



## Ray A Carver

November 6, 1918 - February 13, 2012

Ray Allen Carver, age 93, of Pierce City, passed away on Feb. 13 at Mercy St. Johns in Springfield. Ray was born on Nov. 6, 1918 in Lawrence County, the son of Andrew and Lydia Ford Carver. He married Mildred Reynolds on Jan. 7, 1939 and they had three children, Kay, Larry and Garry.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II from 1944 to 1946. He served in the Missouri National Guard from 1946 to 1978. In 1952 he began his career with the Missouri National Guard as Unit Administrator for the Pierce City unit and served in this capacity until 1974. From 1974 to 1988 he served in civilian capacity as post engineer for the Missouri National Guard at Camp Crowder in Neosho, Mo.

Ray enjoyed hunting and fishing and will be remembered for all he did for his family, his neighbors, his state, his community and his country.

Ray was a member of the First Congregational Church of Pierce City. He is survived and will be remembered by his daughter, Kay Hanson, of Kansas City, Mo. and sons: Larry and his wife, Pat, of Pierce City and Garry and his wife, Linda, of Chapel Hill, N. Carolina and sister: Mabel Whitehouse, of Monticello, Ill. and brother: Harlan, of Twin Falls, Idaho; seven grandchildren: Mark (Trisha) Kleiboeker; Steve (Susan) Kleiboeker; Lynette Carver Maxwell; Lee Carver; Leslie (Marc) Carver Farinella; Greg Carver and Sally (Darren) Young; 10 great-grandchildren: Kyle Kleiboeker; Hanna, Brian and Andrew Kleiboeker; Danielle Farinella; Dillon and Chase Maxwell; and Joshua, Jacob and Jonah Young.

He was preceded in death by his mother and father; wife of 66 years, Mildred; brothers: Abe, Bob and Clyde; sisters: Lucy Merritt, Irene Trouba, Blanch Henry and Edith Hagedorn.

Services are under the direction of Lakin Funeral Home of Pierce City. The family will receive friends at the Lawrence A. Witt Armory, 600 S. Pine and Highway 97 in Pierce City, Mo. from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 17 and the funeral service will be at the same location at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 18. Memorials can be made to the Pierce City Senior Center, Pierce City Cemetery and Pierce City Congregational Church.

# Cemetery Details

## Pierce City Cemetery

Pierce City, MO 65723

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 17. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Lawrence A. Witt Armory  
600 South Pine - Hwy 97  
Pierce City, MO 65723

## Funeral Service

FEB 18. 10:00 AM (CT)

Lawrence A. Witt Armory  
600 South Pine - Hwy 97  
Pierce City, MO 65723

# Tribute Wall



“ *Ray A Carver*

October 09, 2023 at 08:34 AM



“ *lit a candle in memory of Ray A Carver*



February 29, 2012 at 05:38 PM



“ *Abramovitz & Cameron lit a candle in memory of Ray A Carver*



**Abramovitz & Cameron** - February 17, 2012 at 10:29 PM



*you will always be with us.*

**Abramovitz & Cameron** - February 17, 2012 at 10:29 PM

JN

“ *My condolences to the family. Ray was always a true gent, and a true hero. It seems that whenever, wherever I saw him, he always had a smile and a kind word. I know our local soldiers looked up to him, the community adored him, and you, his family and his friends loved him. I feel blessed just merely to have known him.*

*MOARNG*

*117th/276th*

*FRG Sec. of Tres.*

*Joyce Neumann*

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**Joyce Neumann** - February 17, 2012 at 04:47 PM

RB

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**Ron &Saundra Bowen** - February 17, 2012 at 01:43 PM

RB

“ *A good man, a good family, good neighbors and good classmates. I always felt like the day was a little brighter when I had time to visit with Ray. We all will miss him.*

*Our sincerest sympathy to the family, Ron & Saundra Bowen*

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**Ron &Saundra Bowen** - February 17, 2012 at 01:25 PM

SC

“ Ray was my mentor and friend when I joined the National Guard in 1974. I was the first female hired by the 203d Engr Battalion to be an Admin-Supply Technician in Joplin. He taught me so many, many things and had the patience of Job. He even taught me how to drive an Army Jeep at Fort Crowder. I have a wonderful memory of having a pheasant dinner at Ray and Mildred's home. I have never forgotten Ray and I never will. His love of God, Country and Family is an inspiration to many. He will be deeply missed.  
To the Carner Family, may God grant you peace at this difficult time.  
Sincerely,  
Suzanne (Hayes) Carney

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**Suzanne Carney** - February 16, 2012 at 11:39 AM

RK

“ Ray, Maxine Wielder and I worked for Jim and Lottie Whittington at the W & W Oil Company on the west end of Pierce City back in the GOOD OLe Daays in the early forties. Ray taught me many things about cars and also the facts of life. He was truly a brother and friend to me down through the years. Always found time to see him and Mildred and the kids when we were back in Pierce City. I had many wonderful meals with the family as I was growing up . We saw him the last time we were there in October and had our lunch together as we always did, really many fond memerioes. A true brother and friend.

Ray Krueger  
Burlason, Texas

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**Raymond F. Krueger** - February 15, 2012 at 09:32 AM

LS

*Ray was such a special person to Sam and myself. We shared so many wonderful times with him and Mildred in his church there in Pierce City. They were always so welcoming and I know they will be missed by many, both family and friend. Lois Smith.*

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**Lois Smith** - February 22, 2012 at 07:33 PM

MB

“*Dear Ray, Tell dad and Edd hello for me. Dad always enjoyed his pheasant hunting trips with you!*  
*Marty Layton Blevins*”

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**Marty Blevins** - February 14, 2012 at 10:45 PM

JK

“*Ray Carver was a fine man. He made so many contributions to the PC community. Last Fall he told me that they wanted him to take the "Honor Flight" to visit the WWII Memorial in Washington. He said "I told them to take the guys who haven't been there, than I will go after all of them have gone". I think that represents Ray. Wanting to help others. Condolences to his family. He was a neighbor for 56 years.*”

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**Jim Kutz** - February 14, 2012 at 07:06 PM

DD

“*Ray Carver was a Friend to ever one that knew Him.Mr Carver gave me some advice when I was about 16,I have never forgot him. I pray for peace and comfort to his friends and Family*”

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**Donald J. Day** - February 13, 2012 at 08:49 PM



“ Wonderful childhood memories of stories, and trips to, Dry Valley and Center Creek with Uncle Ray and Aunt Mildred! I will always hold them in my heart...



Deborah Hail - February 13, 2012 at 08:18 PM

DP

“ A great loss for the Pierce City Community; his life was a great blessing for all of us who knew him.

*Dick Porter*

Dick Porter - February 13, 2012 at 03:10 PM

GA

“ Glo Abramovitz lit a candle in memory of Ray A Carver



Glo Abramovitz - February 13, 2012 at 03:01 PM

BJ

*Ray, Mildred and of course the "kids" were neighbors for years. What a great time!*

*Ray was a pillar in the Pierce City community, he touched many many lives and his legacy will live on.*

*It was a real pleasure knowing him.*

*My thoughts and prayers are with Kay, Larry and Gary.*

*Ben Kutz Jr.  
Columbia, MO*

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**Ben Kutz, Jr.** - February 16, 2012 at 08:25 AM