



Rudolph "Rudy" Raymaker

September 24, 1938 - September 3, 2015

Rudolph Louis Raymaker of Tallahassee passed away on September 3, 2015 after a long illness. Born on September 24, 1938 in Brussels, Belgium, to Andre De Raeymaekers and Cecile Everard, Rudolph was the fourth of five children. Following WWII, the family came through Ellis Island and settled in Richmond, Virginia, where Rudy attended Catholic school. After graduation from Benedectine High School, he joined the United States Air Force where he served and developed a deep love for his country. Upon leaving his service, Rudy attended the University of Richmond and then went to the Medical College of Virginia.

Rudy served most of his medical career as a physician for the Veteran's Administration specializing in internal medicine and critical care spending eighteen years at the VA Hospital in Lake City, Florida. In 1992, he moved to Tallahassee, Florida and became the Chief Medical Officer of the Veteran's Administration Outpatient Clinic. He served patients there until his retirement in 2003.

The Catholic Church was always a big part of Rudy's life, and in 1995 he received his calling to become an ordained Deacon. In 2000, Rudy was ordained Deacon and served the congregation of Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church faithfully for many years until illness rendered him unable to continue.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Andre and Cecile, his sisters, Nelly Sealey and Lynn Friedman, and his brother, Charles Raymaker. He is survived by his beloved wife of forty-nine years, Patricia Weatherington; his children, sons, John Raymaker and wife Sooni of Tallahassee, FL, Brian Raymaker of St. Augustine, FL, and daughter, Catherine Jones of Tallahassee, FL; his six grandchildren, Melissa and Clare Yoshikawa, Emma and Greg Raymaker, and Anna and Daniel Raymaker; his brother John Raymaker and wife Crista of Germany, and numerous other beloved family members.

The family will receive friends on September 18, 2015 from 6:30 to 8pm, with a rosary at 7:30pm at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church. The funeral mass will be held on September 19, 2015 at 11:00am at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church with interment to follow at a later time at the Veteran's National Cemetery in Tallahassee, Florida.

Memorial contributions may be made to Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, the Wounded Warrior Project, The Alzheimer's Project, Big Bend Hospice, or the Open Door Women's Clinic where Rudy volunteered as a physician for many years.

Elizabeth Chambers of Bevis Funeral Home is assisting the family with their arrangements, (850-385-2193, www.bevisfh.com).

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 18. 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church
624 Miccosukee Rd.
Tallahassee, FL 32308

Rosary

SEP 18. 7:30 PM (ET)

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Funeral Mass

SEP 19. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

PC

“ *Lieve, this is Paco Currás fm Gijón, On behalf of our entire family receive our deepest condolences. We are very sorry, in a very short time we had generated a deep appreciation for him and that we keep with you. Receive a heartfelt hug. Paco and family +34 610769626*

Paco Currás - May 15, 2023 at 03:05 AM

PC

wrong person

Paco Currás - May 15, 2023 at 03:07 AM

DW

“ *David & Robin Westcott purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Rudolph "Rudy" Raymaker.*



David & Robin Westcott - September 16, 2015 at 06:17 PM

EB

“ *Everard Family from BELGIUM purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Rudolph "Rudy" Raymaker.*



Everard Family from BELGIUM - September 14, 2015 at 12:43 PM

EH

“ My name is Ede Pearson Huston. I am a retired RN and had the privilege to work with Dr. Raymaker at the Lake City VA Hospital Intensive Care Unit for several years. He was the most caring understanding and kind Dr. I ever worked with. His patients loved him. He was a great teacher and was admired by all the staff. I feel blessed to have had the opportunity to know him and I know he will be missed.

Sincerely Ede Huston

Ede Pearson Huston - September 10, 2015 at 10:31 AM

MH

“ Sending my deepest sympathies to Brian and all of the Raymaker family.

Melissa McCray-Henderson

Melissa Henderson - September 10, 2015 at 09:55 AM

MA

“ I will miss you Rudy your smile somehow made me feel better even if I didn't show it on the outside of me. Rest in peace and may the angels take you up



Mark - September 09, 2015 at 08:59 PM

LW

“ I will miss Rudy trekking up my handicap ramp with Pat every month to bring me good stuff to eat. He had an infectious smile.

Linda
MEOW!

L. Whitefeather - September 09, 2015 at 02:57 PM

LJ

“ Rudy was a great guy with a gentle spirit. His tireless service to others was evidenced by his career at the VA. As his nurse, I witnessed first-hand his quiet strength and love for others. His presence will be missed. Fortunately, we can take comfort he's in Heaven as our very own guardian angel.

-Rest In peace- Gone but Never Forgotten!
Lyndria N. Jones

Lyndria N. Jones - September 09, 2015 at 09:01 AM

LJ

“ Lyndria N. Jones lit a candle in memory of Rudolph "Rudy" Raymaker



Lyndria N. Jones - September 09, 2015 at 08:58 AM

BH

“ *Bob And Joyce Heeke lit a candle in memory of Rudolph "Rudy" Raymaker*



Bob and Joyce Heeke - September 07, 2015 at 03:03 PM

BH

“ *Our deepest sympathy to the Raymaker family in this time of sorrow. We have special memories from their days in Lake City. Bob and Joyce Heeke*

Bob and Joyce Heeke - September 07, 2015 at 12:28 PM

JR

“ *my brother and life-long bosom companion. We'll miss him but we need his prayers*

John Raymaker - September 07, 2015 at 02:31 AM

JR

“ *my brother and life-long bosom friend, how I will miss him*

John Raymaker - September 06, 2015 at 12:14 AM