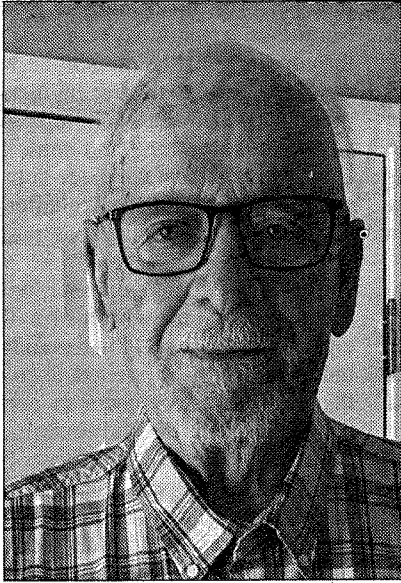


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Ray Bush



Ray Bush, 88, of Grinnell, died at his home on Tuesday, January 28, 2025.

A funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, February 1, 2025, at the Grinnell United Methodist Church with Pastor Eric Schubert officiating. A luncheon will follow the service at the church. Interment will be in Hazelwood Cemetery in Grinnell.

The family will receive friends at the visitation held prior to service at the church beginning at 9:30 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be designated to the Grinnell United Methodist Church or to Second Mile and mailed in care of the Smith

Funeral Home and Crematory, PO Box 368, Grinnell, IA 50112. Memories and condolences may be shared with Ray's family online at www.smithfh.com.

Raymond Lawrence Bush was born on April 13, 1936, in Eyota, Minnesota, to Lawrence and Marjorie (Chermak) Bush. He was raised and educated in Eyota before continuing his studies at Rochester Junior College, Mankato State University, and later graduating from Winona State University. Ray honorably served in the United States Army and was stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

On September 10, 1960, Ray married Judith McLean at the United Methodist Church in Rochester, Minnesota. Together, they built a beautiful life, residing in Rochester before moving to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, in 1968, then Urbandale in 1970, and eventually settling in Grinnell in 1975.

Ray dedicated 23 years of his career to Grinnell Mutual Reinsurance, where he worked as a regional claims manager until his retirement in June 2002. He was a devoted member of the Grinnell United Methodist Church, actively serving on various committees and living his faith through service. His generosity extended to his community, where he volunteered countless hours at Grinnell Regional Medical Center and Second Mile, serving on its board.

Ray found joy in the simple pleasures of life such as bike riding, working on puzzles, collecting Dickens Christmas village sets, and listening to polka and jazz music. Above all, he was a man of strong faith and deep love for his family. He cherished attending his grandchildren's school and athletic events, always their biggest supporter. Ray will be remembered for his strong will, kind heart, and unwavering dedication as a faithful servant.

Ray is survived by his wife of 64 years, Judy Bush of Grinnell; children, Lawrence (Amy) Bush of Mitchellville, Iowa, Dr. Jeffrey Bush of Minnetonka, Minn., Timothy Bush of Mitchellville, Iowa, Elizabeth "Ann" Bush, and Rebecca Bush Schultz of Lakeville, Minn.; grandchildren, Heather Bush, Alex Bush, Jacob Bush, Kate Bush, Ian Bush, Zane Bush, Liberty Schultz, Hope Bush, and Tamer Bush; and his nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents; brother, David Bush; and sister, Arlene Reinecke.