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Carl Ray "Crazy Ray" Rinehart, age 70 of Mystic, Iowa passed away Wednesday, October 1, 2014 at the Continental Care Center, Seymour, Iowa.

He was born June 6, 1944 in Centerville, Iowa, the son of James Rinehart and Louise (Tootsie) (Bozwick) Rinehart. Carl graduated from Centerville High School in 1962. He attended Indian Hills Community College from 1988-1990, majoring in Aviation Maintenance.

Upon his graduation from school, Carl was a truck driver and farmed. He also worked for a brief period of time at John Deere in Ottumwa in the welding department. Carl also owned "Crazy Ray's" Bar in Mystic for several years. He spent several years working at Lake Rathbun's South Fork Marina.

Carl married Shirley Pitts in April of 1964. They later divorced but remained close friends.

Carl loved Mystic and often referred to it as "God's Country." His fight for the betterment of the people of Mystic led to his serving as both marshal and mayor of the community. In addition, he received his pilot's license and loved flying ultralight planes. He loved traveling, visiting with friends and riding his bike. Moreover, he loved to swim and upon his retirement from work, swam everyday at the YMCA. Carl is survived by two children, Shelly (Jeff) Belloma of Pella, Iowa and Scott (Amy) Rinehart of Mystic, Iowa; six grandchildren, Ashley (Christopher) Simmons of Pella, Iowa, Zakk and Payton Belloma of Pella, Iowa, Makaine and Treye Rinehart of Mystic, Iowa, and Dalton McGrann of Manson, Iowa; a great-granddaughter, Tuesday Rae Simmons of Pella, Iowa; a sister, Kathy (Darrell) Hill of Greentop, Missouri; two nieces, Tammy (Mike) Hurley of Kirksville, Missouri and Marlene Brown of West Des Moines, Iowa; a great nephew, Casey (Brooke) Hurley of Kirksville, Missouri; special friends, Diana Wallerich of Moulton, Iowa and Ron Baumert of Sigourney, Iowa; and ex wife, Shirley Schmell of Centerville, Iowa.



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He was preceded in death by his parents, James and Tootsie Louise (Bozwick) Rinehart; grandparents, Charles and ""Fannie"" Frances Boswick; and an uncle, Carl Boswick who died serving his country during World War II; and an infant daughter, Melinda Jo McMahan.

Funeral services will be held at 2 PM Sunday, October 5, 2014 at the Mystic Community Church in Mystic, Iowa with Pastor Holly Oden officiating. Interment will follow in the Highland Cemetery, Mystic, Iowa. A visitation will be held at Lange Funeral Home and Crematory in Centerville on Saturday from 10 AM-8 PM, with the family present from 6-8 PM. In lieu of flowers, memorials have been established to the City of Mystic (To be dispersed at the family's discretion) and may be mailed to Lange Funeral Home and Crematory, 1900 S. 18th St., Centerville, Iowa 52544. Condolences may be shared online at www.langefh.com.

Visitation

October 04, 2014 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Lange Funeral Home 1900 S. 18th St. Centerville, IA (641) 856-2000

Funeral Service

October 05, 2014 2:00 PM

Mystic Community Church Mystic, IA



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Thomas Funeral Home posted:

October 21 at 2:48 PM



Thomas Funeral Home shared an album called **Obituary Wall**.



October 13 at 2:50 PM



Anonymous posted:

Thoughts and prayers to the Rinehart family, may the Lord watch over you all during this time of sorrow. Brian K. Harrington Posted by Brian K Harrington - Dallas, TX - Family friend October 08, 2014

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Sorry to hear of your loss. Carl Ray always had a big smile on his face when ever I seen him.He will be missed but never forgotten. Posted by nellie thomas - Centerville, IA - none October 04, 2014

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Carl Ray will be greatly missed. Always friendly and loved to have fun. Him and my brother(Jim Redman Campbell) Loved aviation and to fly and were great friends till my brothers death. linda and I also thought the world of Carl too. All our family my nephews',niece, boy, grand daughters etc. Send our deepest condolences to all Crazy Rays family. Skip and Linda Campbell and family. Posted by skip and linda campbell - centerville, IA - counsin by marriage and friend October 04, 2014

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Anonymous posted:

Carl Ray was always one of the most likeable people on the planet. A great guy and always smiling. The Pearly Gates will be wide open to him, I'm sure. RIP. Posted by Dan Gleason - San Antonio, TX - friend from childhood October 04, 2014

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

What a card! I first heard of Crazy Ray from Merle at Rathbun Marina. Then from Ron at Southfork. Saw him often at the YMCA (formerly Fitness Center) while working there. You will be missed by many! Prayers to the family. Posted by Mary Bennett - CENTERVILLE, IA - friend of family October 04, 2014

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Sympathy to Shelly, Scott, Kathy, Shirley, and families. Recalling memories of Aunt Fannie, Uncle Charlie, Toots & Jamie. Kathy, do you remember all those times you'd take Joyce (and I'd tag along) to your grandparents' tavern for a hamburger lunch I always laugh at you throwing your leftover bun edges behind a big picture on the wall; then one day Uncle Charlie came in with a broom, pulled the bottom of the picture away from the wall, and made you clean up all the dried bread crumbs off the floor! And of course, Carl Ray being mentioned on the Jay Leno show for the Mayor of Mystic and his goat races) Posted by Janee Kauzlarich - Oskaloosa, IA - cousin October 03, 2014

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Crazy Ray as we all knew him there in Centerville always had a smile on his face. Every time you would see Ray he was happy, either telling a joke or even dancing. He had a smile and hand shake or hug for everyone. He made you feel welcome and treated everyone with respect. His happy heart will live on in all his family members I know. My heart goes out to Shelly, Scott and all the family for such a loss. He will be missed forever by his family and for all those that knew and cared for him in the community. With our deepest sympathies and love, LeeAnne, Chad, Ryan, Megan, Sean and Gavin. Posted by LeeAnne JohnsonStevens - Orfordville, WI - Friend of Shelly October 03, 2014

January 4 at 7:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Thinking of you all. ... Posted by Rodney and Jamasa Miskimins - Centerville, IA - friends October 03, 2014

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Please accept our sincere sympathy and prayers, and may your loving memories give you peace. Posted by Dennis & Beverly Sisul Laurson October 03, 2014

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Carl was always there in the Campbell families life. He and my father used to do everything together. Fly airplanes, drive truck, ride motorcycles, farm, and drink Black Velvet. He was a constant friend to my dad, Jim Campbell (Redman), until my father passed away. One of my favorite memories of Crazy is the last night my father was able to get around and Carl took it upon himself to stay all night at the lake property making sure we had a great laugh the entire night. I know that Carl is hanging out with my dad now laughing and living it up the way they used to when they were young. Scott and Shelly you have my thoughts and prayers. Posted by Rob Campbell - Oskaloa, IA October 03, 2014

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I spent a lot of time growing up in the Rinehart house, with Kathy and Carl Ray. Although Carl wasn't home much, he was as funny and crazy as everyone says. My last memory of Carl was when his mother was very ill and having to go to Kirksville for dialysis. Then I saw the soft, loving, and patient side of Carl Ray. My prayers are with Scott, Shellie and their families and especially his sister Kathy. Posted by Rita (Watts) Scott - Enon, OH - friend October 03, 2014

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Sorry for your loss. My husband, Bill Zaputil, (Willie) was friends of Rays Mother. Posted by Linda Zaputil - Waterloo, IA - Acquaintance October 03, 2014

January 4 at 7:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Prayers are with you both Shelly and Scott and also Shirley for the lose of Carl he will be missed but never forgotten Posted by Nancy s HOWARD - Oskaloosa, IA - Friend October 03, 2014

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

My deepest sympathies to Scott & Shelly & all of Carl Ray's family & friends. I first knew of Carl Ray when I was at the very young age of about 12 years old in 1970. My first remembrance of him was when he had that early 30's Ford hot rod. Shortly after that, Carl Ray worked for my father for one or two seasons in the fields as a farm hand. I always thought highly of Carl Ray, and am sad to see that he has passed. May the Lord comfort all of his, and especially Scott & Shelly. Amen. Posted by Mark Cochran - Benton, AR - Friend October 03, 2014

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

So sorry for your loss..I graduated with Carl Ray in 1962..I remember him as a guy that was nice with a good sense of humor. Posted by Mary Lee Scott Thielke - Des Moines, IA - classmate October 03, 2014

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I grew up with Carl Ray In Mystic in a time and place long gone. My memories are of a younger, innocent time, but of a time and place that it was wonderful to be apart of. His time has come and ours will follow. Fair winds and a following sea to his family. Posted by Guinn Clark - The Villages, FL - Friend October 03, 2014

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I have known Carl for years he was always friendly and nice to me I am sorry for your loss scott and family. Posted by Jerry Coatney - IA - None October 03, 2014

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Anonymous posted:

I have known Crazy Ray my whole life, not only was he crazy but he was a very nice man. I have many memories of my parents getting together with Carl Ray and Shirley. My deepest sympathy to Shelly and Scott and their families! Posted by Lorrie Seddon-Mathews - Centerville, IA - Friend October 03, 2014

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I first met Crazy Ray in 1989, and what an impression he made on me! I knew what LIVING LIFE was all about! I did not know until that time...I was only 18! Still, I KNEW I wanted to live, laugh and love as this man did EVERY SINGLE time I saw him. He made me feel like family and accepted me as Shelly and Scott's friend as family. The world lost a great soul and everyone should take a lesson from Carl and his generosity, caring and thoughtful ways. He truly could make anyone smile even on their worst days. All my love to him and his family, and may his beautiful soul RIP! Posted by Stephanie Bazal - CORAL SPRINGS, FL - Friend of family October 03, 2014

January 4 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Carl & I were friends many years ago. Unfortunately, as happens, we drifted apart. I have many memories of Carl & will always (& only) remember the good times we shared. My thoughts are with his family. I am deeply sorry for your loss. Posted by Paul Tharp - Loveland, CO - Friend October 02, 2014

January 4 at 7:00 PM



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