



Raymond Nicholson

May 3, 1921 - December 3, 2016

Raymond Kenneth Nicholson, age 95 of Wadena, passed away peacefully at the age of 95 years on Saturday, December 3, 2016, at the Elders Home in New York Mills. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, December 10, 2016 at the Wadena Alliance Church in Wadena with Pastor Aaron Andrews presiding. Friends may call at the church on Friday from 5:00 until 7:00 PM with a prayer service at 7:00 PM. Visitation will continue on Saturday from 9:30 AM until the time of services.

Raymond was born May 3, 1921 to Arthur and Ruth Nicholson in Bluffton Township, Otter Tail County, MN. He served in the US Army from August 1942 until his honorable discharge in November 1945. He served in WWII in a leadership role, as a First Sergeant in the Ninth Army Division, in an Armored Anti-Aircraft Artillery Unit.

Raymond married Lois Marcia Gunn on May 12, 1943 at home in Otter Tail County MN. Together they lived 70 years in their home on the East side of Wadena. Raymond began his beekeeping at the age of 16. After the Army he worked for the Wadena US Postal Service until retirement in 1973. At that time he began keeping bees full time which was his passion. He won many awards for his honey at the State, National and International levels. Raymond enjoyed his family and attending family gatherings.

Raymond was active in many organizations including: Wadena Alliance Church, Wadena Chamber of Commerce, Disabled Veterans, MN Honey Producers Association, American Beekeepers Federation, Lake Region and North Central Beekeepers, the Republican Party, and MN Deer Hunters Association. He was a long time member of these organizations plus held various leadership roles.

Raymond is preceded in death by parents Arthur and Ruth; brothers Roy and Gerald; sister Grace Shultze; and son-in-law Joe Koranda.

Survived by his wife of 73 years, Lois Nicholson; son Daniel Ray (Jan) Nicholson of Woodland Park CO; daughters Diane Lois Koranda of Alexandria, Janet Joy (Roddy) Sams of Staples, Sally Rose Nicholson of Elk River, and Ronda Ruth (Jim) Stumbo of Helena MT; 16 grandchildren, 30 great grandchildren, and 1 great-great granddaughter; brother David Nicholson of Anoka; sister Florence Petersen of Randolph WI; brother-in-law Loren Gunn of Wadena; and sisters-in-law Verna Nicholson of Minneapolis and Viola Horner of Sauk Rapids; along with many nieces, nephews and friends. He is also survived by his bee-keeper mentee Dan "My Man Dan" Kern of Wadena.

Military honors by fellow comrades of Elmer Goche Post 3922, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Wadena, MN,

Burial will be in Leaf River Cemetery, Wadena, MN.

Cemetery Details

Leaf River Cemetery

12195 170th Street
Wadena, MN 56482

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **9**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Wadena Alliance Church
1428 Jefferson St. S.
Wadena, MN 56482

Visitation

DEC **10**. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Service

DEC **10**. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



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



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - December 08, 2016 at 12:54 PM

DF

“ Dave & Sharon Folkestad lit a candle in memory of Raymond Nicholson



Dave & Sharon Folkestad - December 10, 2016 at 08:13 AM



“ 48 files added to the album Life Tributes



Schuller Family Funeral Homes - December 08, 2016 at 11:21 AM

TL

“ To: Marnie and the Nicholson family
From: the Lupo's

Our thoughts are with you during this sad/mournful time in the loss of the family Patriarch. I know he had stories to tell about each family member---some happy/funny and some heartfelt and adding to the rich history of the Nicholsons. May you all share those stories and again keep that circle of life alive within your family.

Uncle Jim & Aunt Terri, Cousins: Eric & Ginny, James, Zachary and Nathan, David & Amy, Isabella and Caterina, Reed & Kristin, Liliana.

Terri Lupo - December 06, 2016 at 10:26 PM

CL

“ *Earlyne, I and our whole family have many fond memories of Ray during the years that I pastored the Wadena Alliance Church. He was very supportive and a stalwart in the church. We shared many laughs as well as insights from God's Word.*

Clyde Leimberer - December 06, 2016 at 10:04 PM

DA

“ *I always enjoyed opportunities to visit with "Ray, the honeyman." The visits & honey we're both sweet 😊 May your special memories bring you comfort 🙏 Hugs, Diane Schiller Anderson*

Di Schiller Anderson - December 06, 2016 at 10:00 PM

LA

“ Ray was a very close friend. I always enjoyed seeing him as he was interested in how I was and what was happening in my life! I respected him immensely as he was a man that didn't waiver in what he believed. He was as solid as a rock and always had a kind word to share. In his own quiet way he lived his faith! He always called me "Charlie" as did the family. It was their special name given to me when I lived with them. I will never forget Ray and all the love and prayers he has given for me! He was a hard worker who after hours on the job spent many more hours with his bees. Nicholson honey was the best!! I will miss him, but look forward to our reunion in heaven!

Linda Anderson - December 06, 2016 at 08:07 PM

RL

“ Ruby Lynk lit a candle in memory of Raymond Nicholson



Ruby Lynk - December 06, 2016 at 12:24 PM

JH

“ Jay And Deb Hutson lit a candle in memory of Raymond Nicholson



Jay and Deb Hutson - December 06, 2016 at 12:02 PM

RI

“ I enjoyed seeing Ray at church. He was such a strong man in faith and his kindness was always so sincere. Thank you for your gifts Ray!

ritaf@live.com - December 06, 2016 at 10:34 AM

BE

“ About a year ago, in McDonalds, a man said, "Eating alone, Ray?" Ray replied, "No, my Lord is always with me." Ray walked the talk. When asked how he was doing, he would either reply, "grateful" or "blessed". Ray was a blessing.

Beth - December 05, 2016 at 08:56 PM

RS

“ Rosanna Sanford lit a candle in memory of Raymond Nicholson



Rosanna Sanford - December 05, 2016 at 08:09 PM

VD

“ Viola Horner and her daughters purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Raymond Nicholson.



Viola Horner and her daughters - December 05, 2016 at 07:19 PM

DM

“ *Dixie Murray lit a candle in memory of Raymond Nicholson*



Dixie Murray - December 05, 2016 at 06:56 PM

PE

“ *Peter & Margaret Van Erp lit a candle in memory of Raymond Nicholson*



Peter & Margaret Van Erp - December 05, 2016 at 03:52 PM

GW

“ *Ginger Wiederich lit a candle in memory of Raymond Nicholson*



Ginger Wiederich - December 05, 2016 at 12:53 PM

GW

Jan, our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family at this time of sorrow.

Ginger and Vern Wiederich

Ginger Wiederich - December 05, 2016 at 12:54 PM

RN

We cherish the Years of Friendship....!

Robert Norman - December 05, 2016 at 09:27 PM

MS

“ Mike And Lea Snyder lit a candle in memory of Raymond Nicholson



Mike and Lea Snyder - December 05, 2016 at 06:33 AM

TN

“ We have so many wonderful memories of uncle Ray, He was a gentle and wise man, and the world was a better place with him in it. He will be so missed. It's wonderful to know that we will see him again in glory!

Terri nicholson - December 05, 2016 at 03:51 AM

RK

“ Ray was always a blessing to run into. No matter how the day when you asked how he was he always said "thankful". I will forever hold him in my heart.

Rhonda Kleinke - December 04, 2016 at 07:56 PM

IB

“ Irene And Jerry Baron lit a candle in memory of Raymond Nicholson



Irene and Jerry Baron - December 04, 2016 at 05:13 PM

TK

“ *Tammie Kwitter sent a virtual gift in memory of Raymond Nicholson*



Tammie Kwitter - December 04, 2016 at 03:25 PM

TK

“ *Tammie Kwitter lit a candle in memory of Raymond Nicholson*



Tammie Kwitter - December 04, 2016 at 03:25 PM

DH

“ *Dee Hendershot lit a candle in memory of Raymond Nicholson*



Dee Hendershot - December 04, 2016 at 08:13 AM

DH

I always left with more good things than just honey when I visited Ray.

Dee Hendershot - December 04, 2016 at 08:15 AM

JS

“ *Jim Stoneman lit a candle in memory of Raymond Nicholson*



Jim Stoneman - December 04, 2016 at 07:54 AM

JS

“ *Jeff, Collette And Aiden Stevens lit a candle in memory of Raymond Nicholson*



Jeff, Collette and Aiden Stevens - December 04, 2016 at 07:31 AM

MF

“ *Marie Fraune lit a candle in memory of Raymond Nicholson*



Marie Fraune - December 04, 2016 at 07:14 AM



“ *Jane Erckenbrack lit a candle in memory of Raymond Nicholson*



Jane Erckenbrack - December 03, 2016 at 07:52 PM

DK

“ *Dan & Beth Kern lit a candle in memory of Raymond Nicholson*



Dan & Beth Kern - December 03, 2016 at 07:26 PM

DK

“ *I am so blessed to have had Ray, not only as a teacher and mentor, but as a true friend! God has truly blessed me. Rest in Peace, my friend. Dan.*

Dan & Beth Kern - December 03, 2016 at 06:58 PM

DK

“ *Dan & Beth Kern lit a candle in memory of Raymond Nicholson*



Dan & Beth Kern - December 03, 2016 at 06:45 PM