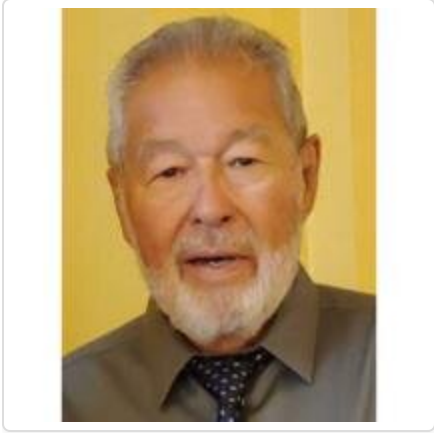




Raymond Joseph Bata

March 24, 2023

Raymond Joseph Bata of New Smyrna Beach, Florida passed away peacefully on March 9, 2023. He was preceded in death by his Mother and Father, Gladys H. Bata and Joseph B. Bata, and brother Joseph William Bata.

Ray was born March 20, 1940, in Sioux City, Iowa. He is survived by his widow, Avis Johnsen Bata,, and two sons, Anthony Paul Bata of Ft. Worth TX and Michael Raymond Bata of Port Orange FL. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Much loved by his four grandchildren and five great grandchildren, Ray led a happy, nurturing life where family came first. Ray married Avis in 1960, and they decided to leave Sioux City in 1963 for the growing town of Louisville, CO where they raised their two sons. Ray worked in Flight Operations for Western Airlines in Denver. He made a host of friends there as well as in their Louisville community. Over the years he traveled to many destinations with

family and friends, and also enjoyed sports as both a spectator and participant. After Western, he and Avis purchased a liquor store in Louisville, and eventually purchased a second store. They moved to Dallas with Avis' job transfer but returned to Louisville a year later. After nearly 40 years in Colorado, they decided to "retire" and set out for Las Vegas, where they enjoyed golfing, boating, and the many forms of entertainment there. Family ties drew them to Florida in 2021 where they eventually settled in New Smyrna Beach, to enjoy the beach, beautiful weather and laid-back lifestyle.

Ray's good nature, commitment to family and ready laugh will be sorely missed by all who loved him.

Tribute Wall

BJ

“Avis, I am so glad we saw one another at the reunion, we had so much fun and Ray took our class picture and Al said he visited alot with Ray while we were running around visiting our different friends, throughout our latter years, with Jerry alive etc.

We loved you and Ray so much. I am glad he did not suffer and could just lay down and go to sleep. Just enjoy your life with kids grandkids and great grands and friends, remember the memories, they are priceless. Now Beaner. We will be there for her.

Hope we can do a trip again and see each other.

Bev and Al Johnson - March 31, 2023 at 05:27 PM

JR

“Avis, we were sad to hear about Ray's passing. He was a gentle, smiling guy, and always so "genuine." You two were a delightful pair and we're so sorry for your loss.. Thinking and praying for you and your family.

Jane Stephenson and Bob Rsy

Jane Stephenson/Bab Ray - March 29, 2023 at 07:30 PM

MS

“Avis, I am so sorry to hear of Ray's passing You picked the BEST husband that you have shared many wonderful memories with. Take care & GOD"S BLESSINGS to you & your family. Punk (Clause) Smalley

Marie Smalley - March 27, 2023 at 02:10 PM

DS

“ *Avis*

Please accept our condolences. Ray and his brothers were close friends with myself and my brother.

Doug and Patty Stone

Douglas Stone - March 26, 2023 at 10:51 PM