



Ray John Leurck

July 22, 1942 - October 13, 2017

Reverend Raymond J. Leurck, 77, of The Villages passed away peacefully on October 13, 2017 after a long illness.

Father Ray was born on July 22, 1940 in Cincinnati, Ohio, son of Raymond F. and Margaret E. (Staunton) Leurck. During Father Ray's priesthood he served in many capacities including assistant pastor, pastor and campus minister. He served his country as a Chaplain in the United States Air Force for 23 years, achieving the rank of full Colonel. Father Ray's priesthood of 50 years was filled with his love of God and people. In his leisure time Father Ray enjoyed spending time with his family and his many friends, boating and golfing.

Father Ray is survived by his brothers William (Maxine) and Joseph (Karen) Leurck, his sister Peggy Ayres and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. He was predeceased by his parents.

Visitation and Service

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Tuesday, October 17th 2017 at 10:30 AM at St Timothy Catholic Church in Lady Lake, FL. Relatives and friends may pay their respects to Father Ray's family at the church from 9:45 to the time of the Mass. A reception will follow in the church's Fellowship Hall. Burial with full military honors will be at 2:30 PM at the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, FL. Donations in Father Ray's memory may be made to Food for the Poor, a charity he supported. Their address is: P.O. Box 979005, Coconut Creek, FL 33097.

Online condolences may be left at www.beyersfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home, Lady Lake, FL.

Tribute Wall

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“ I looked up Fr. Ray today because I met him while was serving as a chaplain at RAF Chicksands England. He was my inspiration to become Catholic and although it took many years for seeds he planted to grow, I am now a Catholic. Thank you Fr Ray. I'll never forget you!

Randel Livingood - November 22, 2024 at 04:58 PM



“ Fr. Ray was a great priest! He baptized my son at Yokota Air Base, Japan. He gave great surmons, was always accommodating, and also a great officer. Thanks for the memories.



Pete Villanueva - August 04, 2024 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Jean and I extend our deepest condolences to the family of Raymond. I especially would like to express my sympathy to Bill on this passing of his brother.

Mike Miller
OMS class of 1957
Cincinnati, Ohio

Michael miller - October 18, 2017 at 04:36 PM

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“ We are so very saddened to hear of Fr. Ray's passing. It was an honor to have served with you professionally and spiritually. Our deepest condolences Col. (Ret.) Paul Wuebold and family

Fran Wuebold - October 16, 2017 at 06:17 PM