



Raymond "Ray" Cochran

November 5, 1944 - June 10, 2023

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Lakeland- Raymond M. Cochran, 78, passed away June 10th, 2023, peacefully with his loving wife by his side.

Mr. Cochran was born in Boston, Massachusetts on November 5th, 1944 and grew up in St. Petersburg, Florida. He graduated from Northeast High School in 1963 and enlisted in the Navy at 17 years old. He proudly served two tours in Vietnam as an Engineer in the U.S. Navy, Seabees. After his return from Vietnam, he attended Florida Southern College in Lakeland, Florida. Mr. Cochran worked for the City of Lakeland as the City Planner. Some of his favorite projects were Petersen Park, Lake Parker Park and the Polk Parkway. He loved spending time with his friends and family. He enjoyed gardening, photography, traveling all over the world and sharing stories with anyone who would listen. Mr. Cochran was preceded in death by his parents, Winfred and Arline Cochran of St. Petersburg, Florida and sister Diane Cochran-Coyne of Sarasota, Florida. He is survived by his wife, Mary; brother Eric; daughter Michelle; sons Michael and Eric; 10 Grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild; and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be Monday, June 19th, 2023 from 6-8 pm at Gentry Morrison Southside Chapel. Funeral services will be conducted Tuesday, June 20th, 2023 at 11 am at Resurrection Catholic Church. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Tunnel to Towers Foundation in honor of Ray Cochran. <https://t2t.org/t2t-donate>.

Cemetery Details

Florida National Cemetery

6502 SW 102nd Ave.
Bushnell, FL 33513

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **19**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - Southside Chapel
1727 Bartow Road
Lakeland, FL 33801
(863) 688-7679
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<https://www.gentry-morrison.com/>

Funeral Mass

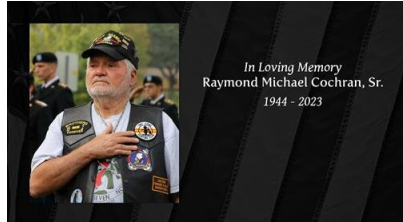
JUN **20**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Resurrection Catholic Church
3720 Old Hwy 37
Lakeland, FL

Tribute Wall



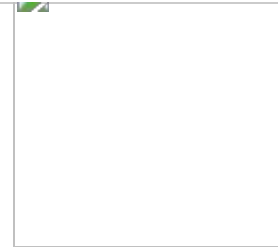
“ *Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of Raymond "Ray" Cochran*



Gentry-Morrison Funeral Homes - June 15, 2023 at 04:05 PM



“ *REST IN PEACE SIR, WISH WE COULD OF HAD MORE TIME AS WELL AS MORE FUN TIMES TOGETHER.....*



RAYMOND BUCHHOLZ - October 29, 2025 at 12:47 AM



“ *Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Raymond "Ray" Cochran.*



June 19, 2023 at 09:21 AM

JO

“ Jo lit a candle in memory of Raymond "Ray" Cochran



Jo - June 18, 2023 at 12:53 PM

LS

“ Love Joanne and Saul purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Raymond "Ray" Cochran.



Love Joanne and Saul - June 18, 2023 at 12:39 PM

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“ LPD Employees Association (LPDEA) purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Raymond "Ray" Cochran.



LPD Employees Association (LPDEA) - June 15, 2023 at 02:30 PM

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“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Raymond "Ray" Cochran.



June 15, 2023 at 08:47 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Raymond "Ray" Cochran.*



June 14, 2023 at 12:11 PM



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

June 14, 2023 at 12:11 PM