



## Raymond "Ray" R. Bucur

August 3, 1941 - January 11, 2025

Raymond "Ray" R. Bucur, PhD, age 83, of Crown Point, passed away peacefully Saturday morning, January 11, 2025, at Northwestern Memorial Hospital. He was a clinical psychologist in Merrillville for over 50 years and dedicated his career to the field of mental health, and working with children and adults with developmental disabilities. Ray was a graduate of Horace Mann High School, class of 1959. He went on to earn degrees from Culver Stockton University, University of Hawaii, and Indiana University before earning a PhD. at the University of Texas. He is survived by his wife- Carol (nee MacDonald), children- Nancy (Greg) Smith, Jonathan (Melissa) Bucur, David (Sam) Bucur; grandchildren-Allie, Kade, Ellory, Addie, Belle, Quinn, and Emerson; many nieces and nephews. Ray was preceded in death by his parents- Dr. Nicholas and Mary Bucur, brother and sister-in-law- Alan and Kitty Bucur. Ray and his wife raised their three children in Crown Point. He loved sports and enjoyed coaching his children. Ray was a passionate Bears fan and was a season ticket holder for many years. He loved to grill out and tailgate with family and friends. He ran the Chicago marathon twice. Ray enjoyed well-planned road trips and relaxing at Indian Lake, Michigan and Sanibel, Florida. He was a wonderful partner, dad, grandfather, uncle and friend. His wit, wisdom, laughter and sense of humor will be greatly missed. The visitation will take place on Friday, January 17, 2025, from 12 p.m. until the time of the funeral service at 3 p.m. at Burns Funeral Home and Crematory, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, IN. In lieu of flowers donations

may be made in Ray's honor to Tradewinds or Opportunity Enterprises. [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 17. 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Burns Funeral Home & Crematory - Crown Point  
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Crown Point, IN 46307  
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## Funeral Service

JAN 17. 3:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

SA

“ Sue A. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Raymond "Ray" R. Bucur.



Sue A. - January 22, 2025 at 01:26 PM

OM

“ Carol, my deepest condolences, hugs and lots of prayers for you and your family. He was such a wonderful angel here and now one in heaven! He will be missed.

Omega - January 18, 2025 at 05:17 PM

NM

“ Sending peace, love and light to you and your family.



Nancy Murray - January 17, 2025 at 11:25 AM

NA

“ Nancy lit a candle in memory of Raymond "Ray" R. Bucur



Nancy - January 17, 2025 at 11:21 AM

LF

“ Love, Your Indian Lake Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Raymond "Ray" R. Bucur.

Love, Your Indian Lake Family - January 16, 2025 at 11:11 PM

LF

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Love, Your Indian Lake Family - January 16, 2025 at 11:11 PM

ES

“ Doc Ray one of the best friends someone could have. His big warm smile was always there to see, unless he was losing at card. So many memories at the cabin, playing cards and Bears games. My condolences to his family. He will be missed, but never forgotten. He's now at peace and I know he has friends there that will share their love and ours with him.

You're friend Ed ❤️

Edward Schiesser - January 16, 2025 at 05:09 PM

PH

“ Our families growing up were best of friends. Ray and my Dad and my Mom and Carol were always together. So many memories! Our deepest condolences. Hicks Family.

Pete Hicks - January 15, 2025 at 11:43 PM

HF

“ Hicks Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Raymond "Ray" R. Bucur.



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**Hicks Family** - January 15, 2025 at 11:27 PM

MR

“ My sincere condolences to the family of Dr. Bucar. I had the opportunity to work with Dr. B as I called him when he contracted with the State of Indiana to assist with evaluation's of the population our team served. The laughter and stories he shared while attending the Notre Dame games and his "jog" when he should have ran harder. Much appreciation and heartfelt thanks for his support and service. It is well with his soul as he rest peacefully in HIS arms.

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**Marcia Royster** - January 15, 2025 at 06:43 PM

RE

“ We were so blessed to first have Dave and Sam and the girl's as neighbors and then Dave's parents moved in when they moved out.....They were so very special.....Thinking of Carol and family at this time.....Love all of you.

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**Rhonda Evans** - January 15, 2025 at 05:59 PM

DM

“ Our sorrows and good memories to the Bucur family.  
May you find comfort to know that we will always remember the fun times be it from Bridge nights or cheering our daughters on at CPHS tennis matches and the many other get togetherness that we shared.

*Pat and Darryl Miller and Family*

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**Darryl & Pat Miller** - January 15, 2025 at 04:26 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Raymond "Ray" R. Bucur.



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January 15, 2025 at 02:54 PM

NM

“ *I will always cherish the wonderful times we had dating back from High School.  
Ray was very special to me and will always be in my heart. RIP, my friend!*  
*nancy milteer*

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**Nancy Milteer** - January 15, 2025 at 11:26 AM



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January 14, 2025 at 04:05 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Raymond "Ray" R. Bucur.*



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“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Raymond "Ray" R. Bucur.*



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January 14, 2025 at 01:42 PM