



Raymon H. Gough

February 20, 1926 - April 18, 2022

A Public Graveside Service for Raymon will be held on Thursday, April 21, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. at the Geneva Public Cemetery in Geneva, Nebraska with Pastor Doug Griger presiding.

No public visitation will take place.

Memorials are to be directed to the Geneva United Methodist Church or the Geneva Senior Center.

Military Honors will be conducted at the Graveside Service for Raymon.

Raymon Homer Gough was born near Galesburg KS on February 20, 1926, to Herman D. Gough and Verena A. (Beckman) Gough. The family later moved to Erie KS where he grew up and went to school. Ray died April 18, 2022, at the age of 96 at the Fillmore County Hospital in Geneva NE.

After graduating high school, Ray moved to Pittsburg KS where he met and married Inez Fleck on September 23, 1943. They had one daughter, Judy Marie, born in 1945, and they later divorced in 1946.

Ray was a member of the Civil Air Patrol after high school, later joining the Air Force in 1944. After basic training in Texas, he was stationed in England as a teletype operator handling communications for cargo planes supplying fuel to the Army front lines. He was later stationed in Maine, Canada and at the Pentagon in Washington D.C. There he met a Nebraska girl, Grace Tobiassen, who was living at Arlington Farms VA. They were married in Maryland on March 20, 1950. After his discharge in 1950, they returned to her home town of Geneva. They had three daughters, Vicky Kay in 1951, Becky LuRae in 1954, and Sharon Jo in 1956. Ray and Grace were very active in the Evangelical United Brethren Church. They also served as area representatives for the American Field Services. Grace passed away in 1981 after 31 years of marriage.

On January 16, 1983, Ray married Ardeen Lane (Hofferber). For the next ten years, they were faithful volunteers at Blue Valley. Ray and Ardeen had been married 21 years before

her passing in 2004.

Ray worked at various jobs around the area including driving a school bus. He became a clerk/carrier at the Post Office Department (USPS) in Geneva in 1958. In 1977, he was appointed Postmaster of Fairmont NE, retiring in 1983.

Having all daughters, Ray became a Boy Scout Leader in order to take part in male-oriented activities. Yet his girls still remember the walks in the woods along creeks, campfire cookouts along the river, and target practice with bow and arrows. He always had a work shop where he would build simple furniture like bookcases, tables or a footstool; tinker and repair anything that was broken; give new life to bicycles and even a tractor; and building a sidecar and inventing an electric starter for his motor scooter when he carried the mail.

Ray felt that his needs were simple and would freely give to others, including his dishes, pans, bicycles, paying utility bills, helping victims of domestic abuse, etc. He was an avid reader and loved a good card game. Ray enjoyed the noon meals at the Senior Center and his Saturday night supper outings with a group of widowers for many years. He was a member of the United Methodist Church serving on various committees. In 2019, Ray moved to the Assisted Living at Heritage Crossing where he resided until his death.

Ray was preceded in death by his parents, wives Grace and Ardeen, brother Virgil Gough, and daughter Judy Jones.

He is survived by daughters: Vicky Segers of Omaha NE, Rebecca Gough of Harlan IA, Sharon (Joey) Richardson of Winona MS; step-daughter: Sandy (Darin) Diver of Omaha NE; son-in-law: Lloyd Ernest Jones II of Perry KS; grandchildren: Shayla Karnish and Amber Wilson of Omaha NE, Hannah Richardson of Winona MS, Dennis (Donna) Jones of Baxter City KS, Lloyd Ernest Jones III of Topeka KS, Inez (Ray) Horton of Perry KS; step-grandsons: Tyler and Austin Diver of Omaha NE; sister: Annabella Shannon of Chanute KS; sister-in-law: Coral Gough of Chanute KS; great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Cemetery Details

Geneva Public Cemetery

Geneva, NE 68361

Previous Events

Graveside Service

APR 21. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

DB

“ Vicky, & Ray's family & friends, I'm sorry for your loss and hope the cherished memories of family times together will help ease the sorrow and fill the void during your time of grieving. Ray was a very social soul--whether at the post office window, Blue Valley, or fellowship at the Senior Center. Always had a smile and kind word for everyone. May he rest in peace.

Deb Bixby - April 20 at 03:01 PM

VJ

“ Virginia Johnson lit a candle in memory of Raymon H. Gough



Virginia Johnson - April 19 at 08:22 PM

BB

“ Ray was a great and caring man. Whenever I would go into Blue Valley, and Ray was working, he would ask me about my day. He will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with his family in this time of need.

Brenda Bonin - April 19 at 12:26 PM

RS

“ Randt & Rhonda Sxhlick lit a candle in memory of Raymon H. Gough



Randt & Rhonda Sxhlick - April 19 at 09:40 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Raymon H. Gough.



April 18 at 07:02 PM