at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd. on Wednesday, December 22 from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will follow, at 1:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes Church. Interment will be at Resurrection cemetery, with military honors.

Continuing his golfing legacy, memorial contributions may be made to First Tee-Lake Erie. Please raise a toast (preferably a margarita) to the one and only, Ray Kay, a life extremely well lived. Please leave a condolence message and view Ray's memorial video tribute at [CoyleFuneralHome.com](http://CoyleFuneralHome.com).

# Events

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**DEC**   **Visitation**   11:00AM - 01:00PM

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Coyle Funeral Home

1770 S. Reynolds Road, Toledo, OH, US, 43614

**DEC**   **Mass**   01:30PM

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Our Lady Of Lourdes

6149 Hill Ave., Toledo, OH, US, 43615

# Comments

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“ Ray was for me someone you could always look to for the positive. He always made me feel good. He was a perfect role model for me and I'm sure many others. Those of us touched by Ray will never forget him and carry on his loving spirit. Mike C.

**mike claus** - December 22, 2021 at 09:26 AM

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**COYLE FUNERAL HOME VIDEOS** - December 21, 2021 at 03:02 PM

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“ My prayers are with you and your families. Your father was such a kind man. May wonderful memories bring you comfort.  
Barb Allen Filiere

**Barb Filiere** - December 21, 2021 at 02:25 PM

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“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ray B. Kay.



December 21, 2021 at 01:31 PM

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“ Ray and Marie were gifts to this world. I was lucky enough to live next to this special couple for a a few years. May perpetual light shine on both of them. May they rest in peace now that they are together again. I know Ray missed his bride terribly.

**kelly seevers** - December 21, 2021 at 11:47 AM

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“ Sue, your parents were both so kind to me and my family when we were kids. His obituary is a wonderful tribute to the love you shared with your dad. Sincere condolences to you, Joe and your family.  
Sue Kovach

**Susan Kovach** - December 20, 2021 at 11:30 PM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ray B. Kay.



December 20, 2021 at 04:41 PM

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“ I was so sad to hear of Rays passing. I have many wonderful memories of Ray. He was a great man. It was truly a blessing knowing him and Marie. Prayers for his family during this time. I will always remember Ray and Marie with much fondness

**Vickie Lucio** - December 19, 2021 at 09:32 PM

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“ I have great memories of "Uncle Ray" as we all called him at my grandma Clara Shmanske's cottage. Many years later after the passing of Joe and Clara Shmanske Ray and Art and family visited Teresa and I several times in Myrtle Beach, which we found touching after many years of separation. Needless to say, I will always remember the days when the Kay's and Miller's came to visit. Our memories of Ray will always linger. God Bless you all.

Greg & Teresa Shmanske,

**Greg Shmanske** - December 19, 2021 at 04:21 PM



“ Uncle Ray was truly a kind man who loved his entire family deeply. Everyone who knew him knows how happy he is to finally be sharing his eternal reward in heaven with his Beloved Bride his Marie! Uncle Ray and Aunt Marie were made for each other! I will miss his smiling face and his laugh. I remember when Aunt Marie was alive how he would always look after her, even when they moved to Aster House. I will especially miss talking to him when Veteran's Day rolls around. We always shared a special time either on the phone or this year, to my pleasure, in person! I loved to visit with him, though not often enough, and listen to his stories. Usually Sue or Jan would be there too and maybe one or another of his loving grand or great grandkids. He was obviously loving to see his family too. He would always ask about each of my kids by name. What a memory! What a great guy! Your Dad and Mom passed on a beautiful legacy of Love to all of you. May God Bless You All.

**Bonnie Ainsworth Miller** - March 02 at 03:29 AM



“ Lest I forget, Diane and Jim would bring me with them on one of their many visits to see Uncle Ray too! He always said "looks like we're having a party!"

**Bonnie Ainsworth Miller** - March 02 at 03:34 AM



“ I am posting this for my dad. "Ray was an absolutely delightful person. I never met a friendlier guy - it was an honor to know him. (As a coincidence, my wife of 67 years passed away on Dec. 17, 2018, also in memory care at Kingston in Perrysburg.) To his family, may your grief journey be gentle." George A. Presser Jr, GMAC.

**Penny Goodman** - December 19, 2021 at 12:09 PM



“ We just heard the sad news and are so sorry. He and Marie were two of the kindest people anyone would want to know. Mike still tells the story of when playing golf with him, he would make a putt and beat Mike on a hole and Mike would say “Ray, you’re killing me”. He would just laugh. Always happy to see you and another gentle soul from a generation who appreciated life and what they were given more than any others. He has a beautiful legacy in his family, who he and Marie adored. Our deepest sympathy to all of you. If we weren’t traveling, we would be there to celebrate his wonderful life.

Love, Debbie and Mike Conway

**Deborah Conway** - December 19, 2021 at 12:02 PM

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“ Living across the country I didn't get to see much of Ray, but wonderful stories were shared about him. I especially loved the stories told when he was in assisted living. Fairly recently he was sure that he would get out the wheel chair and walk unattended. Only Ray believed this could happen but such was his positive attitude. When I visited Sue and Joe, Ray would always ask if we could get together. He didn't want me to think he didn't want to see me.

Sue's undying love and care for Ray is a testament to his love and devotion of her and all his family.

Ray is one of kind. A truly loving, devoted, caring gentleman.

We are all blessed to be touched by his greatness.

Sending so much love to Sue, Joe, Jan, All his Grandchildren, and all his great grandchildren.

Mag and Matt Carroll

**Maggie Carroll** - December 18, 2021 at 02:17 PM

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“ Wish we were there, Mag and Matt purchased the Infinite Love for the family of Ray B. Kay.



**Wish we were there, Mag and Matt** - December 18, 2021 at 01:48 PM