



Rauf Ramsey

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Ra'uf Ray Ramsey, age 81, died at 8:04 pm on the 25th of December, 2022. He is survived by his wife, Myriam, of 35 years; his first wife and close friend, Latidjah Miller; his sister Nancy Ambrosio his five children and their spouses, Lukman Ramsey and Amy Listerman, Joe and Gina Ramsey, Mukhtar Ramsey, Laura and Mehdi Nasser, Steven and Carissa Ramsey, his stepson, Rob Maher; and by his six grandchildren, Serena, Lily, Walter, Benjamin, Jet, and Irfan.

Ra'uf was born in Atlanta, Georgia, on the 14th of June, 1941, to Edith and Bernard Ramsey, who was a minister in the Methodist faith. Ra'uf was the older brother to his two sisters, Nancy and Susan. They moved to Tyler, Texas when he was a teenager.

As a youth, he was passionate about science and religion. He designed a working jet engine for a science fair project, and he won a national writing competition in philosophy. He played football in highschool, finished second in his class, and spoke at his own graduation. He also excelled at acting, performing as Ebenezer Scrooge in A Christmas Carol at the local community college. He went on to attend college at the University of Texas in Austin, and then served in the army for seven years, with posts in Germany and at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C.

Ra'uf spent his working years as a carpenter and project manager, building houses, hotels, schools, and other large facilities. He was a master problem-solver, mixing his detailed knowledge of construction with a love and understanding of engineering.



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At age 16, he made a wish in the form of a prayer that he would find a way to worship through a direct, spiritual contact with God, as was experienced by the prophets of old. During college, his wish was fulfilled when he discovered the spiritual path of Subud. He became a Subud member on the 25th of November, 1962, and practiced the spiritual exercise of Subud devoutly for over 60 years. He served the Subud community in many helper and committee roles.

Rauf's greatest love was for his children. He felt that his purpose for being here was to bring good people into the world. His children loved him deeply in return and did their very best to make him proud. Each of them are good and caring people, accomplished in their talents and careers, remarkably well-traveled, and singularly devoted to their loving father.

Rauf loved humor and sharing stories. He would laugh out loud every morning as he read the comics. He was well-known for his delight in word-play, especially spoonerisms, and no family gathering was complete without his retelling of "Prinderella." His full and hearty laughter will be remembered by all who knew him.

Once he discovered photography in his later years, Rauf became the family picture-taker. His creative side blossomed. He appreciated the subtleties of color and light evoked in film, and he especially enjoyed capturing the intricate beauty of nature, such as flowers in full bloom, or of birds gliding through the air. He left his family many beautiful photos which hang on the walls of their homes.

Outwardly, Rauf was tall and strong in stature, with auburn hair and rugged good looks. But the inner Rauf was a man who worshiped God from the depths of his soul. His dedication to fasting, prayer, and most especially the spiritual exercise of Subud inspired all who knew him. He believed that life is a test to see if one could accept the ups and downs of life and still feel close to God. He understood that being human is a balance of sadness and happiness, suffering and joy. When things were good, he was grateful; when things were hard, he was accepting. He endured the hardships of



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cancer with a remarkable attitude of surrender to God's will, and with the steadfast care and loving support of his wife, Myriam. He left this world a noble person, passing God's test as he journeyed back to his true home in the world beyond this Earth.

A funeral is scheduled for Ra'uf on Saturday, the 31st of December, at 1:00 PM, followed by a celebration of life at 2:00 PM in the chapel at Lasting Tributes.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to Subud USA archives at subudusa.org



Events

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Green Burial Graveside Service

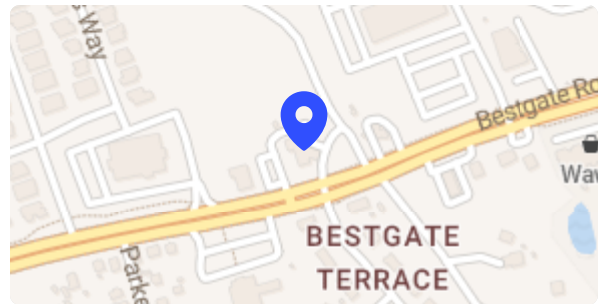
Saturday, December 31, 2022

1:00 PM ET

Green Burial by Lasting Tributes at Bestgate Memorial Park

814 Bestgate Road, Annapolis MD 21401

- Guests are invited to proceed directly to the Green Burial section of Bestgate Memorial park, located at the far end of the cemetery.



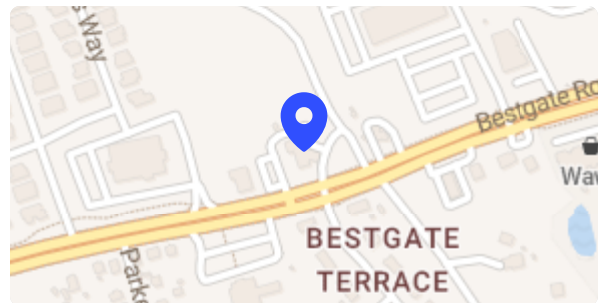
Celebration of Life

Saturday, December 31, 2022

2:00 PM ET

Lasting Tributes Cremation & Funeral Care

814 Bestgate Rd, Annapolis MD 21401

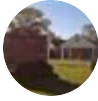




Tribute Wall

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December 31 at 10:00 AM



Oswald Norton March 13 at 4:16 PM

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Rina Kempton January 3 at 7:29 AM

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Maynard Manzano December 31 at 12:11 PM

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Muhammad Isman Kanafsky posted:

May Almighty God continue to bless Rauf and his family always. Amin!

January 4 at 3:35 PM



Hikayah Versteeg posted:

We remember Rauf Ramsey from when they lived here in Hawaii and running into him and his children at many Congress!!We send prayers of Aloha and condolences to his whole Ohana from all of us here in Hawaii. May Rauf Rest in Peace 🙏❤️

December 31 at 3:50 PM



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DM

David McCormack posted:

At gatherings he was like a father to me. He always advised feel the latihan first when waking before anything at all - to us who were in great need of hearing good advice over and over again. I saw how he surrendered and followed like a happy child when the younger members were working in a wing workshop with us older members. May it be that Almighty blesses him always to the true worship.

December 31 at 12:00 PM

SM

Sylvia Margolin posted:

What a beautiful and touching memorial service. So many parts brought tears to my eyes: what people said, the slide show and its music, the prayers. I remember how kind Ra'uf was to Victor when we moved to DC, how he spent time talking with him after latihan, how he came all the way to do some special latihan with him. I saw today what a legacy he left in creating such a large family who were all touched by the power of God and love that he transmitted. Shoshanah Margolin

December 31 at 11:50 AM

JA

Jana posted:

I, too, considered Rauf to be a father figure when I was growing up. I think that's a common theme among people who knew him. He was wise, strong, and always regaling us with a wild story from his life. I still don't know which stories were true...He used to joke with me that I "just don't understand". Stubbornly, I would insist that HE was the one who didn't understand. What it was we both didn't understand, I'll never know, but when I was around 18 years old, he finally relented, "Jana, I think you finally understand." I never got the chance to tell him, but Rauf, I think YOU finally understand as well.

December 31 at 11:37 AM

GE

Geoffrey posted:

Rauf, you officiated our wedding, that was an extremely rich experience, much facilitated by the width of you. We are in Berlin now,, but I swear I felt you a day or so ago. May your path ahead be smooth and true. With love and gratitude, Geoffrey and Grace.

December 31 at 10:55 AM



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MC

Matthew Clark posted:

Rauf Ramsey, my sturdy oak of a friend for half a century, a counselor and Helper in matters large and small. I remember him as a young man helping my mother and her three boys move after my folk's rough divorce. I remember his being by my side at the Boston National Congress in 1995 when my father died after surgery in California. Most of all, I will remember and be grateful for the guidance he gave me through my own divorce, teaching and encouraging me to be the most courageous Dad I could be while facing major doubts. I will always treasure our work together on the Amani Archives; we couldn't have created this legacy to Bapak and Subud without his dedication and capable help. I remember so many good times, cracking jokes just this past October, the last time I saw him. I often enjoyed talking up a storm with him about science fiction (he was a great fan...introduced me to Andy Weir's book The Martian). He also introduced me to a great TV show The Closer). Rauf was a Mensch, capable and practical in this world while deeply devoted to his spiritual life. I loved Rauf as a brother and will miss him. I wish him Peace and Godspeed, in the afterlife. Be seeing you one day, old buddy. Matthew

December 31 at 10:44 AM



Anonymous sent an Arrive in Style to the Ramsey family.



December 31 at 10:11 AM

CA

Carissa Apolo posted:

On the last call, we had. Your last words to Steven and I were "I love you too"... It's still surreal to know that you're gone. Today you are surrounded by the people you love and the people whom you've touched. Though I've never met you in person, I'm happy to have met you and gotten to know you through our video calls. You may be gone.. but you shall never be forgotten.. Love you

December 31 at 9:48 AM

HB

Hardwin Blanchard posted:

My first memory of Rauf was of him installing railing for the stairs going down to the gym for Bapak's Congress in 1970. Always busy! Hardwin

December 31 at 9:21 AM



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Sjahari Pullom posted:

I will very much miss Rauf Ramsey, who was a mentor and father figure to me when I attended college in Annapolis. He also opened up his home to me and I spent many weekends with him and his family, including Mukhtar and Laura. He was a wonderful family man, practical problem-solver, hard worker, and deeply dedicated to worshipping and surrendering to God Almighty. To a young man who was just starting to learn about what it is to be a godly man in the world, he was an amiable and humble guide. Thank you, Rauf. You will be missed.

December 31 at 8:59 AM



Manuela Martinaitis posted:

I am honored to have known such an outstanding man. ~ Manuela

December 30 at 10:57 AM



Sylvia McClain posted:

I am struck to the heart, hearing about the passing of Rauf. Dearest Myriam and lovely family, please accept my sincere condolences for the loss of your husband and father. Rauf visited our home in the eighties and made a lasting impression on me with his kindness and his dedication to subud and the Latihan. I join you in feeling your loss and am with you in spirit. Your Sister in Subud, Sylvia McClain

December 30 at 4:28 AM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Ramsey family.



December 29 at 6:39 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Ramsey family.



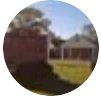
December 28 at 2:20 PM



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Memories only last if you share them

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



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