



## Raymond E. Dolbeare

November 19, 1925 - October 25, 2015

Raymond Eugene Dolbeare passed from this earth Sunday morning, October 25, 2015, at his home in Louisiana, MO, surrounded by his loving family. Ray was 89 years, 11 months, and 5 days old.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, October 28th at the First Baptist Church in Louisiana, Missouri. The Rev. Bill Maupin will officiate. Burial will be at the Riverview Cemetery in Louisiana. Visitation will be held from 4:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. Tuesday, October 27th at the Collier Funeral Home in Louisiana.

Ray was born November 19, 1925 in Derry Township, Pike County, Illinois. He married Betty Lou Shuford in Louisiana, November 18, 1950. She survives. They have three sons, Gregory Alan (Edna), Rodney Miles (Jessica) of Louisiana, and Eric Eugene (Roberta) of Nebo. Six grandchildren and two step grandchildren: Jenna Simonsen, Cliff Dolbeare, Samuel Dolbeare, Elissa Dolbeare, Emma Rester, Madison Dolbeare, Keileigh Prior, and Colin Prior. Three great grandchildren: Lilly Dolbeare, Ella Dolbeare, and Eric Simonsen. Ray was well known in the community as a business man and grain elevator manager. He served as general manager for 23 years at the MFA Grain Terminal in Louisiana. After leaving the elevator in 1983, he was engaged in farming. He was active in the operation of the farm until recent years, when his sons continued the operation.

Ray was a member and ordained deacon of the First Baptist Church of Louisiana, Missouri.

Many of Ray's interests revolved around his faith, his family, his farming, and his friends. He had a keen sense of humor and enjoyed life in many ways: attending Louisiana football games, watching his sons play in the 1970's and 1980's. At one game, a possum ran on the field and appeared to die. Ray was quick to quip: "He's not dead, he's playing possum!"

Ray enjoyed golf; enjoyed teaching his sons to play; and enjoyed telling about the time he scored a hole-in-one on #9 at Pike County Country Club at the age of 70. He was an accomplished bowler, once rolling a 289 game and a 715 3-game series.

He was the longest standing member of the Louisiana Rotary Club, having been a member for over 50 years. He was a classic car enthusiast, belonging to the Jacksonville Illinois Antique Car Club for many years. He owned a '39 Ford, and two Mustangs, which he enjoyed showing in area car shows. He never tired of "talking shop" with his sons, or anyone who wanted to talk farming.

Ray attended Crozier Grade School, Barry High School, and Gem City Business College. One of his favorite sayings was "There is always room for the little guy if he is willing to work." He helped his father in the saw mill and lumber trade, prior to getting married. He was a member of the Army Air Force, having served in the Army Air Transport Command in West Palm Beach, Florida, and Presque Isle, Maine, toward the end of World War II. Ray was preceded in death by his father Harry Alfred Dolbeare and his mother Luella Miles Dolbeare, and nine brothers and sisters: Marjorie, Fern, Herschel, Lucy, Rachel, Donald, Alfred, Mary Ellen, and Kenneth. Two sisters survive, Anna and Georgia.

Honorary Pallbearers will be Mike Shannahan, and Edwin Harpole. Active Pallbearers will be Gary Shannahan, Gary Dolbeare, David Dolbeare, Roger Norton, Wayne Clark, Rex Clark, and Dan Dolbeare.

Memorials may be given to Pike County Home Care and Hospice or the Rotary Scholarship fund in care of Collier Funeral Home, 117 Barnard Drive, Louisiana, Missouri 63353. Online condolences may be sent at [www.collierfun](http://www.collierfun)

eral.com.

# Cemetery Details

## Riverview Cemetery

N. B Street  
Louisiana, MO

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **27**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Collier Funeral Homes, Inc.  
117 Barnard Dr  
Louisiana, MO 63353  
(573) 754-4800  
collierfuneral@att.net

## Funeral Service

OCT **28**. 10:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church  
Louisiana, MO

# Tribute Wall



“ Raymond E. Dolbeare

November 08, 2022 at 10:35 AM



“ Raymond E. Dolbeare

November 08, 2022 at 08:46 AM



“ I am genuinely sorry for your loss. I cannot imagine the depth of your grief; however, I believe God can. I hope that in due time you receive his peace that excels all thought, so that it will guard your hearts and your mental powers by means of Christ Jesus. Rest assured that God is love and he cares for all his creatures; therefore, he would never bring us suffering. God is called the Father of tender mercies and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our tribulation. A soothing scripture I like is Psalm 34:18 which reads: Jehovah is near to those that are broken at heart, and those who are crushed in spirit he saves. Thus, while you await the Paradise where no one will be sick nor die, may you lean on God to cope with your separation from Ray. (Psalm 37:29)

Claire J - October 29, 2015 at 07:26 PM



“ Kathy Smith lit a candle in memory of Raymond E. Dolbeare



Kathy Smith - October 27, 2015 at 10:21 AM

BF

“ Brent & Kendra Glidden and Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Raymond E. Dolbeare.



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**Brent & Kendra Glidden and Family** - October 26, 2015 at 10:06 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Raymond E. Dolbeare.



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October 26, 2015 at 02:21 PM

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“ Mike & Paulette Shannahan and Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Raymond E. Dolbeare.



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**Mike & Paulette Shannahan and Family** - October 26, 2015 at 12:29 PM

RA

“ Roger & Theresa Adams lit a candle in memory of Raymond E. Dolbeare



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**Roger & Theresa Adams** - October 26, 2015 at 11:28 AM

GF

“ Gary & Betty Shannahan and family purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Raymond E. Dolbeare.



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**Gary & Betty Shannahan and family** - October 26, 2015 at 08:48 AM

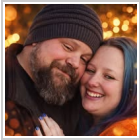


“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Raymond E. Dolbeare.



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October 25, 2015 at 10:25 PM



“ I'm proud to be your niece my son kenneth and I love you uncle Ray give grandma and grandpa my love



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**Hallie Dolbeare** - October 25, 2015 at 05:39 PM

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Betty and family - Please accept our deepest condolences for the loss of Ray. May God share his everlasting love with you and comfort you with the hope that you will meet again. Love from the Monachino family.

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**Ono & Nancy Monachino** - October 27, 2015 at 06:15 PM