



William "Ray" Brothers

July 1, 1939 - September 2, 2025

William "Ray" Brothers, age 86, died peacefully in his home on September 2, 2025.

He was born July 1, 1939, in the town of Dayton, Pennsylvania, the son of Clair and Jessie (Neville) Brothers. After graduating from Punxsutawney High School in 1957 and serving in the Pennsylvania National Guard, he decided to follow his sweetheart, Maxine, to Washington DC in 1961, where he became a Metropolitan Police Officer. He was proud to serve and protect the Nation's Capital for over 27 years.

Ray parlayed his love of bowling into a second career. He promoted the sport by coaching youth bowlers in the early 70's. He served on the Vir-Mar-District Junior Bowling Association's Board of Directors for about 15 years. In 1981 he was elected to the NCABA Board of Directors, and by 1988 was elected President. In 1995, he served as the Local Bowling Association's Secretary until he retired from this second job in 2012. In 1991 he was elected to the NCABA Hall of Fame, now referred to as the NCAUSBCA Hall of Fame for his dedication to improving the sport.

He enjoyed traveling to bowling tournaments, golf outings, watching baseball and football (especially if his grandsons were playing). He was a devoted husband, dad and granddad.

Preceding him in death besides his parents are his wife of 61 years, Helen "Maxine" Brothers, two brothers, Warren "Buddy" Brothers and Donald Brothers. Surviving him are his two daughters, Susan M. (Michael) Ryan and

Sharon R. Brothers; three grandchildren, Nicholas Ryan, David (Leah) Ryan and Melissa (Eric Bernal) Ryan; and one great granddaughter, Alice Hope Ryan.

Ray loved supporting the BVL (Bowlers to Veterans Link) and was known throughout the bowling community for his efforts. In lieu of flowers, if you are so moved, please consider donating to this worthy cause. BVL.org

Previous Events

Viewing

SEP **10.** 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Jefferson Funeral Chapel
5755 Castlewellan Dr
Alexandria, VA 22315-5516
(703) 971-7400

Viewing

SEP **10.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

SEP **11.** 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Jefferson Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of William "Ray" Brothers



Jefferson Funeral Chapel - September 09, 2025 at 09:23 AM

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“ So sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. He was a friendly, humorous man. I'm your Dad's first cousin. His mother and my dad were siblings. He was my info man when it came to our grandfather and others. You see I am one of the younger grandchildren and wasn't born when they were alive. He and your mom would come to the Neville family reunion. What a great time we had! One time, I didn't make it and he won a bingo prize. He sent it home with my sister to give to me as a joke. I still have it and will always treasure it. From one of your PA cousins, Mary Ann (Neville) Travis. PS. My dad was Roy.

Mary Ann Travis - October 04, 2025 at 01:51 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of William "Ray" Brothers.



September 10, 2025 at 04:54 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of William "Ray" Brothers.

September 09, 2025 at 03:54 PM



“ Love's Journey was purchased for the family of William "Ray" Brothers.



September 09, 2025 at 03:54 PM



“ Linda, LuAnn, Sahra, and the Keryk's purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of William "Ray" Brothers.



Linda, LuAnn, Sahra, and the Keryk's - September 08, 2025 at 06:46 PM



“ Darlene Miklos purchased the Simply Elegant Sp athiphyllum for the family of William "Ray" Brothers.



Darlene Miklos - September 08, 2025 at 01:08 PM

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“ Susie & Sheri so sorry and shocked to hear about your dad I can't believe I'm the last of the 4 of us hope they find a 4th for pinochle. Prayers for all Bud

bud - September 08, 2025 at 11:57 AM

NR

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Nicholas Michael "Nick" Ryan - September 07, 2025 at 07:18 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of William "Ray" Brothers.

September 05, 2025 at 01:20 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of William "Ray" Brothers.



September 05, 2025 at 01:20 PM