



John Edwin Ray

June 16, 1937 - March 9, 2022

John Edwin Ray, a veteran of the Vietnam War and longtime resident of Zanesville, passed away at his home on March 9, 2022. John was born June 13, 1937, to Carl and Nellie (Eby) Ray and attended Zanesville High School before enlisting in the United States Navy at the age of 17.

John saw action all over the world, and he had many amazing stories from those travels. John did not speak much about his duties in the war, but we know he proudly loved his country and he loved his job. John retired honorably from the United States Navy in 1975.

After the war John worked as a gas station supervisor before he became an employee and retiree of Bethesda Hospital.

John is survived by several remaining brother and sisters; 6 children: son, Johnny Ray and family; daughter, Annette Asher and family; son, James (Jennifer) Ray; daughter, Jennifer M. Ray; daughter, Catherine (Adam) Graves, and son, Scott (Kim) Ray. He also leaves behind his grandchildren, Jacob, Jesse, Kayla, Ashlyn, Gabrielle, Nathan, Joseph, Carlee, Dylan, Lindsee, Jaci, Ayden, Landon and Alex; and 2 great granddaughters, Avery and Emery.

Being a kind and dependable grandfather was of the utmost importance to

John and he certainly did not disappoint when it came to whole heartedly loving his family.

John will be laid to rest in the Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors at a later time. To sign the online guestbook or leave a personal note of condolence please visit www.hilliscombsnestor.com

Cemetery Details

Arlington National Cemetery

Tribute Wall



“ *John Edwin Ray*

October 06, 2023 at 04:22 AM



“ *To the entire Ray family. We are sorry for the loss of your family member. Find strength in each other. Keep his memories close to your heart. 🙏🕊️*

Tim Berry & Sarah Michel - March 15, 2022 at 09:26 PM



“ *May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time,
May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,

May your memories of John Edwin Ray, give you peace, comfort and strength...

Rest now in the arms of our Lord your mission on earth is complete. I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten.
My thoughts
and prayers to the family of*

US Navy Veteran, John Edwin Ray, is “A True American Hero” God Bless†

† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †

Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum - March 15, 2022 at 01:17 PM

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“ Neighbor Jennifer lit a candle in memory of John Edwin Ray



Neighbor Jennifer - March 14, 2022 at 10:47 AM

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Thank you for your military service. May we never forget our service men and women. We will miss you in the neighborhood. RIP.

Neighbor Jennifer - March 14, 2022 at 10:50 AM

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“ Brenda lit a candle in memory of John Edwin Ray



Brenda - March 14, 2022 at 09:44 AM

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God Bless you John for your military service, and protecting our country and freedom. May we never forget our cherished Veterans.

Brenda - March 14, 2022 at 09:46 AM