



## Raymond Jacob "Ray" Finlan

June 26, 1960 - March 21, 2021

Raymond Jacob "Ray" Finlan I., 60, well-known Towanda businessman of Wysox, PA passed away Sunday, March 21, 2021 at home. Ray was born in Towanda on June 26, 1960, the son of John Edward Finlan and Helen Kokozka Finlan. He was a graduate of Towanda High School and in early years he was employed by GTE Sylvania in Towanda and Corie's Bite Bar in Wysox. In 1991, Ray purchased O'Brien's Tavern on Main Street in Towanda continuing the business as Finlan's Tavern until the time of his passing. Ray was very active in the Valley Youth Hunter Education Challenge organization in Rome, PA where he served as president for many years. He was an avid outdoorsman, hunter, and fisherman and was a member of the Monroeton Gun Club of Wheelerville, PA and the National Rifle Association.

Surviving are his wife, Laurie Johnson Finlan, his mother, Helen Finlan, children, Jacob Finlan II. and wife Christina, Taylor Pruyne and husband Codey, granddaughter, Olivia, step children, Paul Huffman, Adam Huffman and wife Danielle, step grandchildren, Tucker and Kayden, his sister, Marilyn Garris, numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends, and his beloved bulldog, Chloe. Ray was predeceased by his father, John Edward Finlan. The family will receive friends Saturday, March 27, 2021 from 3 to 8 p.m. at the Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home 217 York Ave. Towanda, PA. A Celebration of Ray's Life will be announced at a later date. In lieu of flowers the family requests that contributions be directed to Valley Youth Hunter Education Challenge (YHEC Inc.), P.O. Box 156, Rome, Pa 18837 in Ray's

memory.

Memories and condolences may be expressed by visiting [www.bowenfuneralhomes.com](http://www.bowenfuneralhomes.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 27. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Maryott-Bowen Funeral Home  
217 York Ave.  
Towanda, PA 18848  
(570) 265-2272  
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# Tribute Wall



“ Raymond Jacob "Ray" Finlan

October 22, 2023 at 08:10 PM



“ Raymond Jacob "Ray" Finlan

October 08, 2023 at 10:34 PM



“ Raymond Jacob "Ray" Finlan

October 06, 2023 at 09:57 AM



“ Raymond Jacob "Ray" Finlan

October 06, 2023 at 03:29 AM



“ Raymond Jacob "Ray" Finlan

October 05, 2023 at 02:02 PM



“ Marylin, Helen and family....sending my love, caring thoughts, and sincere condolences during this sad time with the loss of Ray. May the wonderful memories sustain you as you face the days ahead.

Carole



Carole Snyder - March 31, 2021 at 01:30 PM

KA

“ *Many will miss Ray. He was a great asset to this community and taken too soon for all who loved him. God has HIS plan for Ray and he is smiling for sure.*

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**Kevin and Sally Allis** - March 30, 2021 at 09:41 AM

VA

“ *We are so sorry for your loss. Ray was our neighbor, and a fellow outdoors-man. We continue to lift this family up in prayer.*

*With Deepest Sympathy,  
Val and John Morningstar*

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**Val** - March 29, 2021 at 10:27 AM

AP

“ *Amanda Place lit a candle in memory of  
Raymond Jacob "Ray" Finlan*



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**Amanda Place** - March 28, 2021 at 09:58 AM

SV

“ *Sorry to hear of Ray's passing. God Bless his family at this time.  
Ray I know your buddy has coffee ready and extra fishing lure. May  
you RIP!*

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**Sandy Vanderpool** - March 28, 2021 at 07:16 AM

JT

“ Raymond,  
So many memories we have done and shared as i sit here ,  
Tonight thinking about 16 years ago when Cy Passed,

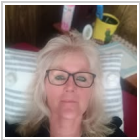
and because of that dam beer Corona,  
Board , Quiet,  
i check internet,,,  
And there ya are Brother,,,,

God Bless ya Raymone,,,  
Wick that Pole on Karpots for me,  
and watch them "pinchers"

Joe T

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**Joe Trapp** - March 28, 2021 at 02:01 AM



“ Ray was such a good person, always there  
for someone in need. He always tried to help  
anyone that needed it if he was able. He will  
be missed by so many 💔 The Angels have  
him in their wings now, R.I.P. my friend



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**Eve Saxon** - March 27, 2021 at 12:12 PM

AB

“ We are so sorry to hear of Raymond's passing. Our thoughts and  
prayers are with his family. May fond memories comfort you, as they  
will us.

Dave and Anita Bennett

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**Anita Bennett** - March 27, 2021 at 11:21 AM

MJ

“ Ray will sorely be missed. I remember many chats with him at YHEC. A specific conversation of how "Ma Nature" will guide you if you listen. The woods are our church and that's where we find peace. I know Ray is sitting in the woods now at peace. Our community couldn't have asked for a better mentor and friend. Adults and children looked up to him. Deepest condolences to all that loved him.

Mindy Johnson - March 27, 2021 at 08:30 AM

AS

“ So sorry about your loss. We are sending our sympathy and prayers. We ask God to comfort you with cherished memories. Ann and Jeff Smith

Ann Smith - March 26, 2021 at 02:10 PM

CD

“ Helen & Marylin & Families, Sorry to hear of Raymond passing. Ray was a friendly & kind person. May he rest in peace.



Charmaine & Dave - March 26, 2021 at 01:42 PM

VJ

“ THINKING OF YOU ALL. RAY AND DICK WERE ALWAYS GOOD FRIENDS AND NOW THEY ARE TOGETHER AGAIN HUNTING AND FISHING.

VELDA JOHNSON

VELDA JOHNSON - March 26, 2021 at 11:29 AM

CF

“ Well, Ray Finlan, I sit here staring at my keys held together with a key chain.

*It says " Thanks Carol for steering us straight"*

*I remember how petrified you were of Orienteering, but after you learned the tricks of finding your way with a compass and map you were never to get as lost again!! LOL*

*My dear friend, May your compass serve you well as you travel a new journey.*

*Ray, you gave your all to children that shared the same desire of the hunt and the wild. Your wiliness to learn, share, and care placed you above most. I pray that all of your kindness and support will help your children as they find their way in life.*

*Ray follow the north star ~ You will never get lost ❤️*

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**Carol French** - March 26, 2021 at 10:10 AM

JS

“ So sorry for your loss . I will miss him at camp . Always enjoyed hearing his hunting and fishing stories . He talked about His Faith in God and Jesus the last time I was with him and I believe I will someday get to see him again . Praying for you all in your time of loss . John Shirey

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**john shirey** - March 26, 2021 at 09:34 AM

GE

“ Gayle Eddy lit a candle in memory of Raymond Jacob "Ray" Finlan



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**Gayle Eddy** - March 25, 2021 at 06:13 AM

BE

“ Condolences to Ray's family and many friends who held him dear in their hearts.

*R.I.P. Ray, one of the good ones.*

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**Bud Emerson** - March 24, 2021 at 09:15 PM

GC

“ *Deepest sympathy to the Finlan family on the passing of Ray.*

*Sincerely, Garry & DeLores Cobb*

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**Garry Cobb** - March 24, 2021 at 07:43 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Raymond Jacob "Ray" Finlan.*



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March 24, 2021 at 02:35 PM

NI

“ *I am so saddened to hear of Ray's unexpected passing. What a friendly, upbeat person I remember him to be! I am certain he didn't know a stranger...To his children and his mother, I am so very sorry for the loss of your wonderful father and son. I will pray that you get through this difficult time and find comfort in your fondest memories of and with this sweet, genuine man.*



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**Nicole** - March 24, 2021 at 12:12 PM

DS

“ Dear Helen, Marilyn, and Family,  
We were so very sorry to hear of Ray's passing. It has been many years since I had seen him, but I often heard about his outdoor adventures through Brian. As kids, I can still picture him working with John on the paper truck when we picked up the Sunday newspapers every week. Praying God's peace surrounds you and you find comfort in your memories, knowing that Ray had such a positive impact on so many throughout his life.

Warmest regards,  
Denise Quiggle Seifert

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**Denise Q Seifert** - March 24, 2021 at 09:22 AM

BM

“ We send condolences to the families of Rayme. We remember Bullhead fishing up north . Bill, Janice, Betsy and Billy McConnell

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**Bill McConnell** - March 24, 2021 at 07:51 AM



“ RIP Ray, sorry for loss

Michael S Ryan

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**Michael S Ryan** - March 23, 2021 at 09:04 PM

MB

“ thoughts and prayers to the family on your loss ray was a great man

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**marleta bailey** - March 23, 2021 at 08:54 PM

JE

“ *Sending our thoughts and prayers to the Finlan family.*

*John & Barb Eves*

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**John Eves** - March 23, 2021 at 03:13 PM

MP

“ *Mike Pearson purchased the White Standing Spray for the family of Raymond Jacob "Ray" Finlan.*



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**Mike Pearson** - March 23, 2021 at 02:11 PM



“ *My Deepest Sympathies & Prayers To All Of The Families. He was a wonderful boy when I met he used to be with his Dad All The Time Hunting and Fishing they would come in all the time at Cories and then when he became of age started Bartending at Cories with Linda Corie Hicks, Kevin Allis, Teddy Matthews, My late husband Rip and Myself. A couple years ago he started mentoring my Grandson in Hunting and my Son got to be good friends with him. He is going to be missed by everyone who knew. May He Rest in Heaven.*

*Love Marie Post & Family*

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**Marie Platt Post** - March 23, 2021 at 12:58 PM

DH

“ *Donna Ellis Heath lit a candle in memory of Raymond Jacob "Ray" Finlan*



Donna Ellis Heath - March 23, 2021 at 12:53 PM

VH

“ *Vicky Hogan lit a candle in memory of Raymond Jacob "Ray" Finlan*



vicky hogan - March 23, 2021 at 11:37 AM



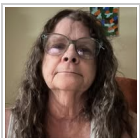
“ *You will deeply be missed. God Bless your family*

David Kissell - March 23, 2021 at 10:36 AM

RP

“ *Our condolences to Laurie and family*

Rene and Tim Phinney - March 23, 2021 at 09:57 AM



“ *So sorry to hear! Ray was a great person!! Now he can spend all his time fishing and hunting with all his friends and family that is in heaven! You will be missed by many!*

Debbie Reeves - March 23, 2021 at 09:31 AM

CH

“ *RIP Ray~~~~ Thoughts and prayers are with all of the family in your loss. Am so sorry.*



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**Claire Holton-Lizon** - March 23, 2021 at 09:04 AM

MI

“ *Marilyn;*

*Sorry to hear about your loss of your brother. Hope you and your immediate family find peace .*

*Mike MacInnis*

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**Mike** - March 23, 2021 at 08:35 AM

BV

“ *Sending deepest sympathy to the family. Thank you Raymond for being such a good friend to my brother Ark he will miss you and all the good times you had together*



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**Bob & Lorinda Vanderpool** - March 23, 2021 at 08:07 AM

RC

“ *Raymo was a great friend. I will miss his sense of humor. He introduced me to ice fishing, and trout fishing. I have many great memories, thanks to him.*

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**Roger Cook** - March 23, 2021 at 07:57 AM

DV

“ *To the Finlan family and friends my prayers and thoughts are with you all. Stay strong and safe.* ”



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**Donna Vansciver** - March 23, 2021 at 07:47 AM