Raymond J. Trabbic, Sr.

March 9, 1938 - February 20, 2016

Raymond James Trabbic passed away peacefully on February 20, 2016 in the loving care of his sweetheart, Iva “Cookie”.

Ray was born in Toledo on March 9, 1938 to Raymond and Mildred Trabbic. He attended Devilbiss High School and graduated in 1956. Ray was the 1st to obtain a varsity letter in woodshop and became a journeyman in the woodworking trade. His skill and talent were impressive and loved his woodworking shop where he created everything from baby cradles to holiday lawn displays.

He married the love of his life, Cookie on June 18, 1960. Ray worked at GM Powertrain for 37 years and was an active UAW member. He and his family spent many weekends at their cottage in the Irish Hills where he would enjoy another of his many passions, fishing. Ray was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed camping, boating, hunting and fishing; especially on Lake Erie.

After retiring from Powertrain, Ray added another activity in his already busy schedule, he became a licensed 1st Mate on a Lake Erie fishing charter boat where he would spend many hours helping folks enjoy some walleye fishing.

Ray was a Friend of Bill W. for over 30 years and remained active in his

group, mentoring and sponsoring many souls along the way. Ray never met a stranger. He had an easy laugh, a quick wit and a kind and generous nature. His sense of humor kept family and friends in stitches and he always had a story to tell. Ray enjoyed his wife and daughter's cooking. His sweet tooth was legendary.

Ray's lawn was always green and meticulous; he was a master gardener who shared vegetables from his garden with all.

Ray could fix and build just about anything. From remodeling kitchens, basements, and building garages to plumbing, electrical and engine repair, he loved the challenge. He offered and taught his skills to others.

With all his interests and talents, Ray's main focus and love of his life was his family. He and Cookie worked hard over the years to provide a good life for their family. If he could help his kids with anything, he would not hesitate. Ray would be there.

Ray is preceded in death by his mother and father, Mildred and Raymond Trabbic, and his brother, Ron Trabbic. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Iva Trabbic. He is also survived by his children; Cindy (Mike) Tippett, Raymond (Cheryl) Trabbic, and Mike (Lynn) Trabbic; his grandchildren, Tim and Nick Trabbic, Elizabeth Tippett, Michelle and Ray Trabbic, Hannah and Rachel Tippett, Jeremiah Grady; 8 great-grandchildren. Ray is also survived by sister-in law, Nancy Trabbic , nephews and niece as well as many dear friends.

His family would like to thank Ebeid Hospice and the caring staff including, Renee and Holly; and especially his nurse, Karen, who helped ease Ray's journey. Memorial contributions may be made to Ebeid Hospice in Ray's

memory.

Friends may visit at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd., on Thursday, February 25th from 2-8 p.m. where a Scripture Service will be recited at 7 p.m. Funeral services will be held Friday, February 26th, beginning at 9:30 a.m., in the mortuary, followed by a Funeral Mass at St. Patrick of Heatherdowns Church at 10 a.m. Interment will follow in Toledo Memorial Park.

Cemetery Details

Toledo Memorial Park

6382 Monroe St
Sylvania, OH 43560

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **25**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Coyle Funeral and Cremation Services
1770 S. Reynolds Road
Toledo, OH 43614
(419) 865-1295
https://www.coylefuneralhome.com

Funeral

FEB **26**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Patrick of Heatherdowns Church

Tribute Wall

LH

Knew Ray from work and enjoyed all our time together. Even in his sickness when we saw him out and about always had a smile or laugh to share. Our thoughts and sympathy to his family. Larry & Kathy Hall

Larry Hall - March 07, 2016 at 11:46 AM

AD

Ray (and Cookie) were such an important part of the Tippett/Trabbic celebrations where we celebrated the milestones of Elizabeth, Hannah and Rachel. He had such a big heart; the times I visited Toledo without my husband, Mike, Ray was very concerned and made sure we were "ok". We were but it was nice to be asked.

We made up for it when Mike was able to visit with me; he followed Ray around his woodworking shop trying to grab any insight from the "master".

He was a sweet, genuine father and grandfather. May angels sing thee to your rest

ann tippett and mike doolin - February 26, 2016 at 06:43 PM

RZ

Dear Cookie, Cindy, RayJ, Mike,
I just, this afternoon found out about Ray's passing, I'm so, so very sorry for your loss and sick at heart that I missed his funeral.
Ray was a good guy, so many fond memories when we all hung out together.
Please know our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Rose, Donna & Steve

Rozanne Zech - February 26, 2016 at 01:32 PM

CM

I hunted ducks with Ray in the sixties off of Bay Creek Road in Erie Mi. He fished with me on my charter boat for walleyes in April til last year.He was the greatest fisherman there ever was.

Capt.Mike McCroskey - February 25, 2016 at 03:51 PM

KK

Best friend a person can have for a life time.

Ken Kerste

Ken Kerste - February 24, 2016 at 06:34 PM

Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Raymond J. Trabbic, Sr..

February 24, 2016 at 04:29 PM

PK

My sympathy to all of you during your time of grief. Another friend gone from the old neighborhood. Take comfort from the promise of the resurrection.

Paul Klein - February 24, 2016 at 09:43 AM

BH

So sorry to hear of Rays passing. New him at Powertrain for many years. Bob Hiser

Bob Hiser - February 23, 2016 at 11:03 PM

MT

Michael Tippett lit a candle in memory of Raymond J. Trabbic, Sr.

Michael Tippett - February 23, 2016 at 03:15 PM

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Mike Tippett - February 23, 2016 at 06:46 AM

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Mike Tippett - February 23, 2016 at 06:42 AM

RT

Uncle Butch ..It's so sad to sit here At 6am and I'm thinking of all the great memories of you these last few days .., the cottage , hunting dogs , fishing , lake Eire , skiing , family and just driving past the house but , what is really great is I will always remember you as the best uncle EVER!!-- Ronnie James

Ron Trabbic - February 23, 2016 at 05:39 AM

Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Raymond J. Trabbic, Sr..

February 22, 2016 at 07:15 PM

DT

We always looked forward to seeing Ray at the many family functions we attended over the years. He was always asking how we were doing and was genuinely interested hearing about our country home and our lives in general. His laughter was contagious and his heart was big. And looking at his good family, his legacy will continue for many years to come. God's peace to all and much love.

Dave and Jill Tippett

Dave and Jill Tippett - February 22, 2016 at 04:19 PM

MD

Michelle Deeter lit a candle in memory of Raymond J. Trabbic, Sr.

Michelle Deeter - February 22, 2016 at 02:45 PM