



# Raymond John Koepf

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## R aymond Koepf Obituary

Raymond John Koepf, 88, of Elyria, a prolific and award winning artist, died February 14, 2023 in his home. He was born March 20, 1934 in Painesville, OH to parents, John Christian and Lydia (nee Ranttala) Koepf. He and his sister, Nancy Caroline were both raised in Painesville where Ray graduated Painesville Harvey High School, 1952. Soon after graduation, he enlisted in the US Air Force and served 4 years as an air traffic controller at Tokyo International Airport. In 1953, Ray married Dora Mae Stevens and upon discharge from the Air Force, he attended Ashland College where he played football and baseball. In 1991, he graduated LCCC with an associate's degree. Ray continued his education at Cleveland Institute of Art, graduating 1993 with his bachelor of art degree from Cleveland State University. In 1958, Ray was one of the FAA's first air traffic controllers in the Cleveland/Oberlin area. Following his retirement in 1975 from the FAA, Ray was then employed at Worthington Ball and LCCC where he retired. He married his current wife Sharon Linden in 1994. They enjoyed long distance running, bicycling and in 1988 completed a coast to coast bicycle trip. Ray enjoyed all sports and exercised at LCCC's Fitness and Wellness Center. He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Nancy Scott; first wife, Dora Mae "Dody"; infant son and daughter; and a daughter, Cindy Allen in 2022. Ray is survived by his wife of 28 years, Sharon; son, Kurt (Jackie) Koepf of Wichita, KS; daughter, Kelly (Eric) Kulp of Elyria; step-children, Terri (Barry) Pleska of Elyria, John (Kim) Linden of Elyria, Eric (Pamilyn) Linden of LaGrange and Matt Linden of Grafton; ten grandchildren; seventeen great-grandchildren; one great-great grandchild and nieces and nephews. Friends will be received Saturday, February 18, 2023 from 2:00 pm until the time of a 4:00 pm Celebration of Life service at Dicken Funeral Home & Cremation Service, 323 Middle Avenue, Elyria with Reverend Kathryn Ketchum officiating. In lieu of



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flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of the Western Reserve, 17876 St. Clair Ave., Cleveland, OH 44110. There are no gallery images. Visitation Saturday, February 18, 2023 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM Dicken Funeral Home and Cremation Service 323 Middle Ave.Elyria, OH 44035 Celebration of Life Saturday, February 18, 2023 4:00 PM Dicken Funeral Home and Cremation Service 323 Middle Ave.Elyria, OH 44035

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TS

**Toi Colleen Scott** posted:

Dear Family, Sorry to learn of Uncle Ray's passing. Please accept our deepest sympathy and know you are in our thoughts and prayers. Trusting the Lord to give you His peace during this difficult time.

February 18 at 8:00 PM

ZZ

**Zach And Nicki Zesch** posted:

We never had the pleasure of meeting Raymond, but if he was anything like his son, Kurt, is, he was a lovely man. Our condolences to Kurt, Jackie, and the rest of their family.

February 18 at 8:00 PM

KW

**Karen(Kokoski)Walker** posted:

I am so sorry Kelly. Please extend my sympathy to Kurt and all of your family. What an impressive Obituary. Looks like your dad sure had a good life, and busy life! I'm grateful for his Service. ðŸ™

February 16 at 8:00 PM

TK

**Tania And George Kegyes** posted:

Dear Sharon and family, George and I send our condolences, prayers and hugs for Rays passing. He has left a wonderful legacy. May each day bring peace as you cherish his memories.

February 16 at 8:00 PM

SW

**Scott Williams** posted:

Aunt Sharon just wanted you to know I'm thinking of you and I'm sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Love you Scott

February 16 at 8:00 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Raymond by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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