



Raymond Lyle Montoure

February 21, 1933 - May 28, 2015

Ray is survived by: Daughter and Son-in-law Katrina and Kevin Ramsey, his beloved grandkids Jessica and Tyler Demorest, Brother David (Susan) Montoure, sister-in-law Paula Montoure, brother and sister-in-law Merritt and Susan Washburn, brother and sister-in-law Robert and Bonnie Larsen, sister-in-law Eunice Washburn and many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his wife of 57 years Ethel May Montoure, parents Roland and Minnie Montoure, brother Harold Montoure, sister Minnie "Tuttie" (Lawrence) Dickeson, Sister Shirley (Carl) Montoure, brother Roland "Nin" Montoure, Father and Mother-in-law Eddie and Olive Washburn.

Ray (Dad) meant many different things to many people. He was a son, a father figure, a soldier, a business owner, a husband, father and grandpa "papa". He graduated from Blaine High School in 1951 and always said if it hadn't been for Gloria Eastman he wouldn't have graduated. He was then drafted by the Army during the Korean War. He came home and, after several years, married the love of his life: Ethel (Mom) Washburn. Mom got sick with cancer in 2006. He selflessly cared for her right up to her death on February 17, 2015. I (Katrina) was very proud to be their daughter. I witnessed just how much love they had for each other. They were joined at the hip. One didn't do something without the other. When Dad took over the Chevron gas station (Montoure's Chevron) or "the station" as it was called, in 1957 he had no idea it would become an institution which lasted for 35 years. He said the work was

hard but it was also a lot of fun and the time went by quickly. He hired many of the local high school students. He would talk about many of them and the jokes they played on him or visa-versa. He also said "The 'boys' thought I didn't know they worked on their cars after I left, I knew they did" and then he'd laugh. If someone needed help, he'd be there. If someone needed a second chance, he'd be there. If someone needed a laugh, he'd be there. His sense of humor was legendary. He was larger than life, my best friend, my partner in crime, my confidante, but most importantly my Dad. He helped me in so many ways. He said his greatest accomplishment was being able to watch his Grandkids, Jessica and Tyler, grow up. He loved them more than words can express. Through many phone calls he always asked how they were doing and if they needed anything. He loved them more than life itself and I know how much they loved him. When he got sick his family and former employee, Gary Kocher, stepped up and helped me get the care he needed. I thought of Gary as a "brother" and as far as Dad was concerned, Gary could do no wrong. The folks who called him or stopped by to visit him touched him deeply and, I think, he finally realized just how much he meant to so many people. He said he didn't know he had such a good family and friends. Dad, Papa, brother, friend and mentor you will be missed more than words can express. The world got a little dimmer now that you've gone to be with Mom, grandma, sister, and friend. A graveside service will be held on Monday, June 15 at 2:30 PM at Moles Greenacres followed by a reception.

Tribute Wall

DK

“ I am so sorry for your loss.
Ray was a great friend and neighbor. I remember seeing him across the split rail fence that separated our yard from his as he mowed his lawn on his riding lawn mower. One time he stopped and asked if I could help Katrina with some homework. I was glad to help as Katrina was such a happy little girl and a good friend as well. Later on, after I had graduated from college, Ray offered to let me work at his station until I found a job in computing. Working for Ray and with his “crew” was a great experience with many happy memories. I am sure Ray touched many lives in as positive a way as he touched mine.
Ray will be missed.
David

DAVID KAUFMAN - May 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM

WS

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Ray was a great guy. He was always so friendly to me, when we'd see each other at the post office or somewhere else, he always had a smile. he will be missed. The wonderful memories you have will help a lot right now.
Wilda Shelly

Wilda Shelly - May 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Ray was a great guy to work for, and was a mentor to a lot of the High School boys that he hired. He had a great sense of humor, was kind to his employees, and always very fair with them.

Ray would always make the work schedule out so that we could still turn out for our sports.

He will be greatly missed.

Yes, I was one of those High School boys that worked on his car when he went home. (1968 thru 1969).

Bill Salter

Bill Salter - May 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PG

“ Dear Katrina, I was so sorry to hear of your Mother's passing earlier, and now your dear Father. Both of them were wonderful members of the Blaine community and so good to me personally.

As long as I taught in Blaine I never had to worry about the condition of my car. Your Dad faithfully picked it up at school and returned it repaired. He and your Mom always had friendly smiles and greetings for me.

They were kind to me as your teacher and were always proud of you.

Best wishes to you and your family,

Pebble Griffin

Pebble Griffin - May 28, 2015 at 12:00 AM