



# Raymond Washio

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**R**aymond G. Washio II, age 65, of Lorain and Kelleys Island, passed away unexpectedly Thursday, July 12, 2012 at St. John Medical Center, Westlake. He was born on August 29, 1946 in Lorain, Ohio to Raymond G. and Anna M. (nee Birich) Washio. Raymond graduated from St. Mary's High School in 1964. He served his country in the United States Army as a Private and was honorably discharged on August 5, 1967.

Raymond worked in the BOP shop as a Maintenance Foreman for U.S. Steel, retiring in 1999, after 32 years of service. He was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church, Lorain the NRA and a lifelong member of the AMVETS. He and his wife, Cynthia volunteered at the 2002 Winter Olympics held in Utah. He enjoyed hunting, shooting, fishing, boating, water and snow skiing.

He is survived by his wife of 41 years, Cynthia (nee Standen); son, Raymond G. Washio III (Tamara), of Rocky River; daughter, Meredith (Bill) Hinds, of Clyde; grandchildren, Zoey and Harper Washio and Austin Hinds; dogs, Gracie and Cira. He was preceded in death by his parents, Raymond G. and Anna M. (nee Birich) Washio.

The Washio family will receive family and friends on Sunday, July 15, 2012 from 2:00 – 6:00 p.m. in the Dovin and Reber Jones Funeral & Cremation Center, 1110 Cooper Foster Park Road, Amherst. Closing prayers will be held on Monday, July 16th at 9:15 a.m. in the Funeral Center, followed by Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 a.m. at St. Mary Catholic Church, 309 W. 7th. Street Lorain. Rev. Fr. James Becherer, will officiate. Private family interment will take place at Kelleys Island Cemetery. Online condolences may be left for the Washio family at [www.dovinreberjones.com](http://www.dovinreberjones.com)

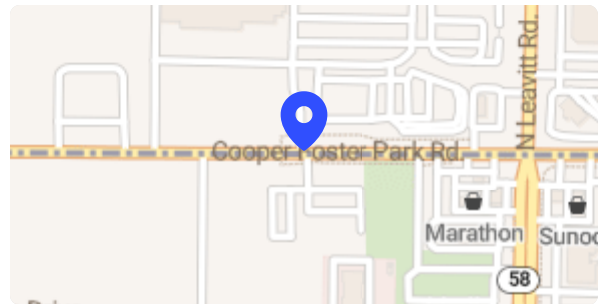


# Events

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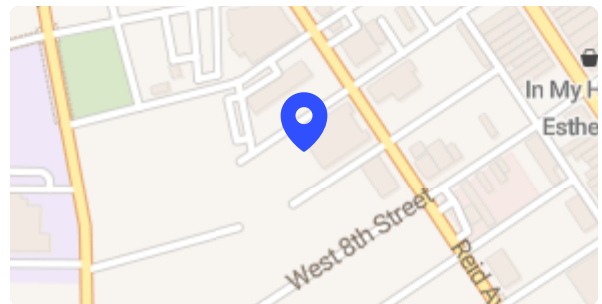
## Visitation

- Sunday**, July 15, 2012
- 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM ET
- Dovin and Reber Jones Funeral & Cremation Center**  
1110 Cooper Foster Park Road, Amherst OH 44001



## Funeral Mass

- Monday**, July 16, 2012
- 10:00 AM ET
- St. Mary Catholic Church**  
309 W. 7th Street, Lorain OH 44052



## Graveside Service

- Tuesday**, July 17, 2012
- 11:00 AM ET
- Kelleys Island Cemetery**  
Kelleys Island,

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- Tuesday**, July 17, 2012
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Kelleys Island,



## Tribute Wall

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CF

**Charlene - Bullard, Tx - An Ex Fiancee** posted:

Hi cindy you dont know me but i knew ray very well better than anyone, its ironic he passed one tear to my loss of a true marine ray was in the national guard ,moms wishes he was a mommas boy. there is alot he has hidden in these past 43 yrs would be of interest to your children ,im sure you know all about his past ,i truly wish no one bad feelings but i lived with what his mother did to us back in the day .if you care to know more dont hesitate to ask.

September 28 at 8:00 PM

SN

**Steve Speckhart - Casa Grande, Az - Neighbor** posted:

Ray and I grew up together. He was my neighbor in the projects. His back yard and my back yard butted up to each other. We used to play together. A lot of the times we would go into the little woods and play. One time he and I dug a big hole on one of the paths going throught the woods. We got a bunch of water and filled it in. Then we covered it up with leaves a branches so you couldn't tell there was a hole there. Then we got his cousin to run after us and when we got to the hole, we swerved but his cousin fell in and got muddy. We were little devils. There were alot of times we spent together as kids. If you want, I could tell you more. I'll always remember him. My prayers are with all of you.

July 29 at 8:00 PM

J1

**Jean Wallace Copeland - Sheffield Lake, Oh - St. Mary's Class Of 1964** posted:

For the first time in many years, I attended our class reunion of the Class of '64. Ray was not hard to recognize as he had not changed much in 45 years. It was good to see him after all that time. Although I never knew Ray well, he amused us when the short nuns would stand in front of his towering figure trying to discipline him. Somehow, it just didn't seem to work out quite right. Ray would just stand there looking down at them with a smile on his face. He was one of the good guys and was always very kind and had a quiet sense of humor that popped out unexpectedly..May you join our other classmates in Heaven and exchange memories and stories of the good times. Rest in Peace Ray! My sympathy and prayers go out to Ray's family. He left us too soon.

July 18 at 8:00 PM

MN

**Mike And Cathe Corrigan - Avon / Kellys Island, Oh - Friend / Neighbor** posted:

our thoughts and prayers are with the entire Washio family. we did not learn of the wake and service at KI until this morning. sorry we could not be with you directly, our condolences to all. kellys will never be the same. ray was a great man.! you always knew exactly where he stood, not a phony bone in his body.

July 16 at 8:00 PM



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CW

**Chris Wheaton** posted:

I was very sorry to hear about Mr. Washio's passing. He has been a huge supporter of our Ducks Unlimited Chapter over the past few years. And his absence will be sorely noted. He and his son (Ray) always talked about hunting off of Kelly's Island for diver ducks. Unfortunately, I never got the opportunity to hunt with him and witness the 10 gauge shotgun he always bragged about shooting in action. If there is anything your family needs during this time, please don't hesitate to ask.

July 15 at 8:00 PM

LC

**L J Coon** posted:

United States Army Private Raymond G. Washio II August 29, 1946 / July 12, 2012 A Veterans Welcome Home Welcome Home Welcome home my friend, from so much suffering Welcome home my friend, step out of the paint it's ok to cry, we've all seen tears before it's ok my friend welcome home it's ok my friend...the pain won't hurt, no more ...L J Coonstarrtrac6@aol.com

July 15 at 8:00 PM

NN

**Nikki Meszaros - Vermilion, Oh - Niece** posted:

When I was little Uncle Ray was always intimidating to us kids. I can remember going over their house and he would be sitting in his recliner and I was afraid to make too much noise. My mom also told me of the time when I was about two years old and all of the kids were afraid to go near him, but I went up to him and cuddled right up in his lap. My mom said he looked so surprised that I did that. I will always have a special place in my heart for him. We will miss him, but will never forget him. Our thoughts and prayers are with you Aunt Cindy, Raymond and Meredith. May the lord help you through this hard time. We love you.

July 15 at 8:00 PM

AG

**Austin Hinds - Clyde, Oh - Grandson** posted:

Where do I start, Me and Him always came to my house and shot. He taught me how to shoot a revolver his 480. that is my best memory of me and him and the time we went fishing. I also loved him because he would say whatever he wanted he never held back.

July 14 at 8:00 PM



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BI

**Bill Hinds - Clyde, Oh - Son Inlaw** posted:

i remember like it was yesturday sitting @ the west bay inn having a beer with you and asking your permission to marry your daughter, hard to believe that was in 1993. since then i have devoted my life to being the best husband and father possible, and trying to impress you so you would know your daughter was in good hands. i thankyou for letting me become a part of your family and for the wisdom you passed to me and giving me advice on raising austin. you will always be in my heart and i will never forget what you always told me "your never to old to kiss your father." i will see you in the field next fall love you dad.

July 14 at 8:00 PM

GC

**Great Aunt Clarellen And Darlene - West Lafayette, Ohio - Great Aunt And Cousin** posted:

Meredith, Bill, and Austin, Please know we are thinking of you and your family during this time. Keep the memories close and his love in your hearts.

July 14 at 8:00 PM

JL

**Janna Hines Whitson - Seymour, In - Cousin-In-Law** posted:

Cindy and Family, I was so shocked to learn of Ray's passing. I was just in Ohio with my Mom and we missed seeing you and Ray. As usual, you were at the Island that he so loved. Ray, with his dry humor, will be deeply missed. Take care, and remember that you have a Family that loves you and will be there for you wherever and whenever you need. Love, Janna

July 14 at 8:00 PM

MF

**Marty (Higgins) Yacobozzi - Columbus, Oh - Old Friend** posted:

Dear Cindy, I know it has been many years since we have seen one another, but we had such a wonderful friendship as young girls and, therefore, I want to offer you my sincerest condolences on the loss of your husband. I did not have the privilege of meeting Ray, but I heard great things about him from our friends in Amherst. I can only hope that the two of you shared a wonderful life and family together. May the legacy of love that your husband left you be a source of strength and comfort for you now. With deepest sympathy, Dennis & Marty Yacobozzi

July 13 at 8:00 PM



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PC

**Pete Washio - Palm Beach Gardens, FL - Cousin** posted:

Cynthia and Family, Our condolences on the sudden passing of Cousin Ray. Cousin Peter H. Washio and Family

July 13 at 8:00 PM

BC

**Bobby & Sandy, Anthony, Andrew, And Allen Matakovich - Amherst, OH - First Cousins** posted:

Dearest Cindy, "Little" Raymond, Meredith & Families: There are no words to describe our heartfelt sadness for the sudden loss of Ray! He was a wonderful part of our lives, with enough memories to fit an entire book. Our hearts are filled with great experiences shared with your entire family. Our most fond memories are of shared times at Kelley's Island - staying at your home there, boating together, and, of course, visiting Lonz' Winery. Oh, the pictures we have of those times - such great fun!! I will never forget how excited Ray was when you came back from your time spent in the Olympic Village at the 2002 Olympics in Utah. Wow, the pictures!!! He was like a kid in a candy store. He couldn't wait to share the stories about conversations held with so many young athletes from all over the world, and all of the interesting people you met in your travels over those few weeks. What an awesome memory. Cindy, you & Ray built a life raising your children to be intelligent, compassionate, and caring adults. Raymond & Meredith are beautiful people, inside & out, and it's been an absolute pleasure watching them grow up. I only wish that my boys would've had more time to spend and get to know Ray while they were growing up. Time flies by so fast; I regret we didn't spend more time together. We will always be here for all of you if you need ANYTHING! God Bless You and please know that our thoughts and prayers remain with you, especially during this difficult time. Much Love and God's Greatest Blessings Always -

July 13 at 8:00 PM

BR

**Brian Volann - Mentor, OH - Co-Worker Of Ray III** posted:

Ray and family, I was stunned and am deeply sorry to hear of your unexpected loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family

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LI

**Loren & Kathy Standen - S. Amherst, Oh - Brother In Law** posted:

the first time i met Ray he came over dressed in a suit and picked up my sister for a date, as a young boy he seemed so big and tall, and my sister cindy was so short next to him. or the time we cut a christmas tree down but it was so big we could only take the top of it, then trying to get it in our house on 5th st in Lorain, like a scene out of the movie christmas Vacation, we nailed it to the wall to hold it up. Ray you will be missed. Love Loren & Kathy Standen

July 13 at 8:00 PM

JU

**Justin Standen - Wellington, Oh - Uncle** posted:

Uncle Ray, I am lost for words, you were a special person and I will always remember many things we shared. I remember when I was a teenager with not a care in the world you took me to village pump at Kelleys Island and gave me a talk that I remember like it was yesterday. I thank you for that. I remember last football season I called you and asked you to go to Ohio State football game with me but you were going to Kelleys to close up. Growing up as a Buckeye and huge Nd fan like you were I always thought of you when Nd game was on TV growing up. Last year I had the honor to work with Nd staff and a company to change the Notre Dame helmet to match the golden dome. I remember last year on a beautiful fall day I walked into Knute Rocknes house, and into the locker room waiting around all day for a night game vs. USC that I would be on sideline for. Remember walking thru locker room and to the left walked down the stairs and put my hand on the "play like a champion today sign" and continued walking out on the field and standing on sideline for this huge game while the band played and first thing that came to mind was "Uncle Ray would love this I have to bring him next year" I was hoping to have that opportunity this fall because I already had it set up and I won't now. I just came back from Chicago two days ago for a funeral of a great guy from work that was only 56 who passed unexpected, on my way to Chicago I stopped at South Bend to have lunch with my friend there, just talked about you telling him how much my uncle loved the Irish. I usually always go to Grotto and light a candle for my grandpa and Ricky everytime I go there, this time I didnt because I had to be in Chicago for the showing and didnt want to miss it, so on my way home I made my way back to South Bend and lit my candles just like I did 5 months ago when I was there, one thing for sure when I go back for game this football season that you should of been coming to with me I will light 3 candles and continue to do that when I am at Notre Dame. I always enjoyed Christmas at grandmas giving you something like the pictures, helmets etc. I remember the look on your face when you opened the full size Notre Dame helmet I got you, it was priceless and made me happy and I was proud and honored to have you as a Uncle. RIP- you will never be forgotten. Thanks for being part of my life "Play Like A Champion Today" .. Love You!! Justin & Family

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LH

**Lisa & Phil Luna - Huron, Oh** posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Washio family. He will be greatly missed.

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BH

**Barbara Schock - Huron, Oh** posted:

OUR PRAYERS AND THOUGHTS ARE WITH ALL OF YOU. REMEMBER THE GOOD TIMES IN THE ISLAND. BARB SCHOCK AND JIM ERNSBERGER.

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SI

**Sue Schock Daniel - Sandusky, Oh - Friend From Kelleys Island** posted:

Cindy, Ray, Merideth and Family, Our hearts and prayers go out to you at this time. Big Ray was a wonderful man and truly be missed. Our sympathies and friendship, Sue (Schock), Mike and Kayla Daniel

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SF

**Sharon Flaherty - Henderson, Nv - Friend** posted:

To the Washio family, No words can express the sadness we feel. God bless you all and watch over you. Mike and Sharon Flaherty

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MU

**Melisa Janosik - Vermilion, Oh - My Uncle** posted:

Uncle Ray-As long as I can remember as a little kid all the cousins including me were intimidated by you with your height and voice. As we grew up everyone in the family started to gel and I grew up only to realize that your voice and height had nothing to do with how BIG your heart is. I became closer to you as an adult and realize what a genuine and hard working uncle you are! I'll always remember the good times, your laugh, jokes, smile and your joking comments about how many kids I have...LOL! I enjoyed all the talks we had and will never forget all the family memories we've shared! We love you and YOU will NEVER be forgotten.....only missed!! Until we meet again...Love Melisa , Mike and kids

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**Janet Simonovich - Mildred Ave. Neighbor** posted:

Dear Washio Family, I can still hear my dad yelling, "Hey, Ray!" as plain as day, and picture him and his truck driving by with the smile and wave... Or see him and Bubbles in their lengthy conversations... Most recently, there was Ray and Cindy relaxing on the front porch when I walked around the block, long after I moved from Mildred, me teasing him about always being on that porch, only to hear about how great it was to be retired. You guys are, and will forever be, an integral part of my childhood memories. And you will always be remembered as very caring, loving, wonderful neighbors. The Simonovich Family

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