



Raymond J. Van Demerkt

August 4, 1928 - December 19, 2023

Raymond J. Van Demerkt, 95, passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, Dec. 19, 2023 in Libertyville. He was born Aug. 4, 1928 in Chicago, to the late Elizabeth and Stephen Van Demerkt and was a 50-year resident of Lincolnshire, living in Saddlebrook Farms in Grayslake the past 10 years. He was a US Army veteran and a proud member of Carpenters Local #1185 and had been an expert carpet installer.

He enjoyed many hobbies over the years, including fishing in Canada, woodworking and spending time outdoors taking meticulous care of his yard. He was always the first one to lend a hand and pitch in on any project, large or small. His knowledge and expertise were invaluable along with his remarkable work ethic and sense of humor. He was a lifelong Chicago Blackhawks, White Sox and Bears fan. Above all, he truly valued spending time with family and many friends.

Surviving are 2 children, Steve (Catherine) Van Demerkt and Nancie (Michael) Hart; 2 Grandchildren, Danny and Erin. Also surviving are many beloved nieces and nephews and cherished friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife Ellen on Dec. 24, 2019, by his daughter Betsy Shirley, his sisters, Louise Lowry and Harriet Saxton and his brothers Herb and Eugene Van Demerkt.

Visitation will be from 11.am until time of service at 1 pm on Sat. Dec. 30, 2023 at the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home, 120 W. Park Ave. (Rt. 176, one block west of Milwaukee Ave.) Libertyville. Military honors will follow the service. Interment will be at St. Peter Cemetery in Skokie, IL. Memorial contributions can be made to the DAV. Disabled American Veterans. Info: 847-362-3009 or please share a memory at www.burnettdane.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 30. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Burnett-Dane Funeral Home
120 West Park Avenue
Libertyville, IL 60048
(847) 362-3009

Funeral Service

DEC 30. 1:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

EJ

“ Who could come up with a better friend. A man after my heart. Beer, sports and chocolate. We loved to give each other trouble about sports. My last gift was Hawks socks, Sox socks, and I threw in a pair of cubs socks because I would tease him that he would become a Cubs fan when the Sox leave town. We always had laughs throughout the year about sports.

elizabeth johnson - January 01, 2024 at 01:19 PM

CK

“ Ray was a wonderful neighbor and friend at Saddlebrook. He, Ian and Pete always had some project they were working on together. Always lots of laughter and then relaxing on each other's front porch in the afternoon. He truly enjoyed teasing me and I will miss all his wit and wisdom. Ray may you rest in peace and give my love to dear Ellen.
Cathy Kay

Cathy Kay - December 30, 2023 at 10:01 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Raymond J. Van Demerkt.



December 29, 2023 at 04:52 PM

WW

“ Warren W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Raymond J. Van Demerkt.

Warren W. - December 29, 2023 at 01:05 PM

HK

“ Herbie's kids planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Raymond J. Van Demerkt.

Herbie's kids - December 28, 2023 at 07:23 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Raymond J. Van Demerkt.



December 28, 2023 at 07:23 PM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Raymond J. Van Demerkt.



December 28, 2023 at 11:46 AM

KC

“ Kelley C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Raymond J. Van Demerkt.

Kelley C. - December 27, 2023 at 06:25 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Raymond J. Van Demerkt.



December 27, 2023 at 06:25 PM

EH

“ Ray was a very funny person. His granddaughter Erin and my daughter played on the same soccer team. Ray came to watch many games. When parents on the other team yelled and voiced their displeasure at the ref Ray would yell "ya you tell him" and then just laugh. Thinking about it he did the same with our team parents. Ray was fun.

Ed Horvath - December 27, 2023 at 03:55 PM

SD

“ Samuel and Becky Der-Yeghiayan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Raymond J. Van Demerkt.

Samuel and Becky Der-Yeghiayan - December 27, 2023 at 12:41 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Raymond J. Van Demerkt.*



December 27, 2023 at 12:41 PM



“ *We I'll miss seeing your dad's car in the driveway when he came for dinner. Sending condolences and love from Brian, Heather, and Charlie*



Heather Lohse - December 26, 2023 at 04:01 PM



“ *The Dickey Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Raymond J. Van Demerkt.*



The Dickey Family - December 23, 2023 at 10:48 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Raymond J. Van Demerkt.*



December 22, 2023 at 08:17 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Raymond J. Van Demerkt.*



December 22, 2023 at 06:42 PM