



Raymond M. Walsh

December 26, 1939 - February 28, 2019

Raymond M. Walsh passed away suddenly in his home in Bloomington, IN on February 28. He was 79. The son of Raymond S. and Mary Regina Walsh, Ray grew up in Fort Wayne. A life-long student of US history, he completed undergraduate (1962) and graduate studies (1967) at Notre Dame University, taught government and political science for a few years at Central Catholic High School in Fort Wayne, and sold textbooks in Iowa before finding his niche in the leisure marine industry. He worked for many years in Chicago for Barclay Marine, then for West Marine in Indianapolis. He retired in 2018. A ready font of wide-ranging knowledge, Ray knew the intimate details of military engagements from Tippecanoe to the Battle of the Bulge, every episode of *The Simpsons*, and an unsettling amount about invasive species of the Great Lakes. A lifelong, self-taught day sailor, Ray loved a good tack and his sail trim indicators flowing aft. He once taught a Power Squadron course, and his children firmly believe he knew more about the rules of power and sail boating than anyone in the Midwest. Ray loved *Last Catholic in America*, the daily ritual of a newspaper, and day-old cake doughnuts. He liked gardening and dogs (but pretended not to). He hated grocery stores, road construction, automated customer service menus, Republican corruption and communication devices. And he was very funny. Preceded in death by his parents and sister Cynthia Gibeau, Ray is survived by his children, Raymond Stanislaus Walsh and Lorraine Walsh Cashman, grandchildren Mary Margaret and Nora, his brother Michael and wife Lydia, his sister Josephine Marie

Powers. Funeral service March 22, 2019 at 1:30 pm at Trinity Episcopal followed by burial at St Vincent Catholic Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 1:00 p.m. until the time of service. You are invited to share a memory or leave an online condolence to Ray's family at www.allencares.com

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“ *My husband Jim and I were in the class of 1958 at CC. I remember Ray from home room. He had a very interesting and accomplished life. We are sorry for your loss.*
Judy (Andorfer) Miller and Jim Miller

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