



## Malvern Ray Bragaw

September 4, 1932 - January 22, 2015

Malvern Ray Bragaw, 82, was born in Kansas City, MO September 4, 1932, and passed away at his home in Long Lane January 22, 2015. A memorial service for Ray will be held at the Bolivar Seventh-day Adventist Church, 1704 E. Division St, Bolivar, MO, Saturday, February 14 at 3 pm. For more than 30 years Ray was the CEO and head printer of Overnight Printing in Grandview and later Long Lane. Ray will always be remembered as a generous man with a big heart that he wore on his sleeve. Ray married Elsie Joan Palmer on May 31, 1952 and they celebrated nearly 52 years of marriage until her sudden death in 2004. Naomi Brand brought joy back into Ray's life when they married in 2005, and their marriage blessed the entire family. Ray was a master gardener and also kept fit cutting wood and exercising. He was a Pathfinder leader for the youth of his church for over thirty-five years, mentoring and encouraging countless kids to live a life of purpose and service for God. Camping, hiking, shooting fireworks with his grandchildren, and canoeing were some of his favorite activities. One of Ray's passions was anything and everything to do with flight. He loved to be up in a plane or helicopter of any kind, and actually flew his own ultralight for awhile. Those preceding Ray in death include his parents, Irene and Clair Bragaw; first wife, Joan; brother, Ralph "Buddy"; sister, Irene Cowgill; and son, Mike Brand. Ray is survived by his beloved wife, Naomi; sister, Janet Wilson; sons, Tim Bragaw, Paul Bragaw, and Jay Brand; daughter, Patty Byrd; five grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Ray's faith was the focal point of his life. He was a member of the Bolivar Seventh-day Adventist church. He believed in the soon return of Jesus, and wanted everyone to know of God's love and compassion. Because Ray was a gifted runner, running a 4:43 mile in high school, 2 Timothy 4:7-8 is a fitting scripture at the close of his wonderful life: "I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness..." Ray finished his race a champion.

# Tribute Wall



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“ *Malvern Ray Bragaw*

December 20, 2022 at 10:20 AM



“ *As Patty's friends and high school classmates, we send our sympathy and care. It is heartwarming to read how wonderfully your father lived his life.*

*Love, Stephanie and Randy*

**Stepanie & Randy Stickney** - January 28, 2015 at 09:37 PM