

Ray Damian Inglin(1927 - 2016)

With his family gathered around him, Ray passed away peacefully Tuesday, June 21, 2016 at St. Alphonsus Hospital in Boise, ID at age 89 from injuries due to a fall at his home in Garden City the day before. He was affectionately known by his family as "Big Ray" for his warm heart, ever-optimistic spirit, and gift for making friends wherever he went.

Ray was a proud and devoted father to his five children, raising them in Whittier, California. He was also a cherished grandfather to his grandchildren. Ray is survived by his wife, Senia (Bloomstrand); children: Sonja and her husband, William Strausz and their son, Samuel; Steve and his daughter, Cassandra; Ingrid and her husband, Robert Warden and their children: Rob and Anna; Raymond Jr. and his wife, Cindy and their daughter, Grace, and Damian and his wife, Kathryn and their children: Liliana and Luca. The youngest of four children, Ray is survived by his sister, Ann Nielsen of Boise and was preceded in death by his siblings: Steve Inglin and Clementina Hill.

Ray was born April 24, 1927 in Boise to entrepreneurial Swiss immigrant parents, Ray grew up in Meridian where he both attended school (graduating from Meridian High School in 1944) and also worked on the family farm. After being drafted into the U.S. Army, he served in Germany with the military police from 1945 to 1949. Ray graduated in the Los Angeles Police Academy (LAPD) class of 1955. His long career with the LAPD included being awarded the Medal of Valor for risking his life to save people trapped in a burning building, being a founding member of the LAPD's elite Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team and becoming the head of the Scientific Investigation Division's Polygraph Section. After retiring from the LAPD in 1982, he was a private investigator and polygraph consultant. In 1989, he became the chief polygraph examiner with the Washoe County Sheriff's Office in Reno, Nevada. In 2000, Ray and Senia returned to Boise, Idaho. Ray served in leadership positions on many boards and associations including as president of the Los Angeles Police Credit Union, California Association of Polygraph Examiners, American Association of Police Polygraphists and the American Polygraph Association, and was a Fourth Degree Knight of the Knights of Columbus. Vigil services will be held at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, June 28th and the funeral mass will be celebrated at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, June 29th, both services will be held at Holy Apostles Catholic Church at 6300 N. Meridian Road, Meridian. Private committal services will be held at Morris Hill Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made "In Honor of Raymond Inglin" to help build the St. Ignatius Catholic School at Holy Apostles Catholic Church in Meridian.

Ray leaves a legacy of love, friendship, service, leadership and pride in his family and community.

Remembrances may be left online at www.AccentFuneral.com. Services are under the direction of Accent Funeral Home, Meridian.

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