



Raymond Lee "Pappa Ray" Korup

June 25, 1933 - August 14, 2020

Raymond Lee Korup, "Pappa Ray," 87, of St. Anne, passed away Friday (Aug. 14, 2020) at his home in St. Anne.

A memorial service will be at a future date.

He was born June 25, 1933, in Chicago, the son of Samuel Friend and Ruth Berg. Raymond married Karen Korup Duchene on Oct. 13, 1977. She survives, of St. Anne.

Raymond was still actively working as a retailer until his passing.

Surviving are his sons, David Korup, of Albuquerque, N.M., from a previous marriage, Richard Korup, of Bourbonnais, previous marriage, and Dennis Duchene, of Carlsbad, Calif.; daughter, Deborah Geike, of Bourbonnais, previous marriage, and Lisa (Christopher) Schneider, of Saint Charles; sisters, Harriet (Mike) Friedlander, of Lincoln, Calif., and Rose Reiwitch, of Sacramento, Calif.; five grandchildren, Caitlin (Evan) Wehrle, Olivia (Alex) Grabacki, Madeleine Overlock, Lauren Duchene and Tyler Duchene; and one great-grandchild, baby Jack. Ray was considered a second father to many others!

Preceding him in death were his brother, William Korup; and brother-in-law, Bill Reiwitch.

Ray was a member of Jewish community. He loved playing cards with friends, reading and spending time with his pets. Ray was also an avid fan of the Chicago Bears and Chicago Cubs.

He attended the University of Illinois at Chicago, and Roosevelt University.

Ray's love for people and hard-working ethics made him a successful retailer. He managed 16 women's fashion stores in the midwest, including Lecoor's in downtown Kankakee for more than 30 years. Upon closure of New York Corporation, he opened his own business, Advantage Specialty, which he proudly worked until the day he died.

Tribute Wall

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“ Ray was a great man and cared deeply about people. I am glad to have been watched upon by him. He and the family are and always will be in my heart and Prayers.

Mike Bromer - August 21, 2020 at 12:26 AM



“ Dear Karen and family, My sympathy to all of you in the loss of this wonderful man. I consider myself very lucky to have been his friend. He will be missed.

Mary Jane Cleeland, Sedona, AZ

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Karen and family, my most heartfelt sympathy in the loss of Ray ,he will be missed.,Karen if you ever need a shoulder to lean on i'am here for you. it hard to lose your Loved one I know I just lost the Love my life last month.so please cal if you need anything love you Karen .sandy kay vilt

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