



Raymond "Ray" George Bender

July 8, 1941 - November 17, 2022

Raymond "Ray" George Bender passed away peacefully and joined his wife and mother on November 17, 2022. He was 81 years old.

He was born in Manheim Township, Lancaster, PA on July 8, 1941, the son of the late Emma May and Harry M. Bender. He grew up in Manheim Township and attended McCaskey High School. He met the love of his life, the late Brenda Faye Bender, and the two were together for fifty years before her passing in 2018.

He worked in paint and auto body repair, owning Ray's Auto Body Repair as well working at Kent Island Auto Body for many years. He then worked with his wife as a maintenance engineer at Brittany Bay Apartments in Rock Hall before his retirement.

He was a member of the American Legion Post 228. He enjoyed visiting civil war battlefields, motorcycles, and watching wrestling.

In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by his brothers, Donald and Henry Bender, and his sister, Grace Bender.

He is survived by his sons: Raymond Joseph Bender, Christopher Michael Bender, and Shane Paul Bender (Kellie); his grandchildren: Jessica, Justin, Lacey, Kayla, Dylan, Fallon, and Chelsea; as well as his seven great-grandchildren.

A graveside service will be held on Wednesday, November 23, at 2:00 pm at Wesley Chapel Cemetery in Rock Hall, MD. A visitation will be held prior at 1:00 pm at Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home in Chestertown,

MD.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Legion
Post 228 at P.O. Box 207, Rock Hall, MD 21661.

Cemetery Details

Wesley Chapel Cemetery

6179 Rock Hall Road
Rock Hall, MD

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 23. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home
130 Speer Road
Chestertown, MD 21620
<http://www.fhnfuneralhome.com>

Graveside Service

NOV 23. 2:00 PM (ET)

Wesley Chapel Cemetery
6179 Rock Hall Road
Rock Hall, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Raymond "Ray" George Bender*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - August 01, 2024 at 01:30 PM



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Raymond "Ray" George Bender*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - November 22, 2022 at 08:24 AM

DT

I love you Uncle Raymond , a piece of my heart is with you. ❤️

Donna Thorson - November 22, 2022 at 10:55 AM



“ *Raymond "Ray" George Bender*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM

CG

“ I knew a ray bender that lived on woodland dr. in lanc pa who had a brother don and sister grace had a older brother but cant remember his name. I know his brother don was in the army at one time. we used to play together alot. my name is charlie grebinger we lived on crest ave just around the corner from where ray lived.im 84 yrs old and cant remember some thing. i think rays older brothers name wa bob but not poitive. i do remember having a lot of good fun though. if thi not the ray bender i know forgive an old man who is thinking back. i live in phoenix arizona now.all our love anyway charlie & sue grebinger .

charlie grebinger - February 08, 2023 at 01:32 PM

CH

woodland ave not dr sorry charlie

charlie - February 08, 2023 at 01:55 PM



“ Raymond "Ray" George Bender

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ Raymond "Ray" George Bender

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM

DA

“ I will miss you Ray. Above all else you are a true friend to me. All these years and all these memories, I'm grateful for. You were there for me too when I needed, no doubt. I really looked forward to all the visits, conversations, and laughs with you and Brenda.through the years. RIP Ray.

David - November 23, 2022 at 06:18 AM

FL

“ *Shane, Kellie and families. We are very sorry for your loss.* ”



Frankie and Cathy Legg - November 22, 2022 at 06:03 PM

DT

“*"My Hero," My Uncle Raymond,
You protected us and took care of us when
Daddy was away with the Army , you stood
up for me when you found out how we were
being treated because of Daddy's Army
career.*

*You took us on picnics at the pond, you showed me how to brush a
horse , how to catch a chicken (and how to run from a rooster), you
took me fishing, you caught lightening bugs with us.*

You introduced Lebanon Balm and Shoofly pie to me.

*I will never forget how special you made me feel on my Wedding
Day.*

We have such wonderful memories.

*As life has a habit of getting in the of time, we didn't see eachother
for a while, but the love never stopped.*

I'm so thankful for the reconnection this past year.

*I'm blessed to have hugged you, kissed you and tell you I love you,
,and you telling me "I love you!" Two weeks ago as I walked out the
door from visiting will always be my cherished memory.*

*Looking at how wonderful the boys you raised to be great men you
can tell how wonderful you and Aunt Brenda were as parents.*

*I know Daddy escorted Aunt Brenda to the gates of heaven as you
went home.*

Please tell Daddy and everyone hello from me.

I love you Uncle Raymond, thank you for everything.

Your Niece Donna Denise (DeeDee). Bender-Thordon.

Xxxooo ❤️ 🙏 🌹



Donna Thorson - November 22, 2022 at 10:47 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Raymond "Ray" George Bender.



November 22, 2022 at 09:04 AM



“ BARBARA P COLEMAN lit a candle in memory of Raymond "Ray" George Bender



BARBARA P COLEMAN - November 22, 2022 at 07:38 AM



“ Brenda Biddle sent a virtual gift in memory of Raymond "Ray" George Bender



Brenda Biddle - November 21, 2022 at 06:02 PM



Ray and Brenda were the very best , Great friends and Brenda and I had to get it through Ray's head that he was dumber than a rock on the computer....all in fun RIP with the love of your life

Brenda Biddle - November 21, 2022 at 06:05 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Raymond "Ray" George Bender.



November 21, 2022 at 03:13 PM



“ 29 files added to the album Life Tributes



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - November 21, 2022 at 12:43 PM



“ Debbie Kemp lit a candle in memory of Raymond "Ray" George Bender



Debbie Kemp - November 21, 2022 at 09:47 AM

BH

“ *Brenda Hahn lit a candle in memory of Raymond "Ray" George Bender*



Brenda Hahn - November 20, 2022 at 04:14 PM

SJ

“ *Sherrie Jacobs lit a candle in memory of Raymond "Ray" George Bender*



Sherrie jacobs - November 19, 2022 at 05:02 PM

SJ

Pres and I send our deepest sympathy

Sherrie jacobs - November 19, 2022 at 05:02 PM

TT

“ *You were my first father in law . You took me in like a daughter. I will never forget you. Rest in peace.*

Tracy Styons (Bender) Taylor - November 18, 2022 at 08:33 PM

LB

“ *My second father more then a father in law ! What laughs we had and fun times as you helped me grow up Forever in my heart and you will be missed the rest of my days*

lori bender - November 18, 2022 at 07:02 PM

JB

“ I will always remember our talks we had about the good days and watching the family home videos together. You will forever be missed and loved! Love you Grandpa.

Justin Bender - November 18, 2022 at 04:47 PM