



Raynard Ouellette

October 2, 1923 - December 12, 2013

Obituary of Raynard Ouellette

Chief Master Sergeant (Ret.) Raynard L. Ouellette, 90, of The Villages, Florida died on December 12, 2013 after a brief illness. Ray was born on October 2, 1923 in Old Town, Maine, first born son of Francois Xavier Ouellette [Frank Willette and Alphina (Dionne) Willette].

He graduated from Old Town High School in 1941, and the Maine Maritime Academy in 1944. Ray was in the US Naval Reserve and was called to service as a Midshipman in the Merchant Marines during W.W. II, serving in the Atlantic Theater. At discharge, he returned to Old Town to meet the love of his life, Lois Mishou, whom he married in 1947. They settled in Old Town where he worked in the boiler room at Penobscot Chemical Fiber Company, in Old Town. He was a member of the Air Force Reserve, and was called to duty during the Korean War. Ray and Lois remained in military life for 25 years, with assignments in Canada, Hawaii, and Korea, as well as bases in New England, making many wonderful friends along the way. During this time, he served as a First Sergeant and then transitioned into Personnel Management.

Following his retirement from the Air Force, he worked as a Civil Service

Personnel Manager at Loring Air Force Base (AFB) in Maine and Pease AFB in New Hampshire.

In 2001, Ray and Lois made a permanent move to Florida, where they lived in Melbourne Beach near his brother and sister-in-law. In 2009, they moved to The Villages to be near their daughter and son-in-law. There, Ray and Lois had the good fortune to meet some wonderful people. Just prior to his passing, Ray and Lois enjoyed one last dance at the neighborhood Christmas party, surrounded by these friends. He will be sadly missed by his wife, family and friends.

Ray is survived by his wife of 67 years, Lois V.(Mishou); two daughters, Christine A. Hamilton and her husband Willard of Caribou, Me and The Villages, Florida and Susan Feldman and her husband, Adam of Weston, Florida; five grandchildren, Todd Hamilton (Windham, Me), Jon Hamilton (Caribou, Me.), Scott Hamilton (Cumberland Center, Me.), Jakob and Jonah Feldman (Weston, Fl.); two great grand-children, Brynne and Finn Hamilton; his brother, Norman and his wife, Lois Ouellette of Connecticut and Florida, his brother-in-law, Joseph Ferrero of Pennsylvania, his sister-in-law, Gail and her husband Billy of Saybrook, Connecticut., 10 nieces and 4 nephews. He is predeceased by his brother Donald Ouellette in 2011.

Calling hours will be at the Lady Lake Chapel of Beyers Funeral Home on Sunday, December 15, 2013 from 5pm-7pm. Funeral services will be held at St. Vincent DePaul Catholic Church in Wildwood on Monday, December 16, 2013 at 10:00am. Interment will be in Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, FL with full military honors at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Vincent De Paul Catholic Church Building Fund, www.sumtercatholic.org or the Alzheimer's Association, www.alz.org.

Visitation

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Interment

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Memorial Donations

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Tribute Wall

DC

“ Dear Lois, Susan, Christine and Family, Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for the loss of Ray; our thoughts are with you during this most difficult time. We feel blessed to have been your neighbors for so many years in Eliot. Ray was a super guy and his memory will remain in our hearts forever.

Dennis and Rosemary Collene - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ It was our great pleasure to meet Ray and Lois and have them part of our everyday life. We call them Dad and Mom. What a special man he was, always a smile and a big hardy laugh. He was the star of our Christmas Party just a couple of days before he left us to be in a better place. I know after living in The Villages its tough to say there is a better place, but there is. Dad will be looking down wondering what Mom is doing. We can assure him she will be getting a lot of love by all of us. We will miss you so much and so glad that you and Mom had your "Last Dance" with all of us around to see how happy you were. God placed his hand on your heart and it went still quietly and without any pain. We are all better for knowing you. Thank you for the time you were with us. All our love to you Dad and we are saving plenty for Mom. Love Don and Betty Shackelford

Don and Betty Shackelford - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

HB

“ Dear Lois, I'm thinking of you in the loss of your husband with the sympathy and understanding that words cannot express. Dear Christine, your father will be with you always in so many ways. With sympathy and caring, your neighbor Huguette

Huguette Beaulieu - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ *Dear Lois, Susan and Christine, I'm so sorry to hear of Ray's passing. What a wonderful man he was. I have so many memories of him when we were growing up in Eliot. When he let us write all over the walls in the kitchen before he put up the new walls. May all the wonderful memories that you have help you all through this difficult time. You all are in my thoughts and prayers. Love, Carol*

Carol (Wood) Mercier - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Raynard Ouellette*

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