



Ray O'Jean Pleasant

April 22, 1928 - May 27, 2022

The Honorable Ray O'Jean Pleasant

Age 94, of Chaska passed away at home peacefully, surrounded by his family May 27, 2022. Proceeded in death by parents. Survived by wife of 68 years, Arthur Gene; daughter, Margo Ingraham; son, Kevin (Leslie) Pleasant; grandchildren, Justin (Angela) Ingraham, Rachel (Eyob) Ingraham, Trent and Taylor Pleasant; and two great-grandchildren.

Ray was a veteran in the Korean War in the US Army Corp of Engineers. Upon returning from service, his employer Remington Rand brought him to Minneapolis. The family settled in Bloomington, where Ray became actively involved in the community. He served 4 years on the Bloomington city council and 8 years in the state legislature, where he helped create the vision of Dred Scott playfields and development of affordable housing, environmental protection of the MN River Water Shed areas and the Mall of America. In his later years as a resident of Chaska, he became active in the community as well. He served as an advisor to the City's Chief of Police and organized human rights programs on topics such as human trafficking and civil rights. Ray was a founding member of the Epsilon Rho Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, where he was recognized with a lifetime achievement award in 2021 for embodying the principles of perseverance, scholarship, uplift and friendship. In his spare time, he enjoyed spending time at his cabin up north with his extended family.

Visitation Friday, June 10th 5-8PM at Washburn-McReavy Dawn Valley
Funeral Chapel Bloomington. Funeral service Saturday, June 11th 1PM at
Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church 3355 4th Street North Minneapolis
55412 Family will conduct a private interment at a later date. Memorials are
preferred to Reach for Resources Inc (reachforresources.org)

www.washburn-mcreavy.com

Dawn Valley Chapel 952-941-7686

9940 Bush Lake Rd Bloomington

Cemetery Details

Dawn Valley Memorial Park (Bloomington)

9940 Bush Lake Road
Bloomington, MN 55438

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **10**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Dawn Valley Chapel
9940 Bush Lake Road
Bloomington, MN 55438

Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ray O'Jean Pleasant.*



June 09, 2022 at 05:49 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ray O'Jean Pleasant.*



June 09, 2022 at 10:21 AM



“ *Gene,
Condolences and many Prayers for you and your families.
Emiko & Bill Charbonneau
Cypress, Tx*

Emiko Charbonneau - June 07, 2022 at 07:05 PM

NS

“ I was Ray Custodian while he was a State Representative. He was the best !!! He never treated me any different from anyone else which being a Female Janitor picking up his trash an cleaning his office. He always had a smile and always asked how I was doing. He would tell me jokes and his laugh was unique it was like almost a chuckle. I remember his office was right down the hall from the receptionist desk. Anyway I just wanted to share how much respect and admiration I had for him. I was lucky to work around him. I will be thinking of all of his family with great thoughts.
Thank you,

Nancia Weldon Santine

Nancia Santine - June 06, 2022 at 01:20 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Ray O'Jean Pleasant.



June 05, 2022 at 07:41 PM

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“ MidWestOne Florida team purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ray O'Jean Pleasant.



MidWestOne Florida team - June 03, 2022 at 10:54 AM

GM

“ *Sending Love, Heartfelt Condolences and Prayers for strength to cousin Arthur Gene and family.
Bountiful Blessings to each of you,
Gladys Patton-Mitchell & family*

Gladys Mitchell - May 31, 2022 at 04:01 PM

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“ *We had the opportunity to meet Ray a few years ago. What a gift he was. One we will never forget. We now know why his son Kevin and his beautiful family are so special. Our hearts and love are out to all of you.
Ed and Linda*

Linda Farkas - May 30, 2022 at 04:53 PM