



Dennis Eugene Ray

March 22, 1929 - February 15, 2019

Longtime Yreka resident Dennis Eugene Ray passed away on February 15, 2019 at Fairchild Medical Center in Yreka. He was 89 years old.

Dennis was born on March 22, 1929 in Chico to Charles and Eleanor Ray. He grew up in Chico and served in the U.S. Air Force. He attended Chico State, where he earned his Bachelor's Degree as a chemistry major. He later obtained his teaching degree. In the summer of 1959, Dennis married Sylvia Herrera, and the couple moved to Yreka, where they both taught at Yreka High School. Dennis taught math, and later started teaching computer programming before retiring in 1988. Dennis kept busy after retirement, including teaching a computer class for adults. He enjoyed photography and working with stained glass. He also loved to take the family on long road trips, including Alaska and Washington DC.

Dennis was preceded in death by his wife, Sylvia in 1994, and a son, Douglas, in 1982. He is survived by his wife of 20 years, Louise, and a son Alex Ray of San Francisco.

Services may be held at a later date.

Comments



“ Mr. Ray was one of my favorite teachers. I went on in Math classes because of his teaching in Geometry and Algebra II. He was tough but fair and really brought the subject alive. He ranks up there as one of the best teachers I ever had.

Kathy Scheid - March 08, 2019 at 02:37 PM



“ Dennis was my Step Dad for 20 years, he was a good dad. Dennis loved to laugh at almost anything. In Hawaiian "Kaipoalohaokalahui" is my son's middle name and my Grandpa name also, and it means "SWEETHEART OF THE PEOPLE" Dennis was a wonderful man and this meaning suits him well.
We all miss you dearly..... love you dad!



Patricia McGuire - February 22, 2019 at 02:15 PM



“ It was my senior year before I understood the "awesomeness" of Mr. Ray. I was in his first Computer Programming class and we had a blast. His reach is felt well beyond Yreka on a daily basis and I for one am so thankful that out of all the careers he could have chosen and been successful, he choose to teach us. RIP Mr. Ray! You are loved and missed.

Rick Young - February 21, 2019 at 09:36 AM



“ Best math teacher ever. I loved geometry because of him.
RIP Mr. Ray!
Heartfelt condolences to the family.
Noreen Barrington

Noreen - February 21, 2019 at 12:25 AM



“ Thank you

Patricia - February 22, 2019 at 03:51 PM



“ Mr. Ray was such a nice gentleman. My apologies to him for my geometry skills. He was my advisor when Venieta and I were yearbook editors in 1962/63. Bless you Mr. Ray.

Ruth Wilson Stacy - February 20, 2019 at 12:39 AM



“ I thought Mr. Ray was so funny. He made me laugh with his short, choppy one liners. He was very patient with me in computer programming. He taught me that a sense of humor while teaching goes a long way.

Paula Sarmento-Haines - February 19, 2019 at 10:16 PM



“ As a shy student, I appreciated Mr. Ray's kind nature and sense of humor, not to mention his ability to make geometry easy to understand. RIP

Julaine - February 19, 2019 at 10:45 PM



“ Mr. Ray was at the top of my list of all time best teachers. After leaving Yreka High, I entered UCD wondering how I would fare against so many privately schooled Bay Area students. I had a full year of calculus and discovered that Mr. Ray had prepared me very well for the challenge. In fact, it was a breeze for me. I always regretted that I never returned to Yreka High to let him know how much I had enjoyed and appreciated him as a person and teacher.

John - February 22, 2019 at 07:21 PM



“ Mr. Ray's classes were always engaging, especially when he used bright red chalk on the green chalkboard to emphasize a point. Thank you.

Bruce - February 24, 2019 at 09:42 AM