



## Raymond Joseph Provenzano

December 3, 1965 - June 25, 2024

Ray Provenzano, 58, of Oskaloosa, passed away Tuesday, June 25, 2024, at Crystal Heights Care Center in Oskaloosa.

Raymond Joseph Provenzano, son of Frank and Diana (Gravitt) Provenzano, was born December 3, 1965, in Peoria, IL. In 1973, Ray moved to Oskaloosa with his mother and siblings to be closer to their family. Ray attended grade school at Webster School in Oskaloosa, and was a graduate of Oskaloosa High School with the class of 1983. After his education, he enlisted in the United States Army and was honorably discharged. Ray later moved back to Oskaloosa and lived at the Choices Center, where he made many friends.

Raymond had a remarkable wit about him. He was a jokester, loving to tell jokes to anyone who would listen. He was a film connoisseur; he had one of the most extensive movie collections anyone had ever seen, even owning multiple copies of some movies. He was a member of the First Christian Church, and he loved anything and everything in Oskaloosa. Attending the city band concerts, Thankful Thursdays, Friday after 5, Sweet Corn Serenade, and many others. He could often be seen stopping by Mi Ranchito and grabbing a quick pop, where he would rack up quite the "pop bill." Ray later moved to Crystal Heights Care Center, where he was affectionately known as Ray-Ray or Ray-of-Sunshine. Before moving to Crystal Heights, Ray lived for many years with and under the watchful eye of his big brother, Vinnie. Ray

and Vinnie had many wonderful times together. Vinnie was excellent to his brother Ray, even when Ray was being a self-proclaimed “Super Villain.” Ray was the Lex Luther to Vinnie’s Superman, the Penguin to Vinnie’s Batman, and that was just how Ray liked it.

Ray is survived by his brother, Vincent Provenzano of Oskaloosa, an aunt, Linda Edwards of Oskaloosa, and his cousins David, Scott, Robert Jr., and Shelly Edwards, Bonnie West, and Glory Pothoven.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Diana; his sister, Valerie Provenzano; his maternal grandparents, Walter and Lucille Gravitt; and his paternal grandparents, James and Nellie West.

Funeral services for Ray will be held on Monday, July 1, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. at Langkamp Funeral Chapel, with Reverend Molly Goodrich of First Christian Church officiating. The burial will follow at Old White Cemetery in Oskaloosa. Visitation will begin at 11:00 a.m. Sunday, June 30, with the family present from 1-3 p.m. at the Langkamp Funeral Chapel. Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 30. 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory  
2116 N 3rd St  
Oskaloosa, IA 52577  
(641) 672-2181  
langkampfuneralchapel@gmail.com  
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*The Family will greet visitors from 1-3 p.m.*

## Funeral Service

JUL 1. 10:30 AM (CT)

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## Burial

JUL 1. 11:30 AM (CT)

Old White Cemetery  
Oskaloosa, IA

# Tribute Wall

RS

“ Ray would come to our office everyday with his mountain Dew just so he could talk to Jenna which he called Jenny we called him smilie what a wonderful kind guy Ray was such a sweetheart!!! going to miss you smilie

Rhonda Smith - July 11, 2024 at 03:10 PM

GB

“ Gloria Buckallew lit a candle in memory of Raymond Joseph Provenzano



Gloria Buckallew - July 01, 2024 at 12:16 PM

JE

“ Jill Ewing lit a candle in memory of Raymond Joseph Provenzano



Jill Ewing - July 01, 2024 at 10:08 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Raymond Joseph Provenzano.



June 30, 2024 at 10:02 PM

DA

“ I know him uptown oskaloosa I'm walking uptown and oskaloosa choices been missed

Daniel allison - June 30, 2024 at 07:53 PM

VS

“ Vince so sorry for your loss Ray will definitely be missed array of sunshine full of stories and jokes always called me by name and remembering our school days hugs and prayers your way you are a wonderful brother and son with the way you have taken care of your family may God bless you Ray will be missed

Verda Elder Smith - June 29, 2024 at 08:28 PM



“ 39 files added to the album Life Tributes



Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory - June 29, 2024 at 03:29 PM

LL

“ Rayman was a true gentleman,we were friends for over20yrs.I.m gonna miss his smilin face



luciferet landalee - June 29, 2024 at 09:12 AM

DR

“ Ray was friends with my sons when we lived on 9th Ave east. He went through grade school with my youngest son. He was a lot of fun to have around.



Dena M Roorda - June 28, 2024 at 08:44 PM

CR

“ Rip Ray, I always enjoyed sitting with you in the mall and at Crystal Heights. You will always be a Ray of sunshine in my life❤️

Cathy Robertson - June 28, 2024 at 08:07 PM

RC

“ Rhonda Callison lit a candle in memory of Raymond Joseph Provenzano



Rhonda Callison - June 28, 2024 at 09:13 AM

RC

We are holding you in our prayers, Vinnie. Ray was a very fortunate man to have such an amazing and loving big brother. RIP Ray. Sincere Condolences, Doug and Rhonda

Rhonda Callison - June 28, 2024 at 09:15 AM

CG

“ Rip Ray he will be missed by many. It will be sad not seeing him walk the streets of Oskaloosa. He always had a sweet smile n was always friendly. Sorry for your loss Vinnie. Thoughts n prayers for all the family 🙏❤️



Carol Gordon - June 27, 2024 at 07:19 PM

HG

“ I can always say ray always had a hug for everyone when someone was having a bad day he would cheer up the person that was going though alot that day

Heidi Gilchrist - June 27, 2024 at 06:34 PM



“ I will always think of Ray walking around town or sitting in the mall with that smile of his that seemed to say, "I know a really special secret." Who knows, maybe he did. I'm sure Ray will be missed by many people in Oskaloosa, especially his brother Vinnie. RIP Ray; my sympathies to his family and friends.

Cheryl Benson - June 27, 2024 at 02:38 PM

KS

“ Raymond was my dear close friend I've known him for many many years and it is sad here that he has passed away his love and memories will always be in the downtown oskaloosa he was in love by everyone everyone loved him especially mi and ranchito he was just an all-around good guy he loved collecting movies and he loved listening to music and he love going to choices where everyone there loved him my memories of Raymond will always be in my heart and in my mind forever the Lord be with Vinny and the rest of his family which I did not know that he was related to Gloria potthoven she lives upstairs above my brother and I did not know that she was related to him at all he's going to go to the pearly white Gates of heaven and have a peaceful rest my love and thoughts and my memories of Raymond will hold in my heart forever the Lord be there for the family at this time God bless you all



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**Kathy Simmons** - June 27, 2024 at 01:18 PM

TA

“ I remember Ray would stop by Shag (when I used to work there) for soda. He was definitely a Ray of Sunshine. Miss you, my dude.

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**Tash** - June 27, 2024 at 11:50 AM

AW

“ There Will Be A Mountain Dew In Heaven For You Ray

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**Alex Winter** - June 27, 2024 at 11:34 AM

SH

“ Ray always brightened up my day when he came into the center! He always had a kind word, a smile and a hug for whoever needed one. He will be missed more than words can say....

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**Sherry** - June 27, 2024 at 11:21 AM

TD

“ *Tim and I enjoyed visiting with Ray and serving him communion as elders these past few months. We will miss those visits. - Tim and Sherry DeJong*

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**Tim and Sherry DeJong** - June 27, 2024 at 11:15 AM

CV

“ *Cliff And Leilani VandeWall lit a candle in memory of Raymond Joseph Provenzano*



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**Cliff and Leilani VandeWall** - June 27, 2024 at 11:11 AM