



Ramon Alfred Davies

June 3, 2025

Ramon Alfred Davies, known to most simply as Ray, died Tuesday morning, June 3, 2025 in the home he built with his own hands and the help of friends and family.

He is survived by Teri, his beloved wife of thirty years, mother, Nancy Martin Davies, brother Roger, children Stuart Cole, Susan Cole, Jesse Johnson, and nephews Aaron, Daniel, and Benjamin Davies. Ray lost his father, Paul Harris Davies, in 1987.

Ray and his first wife, Susan Baker, chose land in Cleveland with plenty of space for a big garden and a shop for Raybuilt Construction, the company he started after graduating from Catawba College in 1974, with honors in both English and Philosophy. He brought his intellect and love of a good story to his customers throughout Salisbury and nearby communities. As they came to know Ray, many became lifelong friends.

As an Eagle Scout, Ray could be relied upon to follow the tenets of that noble organization. He was trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent. His mother, Nancy, can attest to his honoring these scout traditions, as she still lives next door and has for almost forty years.

Ray served the town of Cleveland on the Planning Board and Board of Adjustments, his sense of fairness evident in decisions he encouraged the town to make. As an active member of the Salisbury based readers theater group, The Phoenix Readers, he delighted in performing poetry, songs, and literary works for local audiences.

Ray's life passions included fishing, golfing, gardening, the Atlanta Braves, and a love of the English language. Friends and family were well advised never to challenge him in a game of Scrabble, or compete with him in crossword puzzling.

Ray also loved a good party, and for over thirty years, friends came to his home the evening of each full moon. These gatherings began with people who had worked together to stop a hazardous waste plant being built in Rowan County's beautiful countryside. After the group's success, the "Full Moons" began. Monthly potluck suppers brought everyone together for a good meal and good company.

To honor Ray's life, we will have a Full Moon Celebration this fall with fun, food, and a bonfire on the land and in the home he loved till his dying day. Potluck contributions welcome at that time.

Ray rescued cats and dogs all his life. Maggie, our wonder dog, was by his side until the very end. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to an animal rescue organization of your choosing.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Davies family. Online condolences may be made at www.summersettfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall

RS

“ Renee and Dave Sonne purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Ramon Alfred Davies.



Renee and Dave Sonne - June 13, 2025 at 12:56 PM

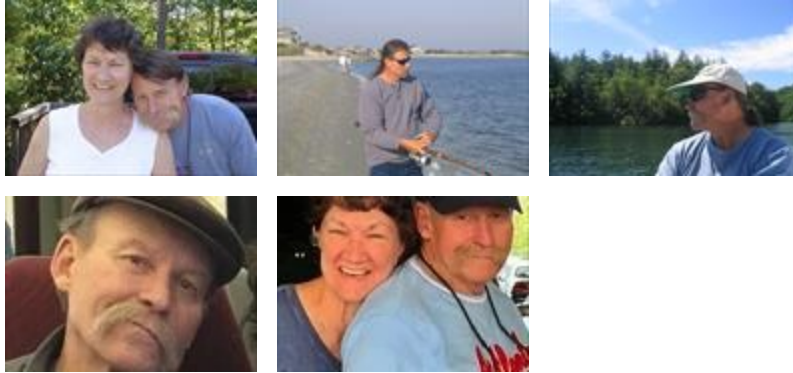
SR

“ Melissa and I have known Ray and Teri as fellow teachers. We remember Ray as a kind, generous soul with a great sense of humor. And a master craftsman. A few years ago at our annual Christmas party, Ray brought some cheeses on a charcuterie board that he had handmade out of solid wood. Our daughter, 10 or 11 at the time, had just developed an interest in cooking. She commented on how much she liked the board, and Ray gave it to her on the spot! Ray also made some high-quality shelves and cabinets for us that we will use and enjoy for years to come. Rest in peace, Ray! Love and condolences to Teri.

Steve Rareshide - June 11, 2025 at 08:23 PM

TE

“ *Ray and I were lucky to have each other for the last thirty years. So many memories. So much fun!* ”



Teri - June 09, 2025 at 09:51 PM

BS

“ *Barry Silber lit a candle in memory of Ramon Davies* ”



Barry Silber - June 08, 2025 at 09:17 PM

BS

“ *Ray was a friend of mine from Nova High School in Davie, FL. He was not only a superb athlete, but an intelligent, caring person. My condolences to his wife, family, and friends. The world has lost a good person.* ”

Barry Silber - June 08, 2025 at 09:16 PM



“ Years ago I contacted Ray to do some work in my house. He built an absolutely beautiful bookcase out of walnut boards I had. He also added a bedroom in my basement.

Dick Richards - June 08, 2025 at 07:05 AM



“ I had the pleasure of working with Ray as a Phoenix Reader. He always had kind words and a sharp wit. He inspired lots of students with his teaching and performing.

Leigh Alexander - June 07, 2025 at 02:44 PM



“ I worked with Ray at Davie High School. His jokes & discussions made some day of drudgery a lot lighter. Since retirement, I've had interesting conversations on a deeper level about land, language, & our relationships to each other. Much love & peace to Teri & his family. A pleasure to know him.

-Al Dunn

Al Dunn - June 05, 2025 at 06:01 PM



“ Ray was a good man and a good neighbor gone way to soon. We'll do whatever we can for Teri and Nancy.
RIP brother

Terry Guffey - June 05, 2025 at 05:18 PM

RD

“ *Placing one foot in front of the other. Remembering good times like Ray's visit to New York city in 2015.*



Roger Davies - June 05, 2025 at 05:17 PM



“ *Sure hate it when another GOOD GUY leaves!
Ray was a fine man, excellent carpenter, all round really good guy!
Haven't seen Ray in a few years but he never changed, always a
great person to know.
Dewey Peck Coty of Salisbury Retired*

Carolyn Smith - June 05, 2025 at 04:20 PM

AG

“ *My parents are good friends with Ray and Teri. I grew up going to
the full moon gatherings each month. Ray was a wonderful man!!
My thoughts and prayers to Teri, and his family.*

Ashley Gabriel - June 05, 2025 at 11:22 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories*



Tom Nolan - June 05, 2025 at 10:48 AM



“ *"Memories of you" garden stone was purchased for the family of Ramon Alfred Davies.*



June 04, 2025 at 07:03 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ramon Alfred Davies.

June 04, 2025 at 07:03 PM



“ *Ray was a great friend, a vicious card shark and an all around good egg. He will be greatly missed!*

Mary Clorite - June 04, 2025 at 06:43 PM