



Raymond S. Dobis

October 16, 1929 - November 5, 2018

Raymond "Ray" S. Dobis, 89 year old resident of Little Falls, MN passed away Monday, November 5, 2018 at his home, surrounded by his loving family, in Little Falls, MN. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 A.M. on Saturday, November 10, 2018 at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Little Falls, MN with Father Joseph Herzing officiating. Burial will take place in the Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Cemetery in Little Falls, MN. A visitation will be held from 4-8 P.M. on Friday and from 8:30-10:00 A.M. on Saturday at the Shelley Funeral Chapel in Little Falls, MN.

Raymond Sylvester Dobis was born October 16, 1929, in St. Anna, Minnesota, the son of Nicholas and Lucy (Kornek) Dobis. As a young boy, Raymond served mass at the St. Anna Church. Ray went to school in St. Anna until the fifth grade, then moved with his sister, Alvina, and finished his last years of schooling in Swan River Township. At the age of 17, Ray worked one fall for the Morrison County Highway Department putting up snow fences and picking rock. Later that year he took a job with the Elmdale Creamery where he worked for approximately 3 ½ years.

Ray met the love of his life, Victoria Jelinski, on New Year's Eve 1947 at Herbie's Bar in Sobieski, MN. They married on October 12, 1949. Ray and Vicki had two daughters, Mary Jo and Deborah. Ray and Vicki moved to Little Falls in 1951, where Ray worked at the Land-o-Lakes Creamery and also the

West Side Creamery. Later in 1951, Ray bought a milk truck from Dave and Hank Retka. He hauled milk in the Harding area until being drafted into the Korean War in 1953. Ray was honorably discharged in 1955. The Harding people were very good to him and he went back to hauling milk in that area for another 5 years. With the support of his wife and daughters, Ray began his career as a successful business owner in 1960 with the purchase of the oil company on the west edge of Little Falls from Byron Saw where they operated Dobis Oil Company selling gasoline, oil and fuel oil in the surrounding area until 1979. In 1975, they purchased the building on the south side of Highway 27 from Dan Finken and Pauline Kulick. Dobis Tire Center was built from the ground up at this location in 1977. In 1979, the oil company was sold to Gerald and Charlene Erickson. Ray continued to operate the tire shop until retirement in 2002 when he sold the business to Jerald Lane. In 1975, Ray and Vicki were fortunate enough to purchase a small farm where they built a new home and lived from 1980 until the present time.

In Ray's free time, he enjoyed spending time with family and friends, playing cards, going to the casino, hunting, fishing, bowling, time on his tractors, watching or listening to the Minnesota Twins and volunteering at VFW Post 1112. After retirement, Ray spent many hours volunteering for the VFW at the Morrison County Fair, bingo and serving as its Quartermaster until the time of his death. On October 8, 2018, the VFW Post honored Ray for his dedication by naming the reception hall the Ray Dobis Hall.

Left to cherish his memory are his children, Mary Jo (Keith Jensen) Retka of Little Falls and Deb (Bruce) Pederson of Little Falls; granddaughter, Kristin (Gene) Woodford and great-grandsons, Hayden, Wyatt, Fynn and Brody Woodford all of Brainerd; step-granddaughters, Katie (Marc) Box and Anna (Adam Davis) Pederson and three step-great-grandchildren, Lizzie, Michael and Annie Box; sisters-in-law, Loretta Dobis and Janet Jelinski; and many nieces and nephews.

Ray was preceded in death by his wife, Victoria (2013); his parents; siblings, Bridget (Jack) Mock, Eleanor (Fred) Klever, Alvina (Tom) Retka, Alfred (Alvina) Dobis, Jerome Dobis, Irene (Alfred) Sadlowsky, Wilfred (Irene) Dobis, Ann (Clarence) Tuzinski, Rosemary (Allen) Carlson, infants Emily Dobis and Edward Dobis; brothers and sisters-in-law, Edward (Pat) Jelinski, Johanna Maciej, Elizabeth (Ray) Piekarski, Eleanor (John) DeFoe, Lawrence (Rose) Jelinski, Leonard (Leona) Jelinski, and Louis Jelinski; plus several nieces and nephews.

Cemetery Details

Our Lady Of Lourdes Cemetery

Highway 27
Little Falls, MN 56345

Previous Events

Service

NOV **10**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Our Lady Of Lourdes Catholic Church
208 West Broadway
Little Falls, MN

Tribute Wall



“ *Lemieur Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Raymond S. Dobis*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - November 08, 2018 at 04:16 PM



“ *Raymond S. Dobis*

January 21, 2023 at 11:59 AM



“ *Mary Jo and Deb - Our condolences to you and your families. I was sorry to hear of your great loss. I hope memories of happier times will help you through this difficult time.
Love, Mary Bindewald*

Mary Bindewald - November 13, 2018 at 01:44 PM



“ *Debbie Jelinski-Harakel lit a candle in memory of Raymond S. Dobis*



Debbie Jelinski-Harakel - November 12, 2018 at 03:24 PM

DJ

This is truly a great man, he definitely will be missed by his family and friends and also by the community. God Speed Ray.

Debbie Jelinski-Harakel - November 12, 2018 at 03:25 PM

LE

“ *our sympathy, love and prayers
Charlie and Dianne*



ledbetters - November 10, 2018 at 10:43 PM

SV

“ *I had the privilege to work for Ray in my Jr. and Sr. year in High school and 2 yrs while I was going to trade school. When I graduated from High school I ask Ray if I could have a month off to go on a road trip before I went to trade school or I would have to quite, he told me quieting was not an option he told me I would have a job when I came back. Not to many bosses would do that for their employees. Ray was like a Father to me. For the last 40 plus years I have gone to visit Ray and Ma Dobis on Christmas Eve. When they would answer the door and seen that it was me the first thing they said was we were wondering if you were coming. Ray would go to the cupboard and get the brandy we would each have a drink and talk about the good old times at Dobis oil. Ray had one of the strongest hand shakes I have ever felt. Ray Dobis I love you and I will miss you,when you see Ma tell her that I will still visit both of you on Christmas Eve. Your Friend Steve Vogl*

steve vogl - November 09, 2018 at 04:57 PM



“ 48 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Lemieur Funeral Homes - November 08, 2018 at 03:14 PM

DW

“ *Duane Witucki lit a candle in memory of Raymond S. Dobis*



Duane Witucki - November 07, 2018 at 06:39 AM

JC

“ *Such a great man, I've known him since I was a little girl. Driving tractor through the always had a cold drink and snack.*



Jennifer Meyer Copa - November 06, 2018 at 11:19 PM

AS

“ *Arnelle Schlicht lit a candle in memory of Raymond S. Dobis*



Arnelle Schlicht - November 06, 2018 at 06:06 PM

EH

“ *Ernie And Denise Hegna sent a virtual gift in memory of Raymond S. Dobis*



Ernie and Denise Hegna - November 06, 2018 at 03:39 PM

CB

“ *Char & John Berns lit a candle in memory of Raymond S. Dobis*



Char & John Berns - November 06, 2018 at 03:16 PM

CH

“ Ray you will be missed! Ray was a great boss when I worked for him! We got the jobs done and had fun too.

The Greatest memory I have of Ray is when a Sheriff squad car came in for work, I hopped in the drivers seat and turned the sirens on in the shop, He flew out of the show room quicker than snot, Yelling Harakel!!! He had that cheesy grin, which meant fun was over get back to work!

Chris Harakel - November 06, 2018 at 02:15 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Raymond S. Dobis.



November 06, 2018 at 11:27 AM

DA

“ Dore' (Schneider" Arnold lit a candle in memory of Raymond S. Dobis



Dore' (Schneider" Arnold - November 06, 2018 at 11:25 AM

DA

“ I know I/we will miss Ray coming into our office just about everyday! He always had a story for us, told us about his weekends and at times we give us money for all of us to have lunch on him! And we always had our candy dish handy so we could talk and eat chocolate! He will be missed that is for sure. What a dear, funny, wise man. Eternal rest unto him!

Dore' (Schneider) Arnold

Dore' (Schneider" Arnold - November 06, 2018 at 10:24 AM

SK

“ My sympathy to family of Ray I remember him as a kid. Growing up with the gas station. He will be deeply missed.

Shirley kuchinski - November 06, 2018 at 09:21 AM

KP

“ Ken & Maggie Plante lit a candle in memory of Raymond S. Dobis



Ken & Maggie Plante - November 06, 2018 at 08:39 AM

GB

“ Greg And Michelle Blaine lit a candle in memory of Raymond S. Dobis



Greg and Michelle Blaine - November 06, 2018 at 08:34 AM

SK

“ Shirley Kuchinski lit a candle in memory of
Raymond S. Dobis



Shirley kuchinski - November 06, 2018 at 08:23 AM

TL

“ Thomas Ledbetter lit a candle in memory of
Raymond S. Dobis



Thomas Ledbetter - November 06, 2018 at 08:16 AM

SW

“ Shawna Wester lit a candle in memory of
Raymond S. Dobis



Shawna Wester - November 06, 2018 at 02:57 AM

CB

“ I am so sorry for your loss Ray was on of my
favorite players I will sure miss his smile
Love Cheryl and bob



Cheryl Benjamin - November 05, 2018 at 08:40 PM



“ Ray will be forever missed. He was apart of my life growing up as my dad(Charlie Ledbetter) was his right hand man! Thoughts and Prayers are with his family.



April Ledbetter Shaffer - November 05, 2018 at 08:32 PM



“ Ken And Kathy Kloss lit a candle in memory of Raymond S. Dobis



Ken and Kathy Kloss - November 05, 2018 at 07:43 PM



So sorry for the loss of your Dad. You are in our prayers 💔

Ken and Kathy Kloss - November 05, 2018 at 08:45 PM



“ Jim And Carol Wielinski lit a candle in memory of Raymond S. Dobis



Jim and Carol Wielinski - November 05, 2018 at 06:29 PM

BP

“ *Bruce And Patti lit a candle in memory of Raymond S. Dobis*



Bruce and Patti - November 05, 2018 at 05:59 PM

BP

Our deepest sympathy....many thoughts and prayers! Love you Both

Bruce and Patti - November 05, 2018 at 06:01 PM



“ *Judy Berger lit a candle in memory of Raymond S. Dobis*



Judy Berger - November 05, 2018 at 05:10 PM



“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. Ray will be missed, he always had a story to tell and a smile. My thoughts and prayers to his family. His favorite dealer, Deanna*



Deanna OHotto - November 05, 2018 at 05:08 PM

KS

“ Keith Schumann lit a candle in memory of Raymond S. Dobis



Keith Schumann - November 05, 2018 at 05:01 PM

HB

“ Henry & Beth Birr lit a candle in memory of Raymond S. Dobis



Henry & Beth Birr - November 05, 2018 at 04:49 PM

BO

“ Bryan And Sandy Olson lit a candle in memory of Raymond S. Dobis



Bryan and Sandy Olson - November 05, 2018 at 04:05 PM

LK

“ Linda Kaiser lit a candle in memory of Raymond S. Dobis



Linda Kaiser - November 05, 2018 at 03:59 PM

BG

“ *God's blessing at this difficult time. Prayers!* ”



Bev Zak Gangl - November 05, 2018 at 03:49 PM

JW

“ *Jerry & Faye Waltman lit a candle in memory of Raymond S. Dobis* ”



Jerry & Faye Waltman - November 05, 2018 at 03:36 PM

LP

“ *Linda Paycer lit a candle in memory of Raymond S. Dobis* ”



Linda Paycer - November 05, 2018 at 03:15 PM

KD

“ *Our deepest sympathy Mary Jo and Debbie.* ”



Kathleen Davis - November 05, 2018 at 01:16 PM