



Raymond Ismil

October 1, 1941 - February 4, 2026

The funeral service celebrating the life of Raymond Ismil of rural Verndale will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, February 13, at the Schuller Family Funeral Homes' Verndale Chapel. Visitation will be held at the chapel on Friday, from 12:30 p.m. until the time of the service.

Burial will be in Green Lawn Cemetery in Verndale, MN.

Ray, 84, passed away February 4, 2026, at the Lakewood Health System in Staples, MN.

Raymond John Ismil was born on October 1, 1941, to Emed and Signe Ismil in Strathcona, MN. He grew up on the family farm with three siblings and attended a country school through eighth grade in Greenbush. He went on to graduate from Greenbush High School in 1960 and later moved to the Detroit Lakes area.

While working on a mink farm, Ray met Lorraine Meyer and they were united in marriage on June 15, 1963. After their time in Detroit Lakes, they moved to Mounds View where he soon went to work for Kraus Anderson Construction. While working for KA they had two children, Donald and John. Six days after the birth of John, on February 25, 1970, he was involved in a work accident that nearly took his life. With the grace of God he survived, and it became a pivotal life event that forged his character and strengthened his faith.

About a year after the accident, Ray and Lorraine moved to Verndale, MN. They had a daughter, Pamela. During these years, they built a successful farm, School View Holsteins, and raised their three children. Ray also owned and operated several other farm properties, I & M Implement in New York Mills, and Yesteryears Ice Cream Cafe in Verndale. He retired from dairy farming in the late 1990s.

During retirement, Ray enjoyed watching football, attending grandkids' high school athletic games, fixing and repairing corn planters and hay wagons, and especially completing puzzles. Ray never missed the chance to make an April Fool's prank call, be the "first" to wish someone a happy birthday or check in for a "progress report" to see what everyone was up to. He often had big dreams or plans for the family farm and wanted it to always be a gathering place. Above all else, Ray believed his greatest blessing was his family: his wife, children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. They were his pride, his joy, and his legacy.

He truly lived his life as a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, giving so much of himself and helping others. He will be missed dearly, remembered fondly, and loved forever.

Preceding Ray in death were his parents, Emed and Signe; and an infant sister, Lila.

Family remaining to continue his legacy are his wife, Lorraine; children, Donald (Laura) Ismil and John Ismil, both of Verndale, and Pam (Karl) Fiebelkorn of Frazee; nine grandchildren; six great-grandchildren with more on the way; siblings, Alex (Lillian) Ismil of Onamia, Marie Poling of Little Falls, and Joseph (Janis) Ismil of Hibbing; along with extended family and friends.

Cemetery Details

Green Lawn Cemetery

16277 120th Street
1st Ave./ Co Rd 104 (1 mile west of Verndale)
Verndale, MN 56481

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 13. 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Verndale Chapel
9 North Farwell Street
Verndale, MN 56481
(218) 445-5191

Service

FEB 13. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Burial

FEB **13**. 3:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Schuller Family Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Raymond Ismil



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - February 11 at 11:34 AM

WS

“ Our sincere sympathy to Don n Laura n all Ray's family. Our love n prayers surround you as God brings you comfort n peace❤️. So grateful by God's gift of Salvation we can be reunited with our loved ones, thank you Jesus 🙏



Wayne and Sheila Stave - February 16 at 02:39 AM



“ 3 files added to the album LifeTributes



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - February 11 at 06:13 PM



“ 46 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - February 11 at 11:32 AM

JS

“ Juan, Beth, Sonia, & Sam purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Raymond Ismil.



Juan, Beth, Sonia, & Sam - February 11 at 05:30 AM

JC

“ Joe Ismil's children purchased the *Heavenly Grace Spray* for the family of Raymond Ismil.



Joe Ismil's children - February 11 at 04:54 AM

CG

“ I will miss you Ray... fly high.



Candy Gruette - February 07 at 10:09 PM

DP

“ Ray had a lot of different titles in my life... Landlord, boss, neighbor but the title that means the most was and forever will be is friend. Thank you to Loraine, Don, John, Pam and the Lord for allowing us to share his time and presence with you all. God bless you all and Ray... We love you and will miss you.

Deb Priewe - February 07 at 09:15 PM

RW

“ Roger Wiese lit a candle in memory of Raymond Ismil



Roger wiese - February 07 at 09:10 PM

JF

“ John Rousslang Family lit a candle in memory of Raymond Ismil



John Rousslang Family - February 07 at 09:27 AM

RO

“ *Rosemary Oberg lit a candle in memory of Raymond Ismil*



Rosemary Oberg - February 06 at 08:51 PM

CG

“ *I remember Ray from when I was a kid. He was the one to always make me laugh and when he owned Yesteryears Cafe he let us have all the pop and ice cream we wanted ... even when our mom said no.*

Candy Gruette - February 06 at 03:39 PM

PD

“ *Patty Desrocher lit a candle in memory of Raymond Ismil*



Patty Desrocher - February 06 at 09:16 AM

BB

“ *Sending prayers to the families!*



Barb Brown - February 06 at 01:43 AM