



## Raymond Ralph Ruben

February 9, 1932 - May 1, 2021

Raymond Ralph Ruben, 89, of Kingsville, Missouri, formerly of New Braunfels, Texas, passed away Saturday, May 1, 2021 at the Holden Manor Care Center in Holden, MO.

Raymond was born on February 9, 1932 in Martin City, MO, the son of Sam and Ruby (Anderson) Ruben. Raymond grew up in Harrisonville, MO. He attended the University of Central Missouri (UCM) where he received a football scholarship and was a member of the track team. Raymond earned a bachelor's degree in Aerospace Engineering and was a member of the Fraternity of Life, Tau Kappa Epsilon (TKE). In 1959, Raymond married his wife, Sherri Ann Ruben at the Little White Wedding Chapel in Las Vegas, Nevada, and for 51 years, they shared a wonderful life together.

Raymond was a member of the Optimist Club in New Braunfels, TX. He was an airplane designer and an Aerospace Engineer. Raymond served in the United States Army as an Airplane Mechanic while stationed in Korea. He worked for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) as part of the Apollo 11 spaceflight. Raymond was known as a little bit of a "workaholic" and enjoyed working for innovative corporations such as Lockheed Martin, Boeing, and McDonnell Douglas.

For thirty years, Raymond owned and operated an extraordinarily successful

antique furniture business, Hill Country Trail Antiques. Where he painstakingly refinished and restored beautiful pieces of history. Raymond was immensely proud when he was asked to supply the furniture for the television miniseries, Lonesome Dove.

Raymond was an amazing man; he will be greatly missed by his many friends and family.

Raymond is preceded in death by his wife, Sherri Ann Ruben and his parents, Sam, and Ruby Ruben.

He is survived by his son, Victor S. Ruben and wife, Linda of Kingsville, MO; three granddaughters, Crystal "Barbie Doll" Ruben, Shawna "Teddy Bear" Settles and husband, Ryan, and Shelby "Sugar Cookie" Ruben; two great grandchildren, Serenity and Grayson Settles.

A Private Service will be scheduled at a later date.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I was a very close friend of Ray Ruben. We first met in Harrisonville, MO when I was in the 7th grade and he was in the 8th grade. Ray was a very loyal friend and we shared many experiences together. Ray was instrumental in my going to college at Centrsl MO. State University. He stopped by my dad's servive station one day on his way to pre-season football practice at CMSU and I asked him where he was going and he told me he was going to football practice at CMSU and urged me to come with him and try out for a "Walk-On: football scholarship to which I agged to do. The upshot was that I got the walk on scholarship and it enabled me to go to college. I would have been drafted into the Army otherwise in the middle of the Korean War. I did go to the Army after two years at CMSU and after the Army I went MU until I graduated in 1958. Ray and I connected again after this and we used to go to Oscar's Lounge in KC to dsnce with the girls we met there. We were best friends until our marriages to our wives took us in different directions

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