



Allison "Ray" Webber

November 9, 1922 - February 17, 2015

Ray died peacefully on the morning of February 17 with his loving wife Barbara of 63 years at his side.

He was born in Indianapolis to Allison Maxwell Webber and Grace Mae (Powers) Webber. He was greatly loved by his 5 children, Linda R. Summers (Elizabeth Arnott), Steve A. Webber (Vicki), Dennis J. Webber (Bonnie), Denise K. Nix (Charles deceased), Raymond D. Webber; 10 grandchildren (Kevin Webber deceased), 10 great-grandchildren, several nieces and nephews, sister Betty A. Pond and brother Harold Webber (deceased).

Ray retired from Western Electric Company (AT&T) as an area installation supervisor after 39 ½ years. He also retired from the U.S. Air Force after 42 years serving as a command pilot, squadron commander and achieving the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He served in World War II and the Korean War flying planes B-17, C-46, C-47, C-119, L-5 and gliders. He didn't talk about the war and the family recently learned he piloted several dangerous missions. He was a survivor of two flight crashes - an advanced training flight crash in Marfa, Texas, in

1944 and an emergency landing in Roswell, N.M. in 1950. The crash landing in a desert due to engine failure destroyed the aircraft he piloted, however, he and the 38 fully equipped airmen aboard survived.

After retirement Ray continued to keep busy - he worked at all the IU athletic events for 24 years; at the IU Kelly School of Business on two Indiana U.S. Censuses; and the Monroe County Auditor's Office (member of the Monroe County Property Tax Board of Review) for 23 years. He volunteered at Bloomington Hospital delivering meals and installing Lifeline equipment for 15 years, the Habitat for Humanity, and gave talks at elementary schools on Veteran's Day.

Ray and Barbara traveled extensively visiting over a dozen countries mostly on cruises with friends.

He was a life member of the Millersville Masonic Lodge 126, Scottish Rite, Murat Temple Shriners, Military Officers Association, AT&T Telephone Pioneers (past president), Stone Belt Shrine Club, and the American Legion Post 18.

He loved life, family, backyard bird watching, gardening, people, and a good 'clean' joke.

Visitation will be from 4-8pm Saturday, February 21st at Allen Funeral Home, 4155 South Old Highway 37. Services will be on Sunday, February 22nd at 2pm at the Arlington United Methodist Church, 1820 W. Arlington Road. Burial

with Military Rites will be on Monday, February 23rd at
1pm at Clear Creek Cemetery, West Church Lane.

Tribute Wall

KE

“ I worked with Ray during the 2010 Census, as well as at IU Event Services for a couple years. He was the only census enumerator to get out and work 40 hours each week (the limit) after which he was always going to mow his lawn or keep busy in some other way. I always enjoyed talking with him at events - he was a pleasure to spend time with. My condolences to his family on his loss. He was a great guy.

Kevin Kleine - October 26, 2015 at 04:01 PM

DO

“ Ray was a wonderful neighbor and friend, always a bundle of energy with a ready smile. Such a warm and delightful man will be greatly missed by family and friends. He enjoyed life, children, his birds, flowers and especially his devoted wife Barbara.

Dorothy Wilson - October 26, 2015 at 04:01 PM

JR

“ *What a guy! My father and him were best friends, growing up, going to school, hockey games, etc. War separated them briefly, as well as time, we all know that time does march on!*

On behalf of the entire Stryder family, I wish all the Webber family, peace, love & happiness. While Ray is gone now, his kind nature, friendly attitude, and being just himself was what I remember most of this gentleman!

We extend our sincere condolences to Barbara, and her children for their loss. While it may be a loss, its also time to reflect and look back, to see photos, share memories, and their are lots. I'll be sending some your way, for now may he rest in the peace and comfort of the lord's hands - his angels wings well earned!

Jim Stryder

Jim & Ray Stryder - October 26, 2015 at 04:01 PM

AN

“ *What a wonderful life! My thoughts and prayers are with Mr. Webber's family and the passing of such a great man. I know the sadness in the hearts at the loss of a loving dad and grandpa. Haley, Raymond, Michael, Ashley, Riley, & Kim, I am so sorry. He was such a special part of your lives that nothing can replace. Your grandpa left a great legacy in all of you!*

Angie Kelley - October 26, 2015 at 04:01 PM

RO

“ *Raymond,
So sorry for your loss. My, your Dad was so blessed to have such a wonderful full life. These times are trying and know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Roxanne Ashby - October 26, 2015 at 04:01 PM

MJ

“ *Im so sorry for your loss Denise and family. I wanted to let you know your family is in my thoughts and prayers. May God bless you all and especially Barbara.I pray the memories of your father will give warmth to you in your time of sorrow.*

mike jump - October 26, 2015 at 04:01 PM