



Raymond August Van Beveren

September 26, 1940 - October 16, 2021

Raymond Van Beveren, 81 years young, passed away on October 16, 2021.

He passed away in his home town of San Antonio Texas.

Raymond was born on 09/26/1940 in the back of the Salon his parents William and Annie ran, and was actually delivered in the saloon. Ray has 2 Sisters Betty, and Judy, as well as a sister who passed away that was a twin to his Brother Billy. His Father William was a man of many talents, and worked as a saloon keep, Bread man, Milk Man, and worked for Pearl Beer until the very day he died. My Dads love of gardening and Hunting came from his family. They all migrated over from Belgium and part of his family was the Van De Walle's, Persyns, Hooge's, and many other Belgian family members. Ray loved hanging out with his Daddy growing the garden, hunting, and just being by his side to soak up as much information as he could. Now keep in mind, his Daddy didn't allow free loaders, so at the age of 12, Ray started working for Piggly Wiggly grocery Store. He would ride his motor bike down New Laredo Highway. He even put his shot gun on that motor bike to go hunting. After graduating from South San High School he went to work at Frost National Bank. He went from the mail room to Vice President in his 40 years with the Bank. Ray was also in the Bexar County Sheriff department and from there he joined the Bexar County Constables with Precinct 3 and then Precinct 4. He was in law enforcement for 40 years. Ray also worked for the Hyatt Regency

hotel in downtown San Antonio for 25 years. But what made Ray the proudest of all his jobs, was the 8 years he was in the United States Air Force. See, to some it's a job, but for Ray, it was pride in Service, pride in his country, and the flag and this Country meant something to him. To this day, his yard and home is extremely patriotic because he believed that as Americans we could all do our part to protect this great nation. To him, if you couldn't enlist, then you supported in other ways even if that meant helping the USO or other Veteran Organizations, because that is what he stood for.

While working for Frost National Bank, he met a Dorothy C. Lewis who worked for Mr. Frost. Ray asked her out on a date and according to Dorothy, she said yes because Dad had on a blue dress shirt, black pants, brown shoes, pink socks. I mean, come on, who couldn't marry a man that dressed like that with a killer smile. Dorothy said that man needed help dressing for success, and well, they married November 11, 1961. On April 5th 1969 their little girl Tricia was born whom they adopted and that began their family. Almost two years later Ray and Dorothy had a son on March 24, 1971 name Billy. Now the family was complete. Ray and Dorothy continued to raise their children the best they could until Dorothy passed away. Ray continued to be the parent for both of his children. Tricia eventually got married and moved out and Billy Enlisted in the United states Coast Guard. That was truly a proud moment for Ray because Service of Country and God were of upmost importance to Ray. Ray felt being kind and dependable and stable but firm was of upmost importance to raising his children and he certainly didn't disappoint them when it came to wholeheartedly loving his entire family.

Ray was preceded in death by his father William Frank, his mother Annie Irma, his brother Billy, and one sister and his wife of 31 years Dorothy Van Beveren. Ray is survived by his sister Betty Ann and his sister Judy, his Daughter Patricia and his Son Billy and his wife Angela. Ray had three grandchildren Ali, Noah, and Leah who were the bright spots in his life. Ray is

also survived by his nephews Mark and his wife Martha, Fred and Millie, and Odell and Britta. Ray had numerous nephews and only one niece Melinda.

Ray had so many friends I don't think 100 pages would do it justice. From the people at the bank to the people in law enforcement to the people at the Hyatt and yes even at the age of 81 his hundreds of Facebook friends, yes, Ray was huge on social media because it was one of his greatest pleasures to be able to keep up with his friends on Facebook especially when Covid happened. Almost up until the day he passed he was still driving because that was important to him and he loved it. He loved being needed and he was always there no matter the time or the place he was there, but that's the way he always was.

Ray wants everyone to remember the way that he was and he would be so pleased to know that he made an impression on everybody he met. He was a sweet man with a kind smile a wicked sense of humor but always put God, Country and family first because that's how he was raised and that's how he raised his children.

Some of Ray's last conversations were about going ahead to prepare a place for all of us. He was very specific and said he will be waiting by heaven's gate under the tree sitting on the rock to welcome us all home to God's Kingdom. He said you make sure and you live your life to the fullest! Never give up on a dream or hope or desire. He said do what makes you happy and you'll stay happy. He said this world would be a better place if we all learned the meaning of the word respect and love and kindness and then if we all changed just 1% how much better the world could be. He also said sometimes in life we have to do things we don't want to do and if that means rolling up your shirt sleeve and getting a shot to protect everybody roll up your sleeve. Life was precious to Ray and as much as he didn't want to leave the family

here, he wanted to go home to God and be with his Daddy and Mama and all the family that's gone before him, he was actually excited about it because it had been a very long time since he had seen some of them. But with that said he said we all now have a new guardian Angel and if you closed your eyes you could hear his words so take comfort in that.

My dad believed that service of others whether it be in the military or a direct care provider or nurse or a doctor was so important so he also wanted to thank everyone for their service. His last final days he was pain free and taken care of by some fantastic people who I his daughter Will never be able to forget or repay. There are good people in this world we all just need to work a little bit harder to make my dad's beautiful smile a little bit bigger.

Whether you were a friend or a family member he loved you without question without fail without hesitation or reservation.

Rays family would like to say thank you to everyone who treated our Dad as their friend or coworker with respect and love because he never forgot anybody.

So like Ray said this is not a goodbye this is a see you later and I'll be making sure to have a house ready when it's everyone's time because that's how much everyone meant to him.

Ray also said let go of the past, is just that, it's in the past, fix it, make it right never have regrets and love the way he loved.

As his Daughter I would like to thank everyone for making my dad's life a beautiful thing. He loved each and everyone of y'all and I will never forget that.

We might have lost Ray on earth but he's now in heaven and we all have a

new guardian Angel and that's a title he will wear with honor and pride and he also considered it part of his service to his family and friends...life is so short, never take it for granted. If you need help, God is only a prayer away. If your needs are met, you have enough. God will get us thru this, because in God, as his Children, he will take care of all of us.

Cemetery Details

San Fernando Cemetery #2

746 Castroville Rd.
San Antonio, TX 78237

Previous Events

Graveside Service

OCT **26**. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Hey Dad. It's a couple of days shy of 1 year. I miss you more than I could ever have imagined. You are my whole life. You gave me the tools to survive, thank you for that, but you didn't tell me it would be this hard. I love you more and more. Thank you for being my Daddy.

Patricia Van Beveren - October 12, 2022 at 01:26 PM



“ Hi Daddy. I just want you to know I love you. You are never out of my thoughts! I miss you so much! I wish things were different. Remember your promise! See ya by the gate under the tree sitting on the rock. I love you always and forever!❤️ Tricia



Patricia Van Beveren - October 30, 2021 at 03:44 PM



“ One of the best friends I ever had loved doing what he did and was a great worker who always could be counted on. Was liked and loved by everyone. You will be missed my friend until we meet again.

Jim Condrin

Jim Condrin - October 19, 2021 at 12:37 AM



Jim. You know my Dad considered you more than a friend. You were there for him for years!

Patricia Ramirez - October 19, 2021 at 07:15 PM

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“ *I love you Daddy. You and Me forever.* ”



Patricia Ramirez - October 18, 2021 at 11:18 PM