



Raymond John Sandell

October 19, 1926 - January 7, 2024

Raymond John Sandell

died peacefully on Sunday, Jan 7th, 2024 at the amazing age of 97. He spent the last four years residing at Trouvaille Memory Care in Excelsior, MN. Ray was born on October 19th, 1926 in Gothenburg, Sweden and immigrated to the US as a child. He grew up in Superior, WI and eventually settled in Spring Lake Park, MN to raise his family and grow his musical career. Raymond was greeted in heaven by his beloved wife Ann Sandell and their two children (RayAnn and Scott), his parents (Lulu and Victor Sandell) and his son-in-law, Steve Williams. Ray is survived by his children, Robin Lee and Renee Williams; grandchildren, Jonathan (Kasey), Ryan (Kaley), Crystalyn (Brady), Danielle (Luke) and Mariah (Jack); 10 great grandchildren, Olivia, Mac, Christian, Myer, Caroline, Ellia, Laker, Callan, Lucas and Andrew. A memorial service will be held this Friday, January 12th at Westwood Community Church-3121 Westwood Drive, Excelsior, MN at 11:00am with visitation at 10:00am. Interment Lakewood Cemetery-3600 Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis, MN at 3:00 PM. In lieu of flowers please send honorariums to Trouvaille Memory Care-6330 Hazeltine Blvd, Excelsior, MN

Cemetery Details

Lakewood Cemetery (Minneapolis)

3600 Hennepin Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55408

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Westwood Community Church (Chanhassen Campus)
3121 Westwood Drive
Excelsior, MN 55331

Church Service

JAN 12. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

CS

“ Those were the days! Mr. Sandell (I still can't call him Ray) did so much more than teach us music skills, he taught us important life skills. One of my favorite memories is from the dress rehearsal of the Pop Concert in 1963, when he and Ann told me “ You have done everything you can. Now just enjoy it”
I have pulled up that advice many times over the years. He was so important in my life, he even sang at my wedding! You lived an extraordinary life, Mr Sandell.
Rest In Peace
Carol Ann (Schnickels) Sylvester

Carol Ann Sylvester - January 12, 2024 at 10:16 AM

KW

“ Renee, I have fond memories of seeing & greeting your Dad at Trouville. He always seemed to be in a good mood whenever I saw him. I'll miss seeing him. My sincere condolences to you & your family. Katy Wait

Katy Wait - January 11, 2024 at 06:26 PM

JJ

“ Sincere condolences. Under his leadership had many wonderful memories of band practice, parades, concerts, musical productions. The best of times.

Jim Jensen - January 10, 2024 at 12:16 PM

GD

“ Robin and Renee, I am deeply sorry to hear this. You dad and I had such a close relationship all the years I was in school, as you know. He started me on my life of music. I cut so many classes to go to the band room and practice. He was my mentor for all of those years and beyond. The world is a happier place because of Ray Sandell.

Greg Van Dell - January 10, 2024 at 02:41 AM

WL

“ William Lee purchased the A Full Life for the family of Raymond John Sandell.



William Lee - January 09, 2024 at 11:19 PM

WL

“ William Lee planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Raymond John Sandell.

William Lee - January 09, 2024 at 11:19 PM

JS

“ absolutely the best.

Jeff Summerfield - January 09, 2024 at 10:28 PM