



Ray Bye

April 26, 1951 - September 30, 2014

Raylyn "Ray" Bye, 63 year old resident of Onamia, MN passed away on Tuesday, September 30, 2014 at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN. Funeral services will be held at 10:30 A.M. on Saturday, October 4, 2014 at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Onamia, MN with Rev. Jim Swanson officiating. Visitation will be held from 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. on Friday, October 3, 2014 at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Onamia and 1 hour prior to service on Saturday. Memorials preferred to the Mayo Liver Transplant Unit.

Arrangements are with the Shelley Funeral Chapel of Onamia.

Raylyn Bye was born in Starbuck, Minnesota on April 26, 1951. He graduated from Cyrus High School in 1969. Raylyn obtained his law enforcement degree from Alexandria Technical School in 1971. Upon graduation he worked in various police departments including Glenwood, Melrose, and Sauk Centre. In August of 1974 he was hired by the MN State Patrol and attended the State Patrol Police Academy. Raylyn began his career with the State Patrol at the Governor's Mansion in 1974 and afterwards transferred to Onamia, MN. The last 12 years of his career he was involved in Safety Education. Raylyn retired from the MN State Patrol on May 2nd, 2006. Raylyn received many commendations during his career with the MN State Patrol. During his retirement years, Raylyn enjoyed his part-time job as a courier for the Mille Lacs Health System. Raylyn married the love of his life Ruthie Ettesvold in September 1972 in Cyrus, MN. Raylyn and Ruthie moved to Onamia in 1974 and shortly thereafter built a house in rural Onamia where they resided until

the time of his death. Ray and Ruthie were blessed with two sons, Reed and Ryan. Raylyn was an active member of Bethany Lutheran Church. He enjoyed spending time with family and friends, fishing on Mille Lacs, deer hunting, four-wheeling, camping, traveling, meat raffles, fall harvesting with his brother, gardening and canning, and Friday night walleye dinners with friends.

Raylyn is survived by his wife of 42 years Ruthie, Reed (Sara) of Monticello, and Ryan (Nicole) of Minneapolis; grandchildren Brett (Jaci), Brianna, and Oscar; three siblings Carole (Lloyd) Miller, Larry (Rita) Bye, and Patty (Mike) Carbert; and many nieces and nephews.

Raylyn passed away on Tuesday, September 30th, 2014 from complications from bile duct cancer and a liver transplant at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 3. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Holy Cross Center - Onamia
102 Crosier Drive
Onamia, MN 56359

Tribute Wall



“ *Ray Bye*

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *Ruthie and family, so sorry to hear of your loss. The population of Cyrus wasn't very large to begin with and then we lose a good one. Many fond memories of you two. Thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

Wayne Charles

Wayne Charles - October 12, 2014 at 10:24 PM



“ *Ralyn was our courier at the clinics where I work, so enjoyed his sense of humor! He was a great guy and will sorely missed!! Ruthie you and the family have deepest condolences on your loss, you are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Margie Davis - October 05, 2014 at 08:51 AM



“ *Ruthie, what a shock for me to read this. My sympathy to you and your family.*

Karen Achter

karen avhter - October 03, 2014 at 04:36 PM

DB

“ *Dr. and Mrs. Gary Blount purchased the Basket of Joy for the family of Ray Bye.*



Dr. and Mrs. Gary Blount - October 02, 2014 at 08:28 PM

SR

“ *Ray was a classmate in rookie school. Always a prankster and a fun but respected Trooper. He will be missed. My sympathy to your family. Rick Radl SP 362 (retired)*

sharon Radl - October 02, 2014 at 05:00 PM

JL

“ *So, so sorry Ruthie and the entire Bye family. Hope your hearts heal quickly and completely.*
Jamie Larsen

Jamie Larsen - October 02, 2014 at 11:09 AM

BR

“ *Dear Ruthie, Reed, Ryan and Families,*
I am truly sorry on the loss of Your Dear Loved Raylyn...As people have mentioned on facebook he was a Dear and Unique person. He loved to pretend to be the ruff Bear like character but was such a Teddy Bear. I smile yet when I remember him cleaning the beets outside in prep for the love of his beet pickles. I hope you can do as this poem written by someone I don't even know tells us all to do: Look to the Past for memories made, See the Present and cherish each moment, Make the Future count and be unafraid my dear friend. Ray, and your entire family mean so much to so many. Hugs.
Brenda

Brenda - October 01, 2014 at 01:49 PM