



Ray H. Fleming Jr.

April 8, 1944 - April 8, 2024

Ray H. Fleming, Jr. of Wysox, PA passed away on Monday, April 8, 2024, at the age of 80, following an extended illness. He was surrounded by his family at UPMC in Harrisburg. Ray was born in Lewistown, PA on April 8, 1944, to the late Ray H. Fleming Sr. and Marietta (Hutchinson) Fleming. He is survived by his two children, Jonathan (Carrie) Fleming of Dauphin, PA and Rebecca (Sean) Robinson of Sparta, NJ. He was a devoted grandfather to Rhiannon Fleming and Madison and Patrick Robinson. He was a loving brother-in-law to Kay (deceased, Kenneth) Fleming, Janice (Daniel) Barrett, and David (Susan) Martin and uncle to nieces, Kate (Zack), Emily (Matt), Laura (Gary), Kellie (Chris), Erin (Obie) and Lauren (Ryan), and several great nieces and great nephews. Ray is also survived by Jane Foster, his devoted cousin, with whom he kept a close relationship throughout the years.

Ray received his degree in teaching from Shippensburg University and later obtained his Masters' and Administration degrees from Bucknell University. On January 8, 1966, Ray met the love of his life, Barbara Martin, on a dance floor at Shippensburg University. The two spent the rest of their lives devoted to each other until Barb's death in 2016.

Ray began his career in education at Carlisle school district where he was a history teacher and then served as an assistant principal. Ray and Barb moved their family to the Northeast Bradford area, where he was hired and served as Principal of the high school from 1978 until 1997. He worked for CRSI as a school software consultant for several years before being called

back to education, serving as Superintendent of Schools for the Wyalusing School District from 2004 until his retirement in 2011.

Ray served on many boards and committees over the years, including the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association on the Board of Directors and the Towanda Country Club Board. He was extremely active within the First Presbyterian Church in Towanda, serving in many different areas, including the Session, choir, Sunday school, Kids Club, and the ministry. In his spare time, he volunteered at the Towanda Area Christian Outreach Food Pantry.

Ray was not only a devoted husband and father, but a devoted grandfather to his three grandchildren, taking them on special trips and adventures every summer with Barb. Ray and Barb spent a lot of time with loved ones at the family summer cottage at Highland Lake. With his beloved wife at his side, they spent time traveling with friends and family across the country and around the world, including the Caribbean, Germany, Italy, Hawaii, and Alaska.

Ray loved two things above all else, his family and all Pittsburgh related sports teams. Sports were a large part of his life. He played on adult softball teams, practiced with the Northeast Bradford basketball teams, and spent a good amount of time on the golf course, playing in several golf leagues and taking annual trips to Myrtle Beach with friends.

The family will receive friends on Thursday May 23rd from 5:30-7:30 PM at the First Presbyterian Church, Court Street, Towanda PA. A memorial service will take place Friday May 24th from 11:30-12:30 PM, also at the Towanda First Presbyterian Church. Officiating will be Rev. Randall Reddinger.

Interment will be private in the Rome Cemetery, Rome, PA. The family suggests that contributions be directed to the First Presbyterian Church, 5 Court Street Towanda, PA 18848 or to the Northeast Bradford Education Foundation, 526 Panther Lane, P.O Box 94, Rome, PA 18837 in Ray Fleming's memory. Arrangements are under the direction of Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home, Towanda PA. Memories and condolences may be expressed

by visiting www.bowenfuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Rome Cemetery

Route 187
Rome, PA 18837

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 23. 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church
5 Court Street
Towanda, PA 18848

Service

MAY 24. 11:30 AM (ET)

First Presbyterian Church
5 Court Street
Towanda, PA 18848

Tribute Wall



“ Anna H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ray H. Fleming Jr..

Anna H. - May 23, 2024 at 07:10 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ray H. Fleming Jr..



May 21, 2024 at 11:32 AM



“ NJM Insurance Group planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ray H. Fleming Jr..

NJM Insurance Group - May 21, 2024 at 11:32 AM

NM

“ When I was hired to teach 5th grade at Wyalusing fresh out of college, Mr. Fleming wanted to meet and have a discussion (as he did with all newly hired members of the district).

He congratulated me on being hired at such an exceptional district, and preceded to tell a few stories of his teaching career. One of these memories was when he helped prevent a potential riot!

He also talked about how wonderful a place Bradford county is: the foliage, the endless mountains, the scenery, etc. Mr. Fleming continued saying that most folk didn't appreciate its beauty. Being a young whippersnapper at the time, I agreed with his notion. After 15 years however, Mr. Fleming couldn't have been more right.

I wish we could've had more conversations, but just from that initial meeting, Mr. Fleming showed the kind of man he was: an insightful, warm, and caring soul.

My condolences to family and friends. He's now looking down at the beautiful place he called home.

Nick Maghamez - May 15, 2024 at 09:25 PM

BR

Thank you so much for sharing your memory of our dad. We love hearing how he impacted others.

Becky Robinson - May 22, 2024 at 08:19 AM

CV

“ *My condolences and sympathies to the entire Fleming family! I am forever grateful for Ray's help to transition me into his position at Wyalusing in 2011 when we worked together for 2 months as he neared retirement and I was new to the area. Later in 2016, when I moved to a new position in Shippensburg, he stopped in (unannounced) and spent a half day with me. I will always treasure that memory. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of loss.*



Chester Mummau, Spotsylvania, VA - April 29, 2024 at 02:03 PM

BR

Thank you for sharing your memory of our dad.

Becky Robinson - May 22, 2024 at 08:20 AM

RD

“ *Ray was a good principal and cared about all at Northeast Bradford. He had time for everyone and he always explained what he was thinking and how to make it better. I had the honor to speak with him about 10 years ago in his kitchen.*

I remember thinking what a good man and the love he had for his wife and children. Ray cared about us all. He had a good sense of humor as well.

God Bless him, he is now smiling from Heaven.

Robert Stephen Dick NEB class of 1981 and neighbor of Ray.

Robert Dick - April 23, 2024 at 03:19 PM

BF

Thank you. Our dad truly did care about everyone.

Becky Robinson and Jon Fleming - May 22, 2024 at 08:22 AM

KR

“ So sad to hear of Mr. Flemings passing, memories of him bring the principal of NEB. Thoughts are with his families

Kristy - April 19, 2024 at 08:13 AM

BF

Thank you.

Becky Robinson and Jon Fleming - May 22, 2024 at 08:22 AM

RW

“ I was sad to learn of Ray’s passing. He was a fine man with a genuine heart for education. I appreciated the advise, sometimes unsolicited, he gave when I was Business Manager at the NTCC in Towanda. One of my favorite memories was when Wyalusing was consolidating the elementary schools. Knowing that I was a Wyalusing graduate he shared progress photos with me each time he was at NTCC. We also shared a genuine love for the Pittsburgh Pirates. Simple emails were often exchanged just saying “victory” or “whew that was a close one”.

Roxy Wells - April 18, 2024 at 06:32 AM

BF

Thank you for your kind words regarding our dad.

Becky Robinson and Jon Fleming - May 22, 2024 at 08:23 AM