



## Raymond Christian

September 3, 1933 - July 8, 2012

Obituary of Raymond Christian Mr. Ray Lee Christian Jr. passed away on July 8, 2012 after a lengthy battle with cancer. He was born in West Palm Beach, FL on September 3, 1933. He attended elementary school in Pahokee, and junior and high school at Florida Military Academy in St. Petersburg. After graduation he spent four years in the Air Force, serving in Japan and Indochina. When his career with the service ended, he returned to school first earning his Bachelor Degree in Engineering from the University of Florida and then a Masters Degree from North Carolina State. While earning his master degree he was hired by Bell Laboratories and continued to work for them in North Carolina and then later in South Florida. After sixteen years with the labs, he decided to go into business and started Engine Rebuilders Warehouse in Ft. Lauderdale. In 2000 Ray sold the business and retired to Ocala, Florida. Ray had many interests: sailing, flying, motorcycling and photography. He was an avid gator fan from a very young age and stuck with them through thick and thin. He is survived by his wife Doris of sixty years (childhood sweetheart); Three children: Mike Christian, Pam Wiggins and her husband Michael, Cathy Poling and her husband Terry; Eight grandchildren: John, Brandon, Brett, Troy, Shane, Brooke, Maggie and Skyler. A memorial service will be held at College Road Baptist Church 5010 SW SR 200 in Ocala on July 13th at 11AM. Donations may be made in Ray's name to either the building fund of College Road Baptist Church or Hospice of Marion County. Roberts Funeral Homes Bruce Chapel West (352) 854-2266 made the

arrangements. To leave condolences go to [www.robertsfuneralhomes.com](http://www.robertsfuneralhomes.com)

# Tribute Wall

BW

“ *What a wonderful person Ray was. He was a very caring person and will be sadly missed*

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**Barbara & Robert Williams** - July 18, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GC

“ *We met Ray & Doris on a cruise and a beautiful friendship developed. Ray was a gentle, loving, kind man whom we adored. We visited Ray & Doris many times & enjoyed their friendship so much. Ray you are sadly missed. Your friends, George & Sharon July 13/12*

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**George & Sharon Chambers** - July 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ *Ray was A great MAN I met him back in 1996 when I got my job at ERW He will be missed RIP Mr Ray. Brenda Walker (Crumb)*

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**Brenda Walker ( Crumb)** - July 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *It has been our pleasure to know Ray. He was the epitome of a gentle man. We'll miss him and his smiling face on Wednesdays where we met each week for lunch. God bless you and your family.*

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**Judy Harmon** - July 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ *When I started working at Engine Rebuilders I never realized I would be a part of Ray and Doris's family. Ray was very special to me and taught me much about the business. I will miss him dearly.*

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**Beth and Heather Pariseau** - July 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ I've had the honor of having Ray as a Father in Law. He was a good man, an honorable man, a respected man. A good husband, good father and good friend. He touched us more than he ever knew and will be greatly missed. Rest in peace.

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**Michael Wiggins** - July 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ Seventy-one years , a long time dear friend...

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**Carol Snyder Lively** - July 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ I am forever grateful for the love and care you have given to my sister, Beth. And, I'm glad I got to know you through her. Ray was a tremendous man and will be missed.

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**Lynn and Rick Hadley** - July 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ Many ethical years of doing business with a fine Gentleman. Rest in Peace my friend.

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**Dennis & Paulette Terrill** - July 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ Great memories from early years in Pahokee, Univ. of Fla and our friendship in Ocala. Ray was a great classmate and Doris and Ray are great friends. Bettie and I send our love to Doris and family.

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**Sidney and Bettie Caruthers** - July 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM