



Raymond Martin Francis

March 20, 1925 - May 23, 2021

Raymond Martin Francis “Popsy” died peacefully at his home in Centreville, MD, by the river, on May 23, 2021. He was 96.

Born on March 20, 1925 in Sussex, England, he was the son of the late Percival Ernest Francis and Marie Behat Francis. He grew up on his parents horse farm and moved to the United States in the early 1960’s and his career in the horse world began. Ray was a successful show horse trainer and instructor all of his life. He ran a large show barn in Ohio, Florida, and Pennsylvania. Ray was also a very popular USEF Horse Show Judge and Steward and judged horse shows throughout the country. He has been awarded numerous Lifetime Achievement Awards by various horse groups and was inducted into The Show Hunter Hall of Fame. Ray loved his horses, dogs, and friends. His hobby was boating and seven years ago he semi-retired and moved to Centreville along with his wife to enjoy life on the river and spend time on his boat.

Raymond is survived by his wife Cheryle Francis of Centreville, MD.

A celebration of life at a horse show where all his friend can attend may be scheduled at a later date.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Compass Region Hospice, 160 Coursevall Drive, Centreville, MD 21617; Equestrian Aide Foundation, 11924 W. Forest Hill Blvd, Wellington, FL 33414; Danny and Rons Rescue, PO Box 604, Camden, SC 29021

Tribute Wall



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