



Ray Bawel

November 21, 1930 - July 4, 2024

Ray Bawel, age 93, of Jasper, Indiana, passed away at home surrounded by family at 10:36 p.m. on Thursday, July 4, 2024.

Ray was born in Boonville, Indiana, on November 21, 1930, to Fred and Edna (Hahn) Bawel. He married Mary Ann Witte on January 2, 1954.

He was a graduate and All-Star of Boonville High School. He went on to the University of Evansville where he lettered in many sports and received Honors prior to joining the NFL. He played for the Philadelphia Eagles where he still holds records today. He also played for the Green Bay Packers and finished his career in Canada for the Hamilton Tiger Cats. In 1957 they won the Grey Cup Championship and he received Most Valuable Player.

Ray was a teacher and coached several sports at the University of Evansville. He retired after over 50 years as general manager and board member from Jasper Engines and Transmissions.

He was a member of Trinity United Church of Christ, Indiana Football Hall of Fame, and the NFL Alumni Association.

He was proud of his family and enjoyed telling people how many grandchildren he had. He was a humble man and very anonymously

generous.

Ray is survived by his wife of 70 years, Mary Ann Bawel, Jasper, three sons: Doug Bawel and partner Suellen Seng, Jasper, Brad (Sara) Bawel, Jasper, and Zach (Linda) Bawel, Jasper, daughter-in-law, Beth Bawel, Jasper, 16 grandchildren, and 25 great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his siblings and son, Jeffrey Bawel.

A funeral service for Ray will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 10, 2024, at Trinity United Church of Christ in Jasper, Indiana, with entombment to follow in Fairview Cemetery Mausoleum. Pastor Steve Seitz will officiate.

A visitation will be held from 10:00 a.m. until the 11:30 a.m. service time at the church on Wednesday.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Dubois County Community Foundation Endowment "Eagle Wings" or your favorite charity.

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery Mausoleum

1020 Kundek Street
Jasper, IN 47546

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 10. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Trinity United Church of Christ
Jasper, IN 47546

Service

JUL 10. 11:30 AM (ET)

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Jasper, IN 47546

Tribute Wall

LA

“ *Lavender lit a candle in memory of Ray Bawel*



lavender - December 09, 2024 at 01:03 PM

LA

“ *love you*



lavender - December 06, 2024 at 11:19 AM

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lavender - December 06, 2024 at 12:59 PM

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“ *Lavender lit a candle in memory of Ray Bawel*



lavender - December 05, 2024 at 12:59 PM

LA

“ *you are the best person ever love ray*

lavender - December 05, 2024 at 11:24 AM

LA

“ *he was the best man ever so sorry for your loss*

lavender - December 05, 2024 at 11:11 AM

TH

“ *I was very fortunate to help the Bawels out with Ray and MaryAnn they are definitely one of the humblest people you could ever meet.... Still even after Rays passing they are still letting me know how much they appreciate me and you don't get that often as a caregiver..*

Tina Hoffman - August 15, 2024 at 09:54 PM

MP

“ *Our condolences to Mary Ann and the entire family. Good memories of Ray from my years at Jasper Engines and Transmissions.*

Mike and Carma Pfau - July 10, 2024 at 10:26 PM

LB

“ *Our sympathy to the family. Mary Ann and boys you are in our thoughts and prayers.*



Larry & Yvonne Breitwieser - July 06, 2024 at 12:31 PM

JW

“ *Ray: A man of God, Family and Country. Great role model and friend. Ray and Mary Ann are the Best and loved by everyone. It is an honor and pleasure to know them. Jim & Ellen Weigel*



James Weigel - July 05, 2024 at 05:26 PM

CO

“ Ray was the best friend and neighbor that one could have. I was blessed to live next door to him and Mary Ann in Ave Maria, Florida for 13 years. These two are the most humble, honest, generous and giving people in the whole world. Love ❤️ is their middle names. My heartfelt condolences to You, Mary Ann, and to your family. Eye cannot see, ear cannot hear nor the heart of man can conceive what God has in store for those who LOVE Him! May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. May the eternal light shine upon him.



Cookie Olander - July 05, 2024 at 05:10 PM

MB

“ So sorry for your loss, you are all in my thoughts and prayers. Mary Schepers-Bradley

Mary Bradley - July 05, 2024 at 03:42 PM

DW

“ So Sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers for the family. 🙏

Doug Weyer - July 05, 2024 at 03:39 PM

DW

“ So sorry for your loss. Thoughts and prayers for your family 🙏

Darla Wagner - July 05, 2024 at 03:06 PM

BK

“ *Our sympathy and condolences to all of you.*



Brian and Joan Knies - July 05, 2024 at 02:28 PM

DR

*Mary Ann & Family,
I'm so sorry for your loss. Ray was a wonderful neighbor. My prayers
are with you and your family.
Mildred Reckelhoff*

Donna Reckelhoff - July 06, 2024 at 07:39 PM