



## Ray C. Baumann

December 20, 1953 - May 25, 2017

Ray C. Baumann, age 63 years, a resident of Murphysboro, Illinois and a former resident of Vienna, passed away unexpectedly Thursday evening, May 25, 2017, at 6:52 PM at the Giant City Campground near Makanda.

Ray was born December 20, 1953 in Chicago, Illinois. He was the son of Roy Andrew Baumann, Sr. and Elisabeth (Kupfer) Baumann.

On June 1, 1982, Ray was united in marriage to Kathy J. Adams at the First Baptist Church in Vienna by Pastor Scott Harner.

In addition to his wife, Ray is survived by: 3 sons – Michael Baumann Nelson of Colorado Springs, Colorado, Eric R. Baumann of Vienna, and Andrew W. (his wife, Victoria) Baumann stationed with the U.S. Navy in London, England; 4 grandchildren – Dustin, Katie, Mackinnon, and Jackson; and an uncle – Hans Kupfer of Phoenix, Arizona.

In addition to his parents, Ray was preceded in death by his brother – Roy Andrew Baumann, Jr.

Ray was a 1971 graduate of Sullivan High School in Chicago. He was a U.S. Navy veteran serving from 1980 until his honorable discharge in 1986.

Ray was employed at the Choate Mental Health Center in Anna as an industrial engineer and mental health technician. He retired following 20 years of service.

Ray was an avid camper. He took great pleasure in serving as the camp host at the Giant City Campground for the past 6 years. Ray is fondly remembered for his dry wit and for having never met a stranger.

A memorial service honoring the life of Ray Baumann will be held Monday, May 29, 2017, at 4 PM at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna.

The family will receive relatives and friends from 2 PM – 4 PM Monday at the funeral home.

Inurnment with military honors by the U.S. Navy burial detail will be at a later date in the Mound City National Cemetery.

The preferred form of remembrance would be memorials to Illinois Special Olympics, 605 E. Willow Street, Normal, Illinois 61761.

# Cemetery Details

## National Cemetery

Hwy Junction of Rts 37 & 51  
Mound City, IL

# Previous Events

## Gathering of Family & Friends

MAY **29**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Bailey Funeral Home  
705 North First Street  
PO Box 695  
Vienna, IL 62995  
(618) 658-2311  
baileyfhinc@hotmail.com  
<https://baileyfh.com>

## Memorial Service

MAY **29**. 4:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Ray C. Baumann*

January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM



“ *Brothers and Sisters FCPOA purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Ray C. Baumann.*



**Brothers and Sisters FCPOA** - May 29, 2017 at 11:13 AM



“ *Valeria Meller lit a candle in memory of Ray C. Baumann*



**Valeria meller** - May 29, 2017 at 09:02 AM



“ *Kathy, I am so glad that we were able to get to know Ray through our Kiwanis events, where he was always willing to light up the grill and heat up the hot dogs. Bob and I send you our heartfelt condolences in the loss of your best friend and companion. You, your children and grandchildren are in our thoughts.*

**Cynthia Mill and Bob Chambers** - May 28, 2017 at 10:26 PM

EK

“ Elizabeth Kerley lit a candle in memory of Ray C. Baumann



Elizabeth kerley - May 28, 2017 at 08:26 PM

LT

“ My condolence to Ray's family and friend. Ray always had smile on face when he saw you at work. I know he will be dearly missed. Laura Taylor from Choate



Laura Taylor - May 28, 2017 at 06:48 PM

CM

“ Chi-Chi Manus lit a candle in memory of Ray C. Baumann



Chi-Chi Manus - May 28, 2017 at 10:49 AM

JG

“ Jason Grant lit a candle in memory of Ray C. Baumann



Jason Grant - May 28, 2017 at 10:30 AM

BW

“ Kathy,  
My sincere condolences for you and your family...

Bruce Wallace - May 28, 2017 at 09:45 AM

RY

“ Ray was a great friend and coworker. He was like the big brother to me. He will be missed. Sending my condolences to the family.

Roy Younger - May 27, 2017 at 10:17 PM

KV

“ Kathy,  
  
I am sorry to hear about your loss



Katherine Vinyard - May 27, 2017 at 09:12 PM

LG

“ Lora Goddard lit a candle in memory of Ray  
C. Baumann



Lora Goddard - May 27, 2017 at 07:08 PM



“ *Mary Congiusti lit a candle in memory of Ray C. Baumann*



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**Mary Congiusti** - May 27, 2017 at 05:12 PM



“ *Jeff And Amy Carlton lit a candle in memory of Ray C. Baumann*



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**Jeff and Amy Carlton** - May 27, 2017 at 04:26 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Ray C. Baumann.*



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May 27, 2017 at 01:46 PM



“ *Patty Peek Sobnosky lit a candle in memory of Ray C. Baumann*



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**Patty Peek Sobnosky** - May 27, 2017 at 12:39 PM

PS

*This is a real shock, God Bless you all, rest in peace my friend, we lived in the same neighborhood for years, I was maid of honor for Mary and Ray' s wedding, and God mother to Michael Patrick, the years fly by and before you know you are thinking of the pass because you have loss a special friend, Kathy I know this is a difficult time for you and the boys, praying for you all, Michael Patrick you had a great Dad, please take the time to see your mom, this is hard on her too your Dad was her first love, I know that it didn't work out for them, and he found Kathy and had two boys, but Ray found happiness again. Please take care of one another! !remember Ray s sense of humor, and the love for out doors,God Bless!*

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**Patty Peek Sobnosky** - May 27, 2017 at 12:48 PM

JS

“ *John & Nadene Slack lit a candle in memory of Ray C. Baumann*



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**John & Nadene Slack** - May 27, 2017 at 12:27 PM

JR

“What can we say *OLD FRIEND*, of 45 years, Navy service years, and then we kept in touch all these years, seems so wrong for you to go before me, you were always, one great friend, I could always count on, last time we saw each other was in *FLORIDA*, a few years back, you and Kathy vacationing in that lovely home, you looked great, we had such a great visit, and it was our *LAST VISIT*, I will now never forget it, and just weeks ago on the phone, we talked up a storm about us going to *ENGLAND*, to our families over there, you convinced us to go, you just had that way about you, we took your advice, you were just *ONE OF KIND*, made me and Johnnie Laugh, and always we would talk of the *GOOD OLE DAYS*, remember when you met Kathy, and then married her, we were stationed at *MAYPORT, FLA.* on base, never will forget that visit, or *ST. PETERSBURG*, when we came to see you all, when you moved back down to Florida, but just talking to you helped me, and Johnnie, you always had that same talk, no matter what, you were *RAY*, that was you, we are gonna miss you like crazy, *NOW WHO SHALL WE CALL*, with all *OUR* talks, you were the *ONLY BEST FRIEND WE HAD, THE ONLY ONE I HAD, I AM IN SHOCK*, we both are, but know so glad we talked about two hours in *APRIL* before we left on the phone, it was like no other time we talked, just went back in time at all the *GOOD TIMES* we had, and *KATHY AND THE KIDS*, our kids, you talked about England, so many things, the longest phone call we ever had with you, so now *REST*, no more yard cutting to 1/2 inch, and no more just keeping everything perfect, and crazy wit of yours, and you said how you felt for sure, no bars hold, *JUST GONNA* be awful *LONELY* with you gone *"HOME"*, we gonna miss you like crazy, just know that, but we will see you one day, so know that ole friend, now a *GLORIOUS BODY YOU HAVE*, one without all the surgeries and strokes, and heart troubles, you are now new, so know, no more wires like the last picture you sent us, Gonna miss you *RAY*, oh, how we are going to miss you, well tears flowing down, have to go, *LOVE YOU BUDDY, THE BEST FRIEND, I HAVE EVER HAD*, you were more like a brother to me, closer to me than my own brother, but we will see you on the other shore one day, love to you and Kathy and the boys

*and the grand's, love your Best Friends forever, Joe and Johnnie Ruth*

**Joe & Johnnie Ruth Rosa** - May 27, 2017 at 12:18 PM

CM

*Ray you were one of a kind that's for sure. I loved working with you at Choate. You made the place tolerable. I remebering you telling me about the lady across the street with the puppies and I think we ended up with 2 of them. You will certainly be missed by so many but no more pain and suffering. Peace be with you my friend*

**Chi-Chi Manus** - May 28, 2017 at 10:56 AM

MR

“ *Mike And Teresa Richerson lit a candle in memory of Ray C. Baumann*



**Mike and Teresa Richerson** - May 27, 2017 at 08:59 AM

DH

“ *Dennis And Pat Harner lit a candle in memory of Ray C. Baumann*



**Dennis and Pat Harner** - May 27, 2017 at 08:33 AM

DH

*Our thoughts and prayers go to Kathy and family.*

**Dennis and Pat Harner** - May 27, 2017 at 08:38 AM

SR

“ Ray was indeed loved by many. My thoughts and prayers go to his family at this hard time. Till we meet again brother. Love ya.

Scot Russell - May 27, 2017 at 06:11 AM

SB

“ Sergio & Christine Bruner lit a candle in memory of Ray C. Baumann



Sergio & Christine Bruner - May 27, 2017 at 04:44 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ray C. Baumann.



May 27, 2017 at 03:32 AM

MW

“ Ray was a wonderful co worker and friend! He will be missed. Sympathy to your family. I am so sorry. You are in my prayers. Martha Ann Webb

Martha Ann Webb - May 26, 2017 at 11:59 PM

MC

*So So Sorry to hear this news am in such shock have no idea how to even begin. Ray gave us many good years from past we will miss him dearly. My Thoughts & Prayers to Kathy & her family. May the Angels keep keep u all forever safe under their wings. Thank U kathy & Ray for Everything, Mike & I will never forget him. never have & never will. He was very well loved by many. Our Deepest Sympathy to u All.*

Mary D Congiusti - May 27, 2017 at 10:29 AM

PS

*So sorry for your loss, Ray was a special friend, I have not seen him in years, I know he is in Heaven with the rest of his family!Kathy I know how difficult this is and I will be praying for y'all, this is heart breaking news, Michael Patrick I hope you realize what a wonderful Father you had, and you have wonderful mother, take time to be with her,you don't know what tomorrow brings.Ray I love you my friend, rest in peace! God Bless you all.*

Patty Peek Sobnosky - May 27, 2017 at 12:31 PM

LK

“ *Leslie Kinder lit a candle in memory of Ray C. Baumann*



Leslie kinder - May 26, 2017 at 11:50 PM

EK

“ *Elizabeth Kerley lit a candle in memory of Ray C. Baumann*



Elizabeth kerley - May 26, 2017 at 10:57 PM

SM

“ Ray and Kathy and the boys were neighbors of mine for a long time. He will be sorely missed. My boys thought the world of Ray....well the whole family. Ray is gone too soon. My thoughts and prayers go to the family during this trying time.



Suzanne McHugh - May 26, 2017 at 09:34 PM

Tena Chapman

“ Kathy, boys and all of Ray's family and friends my thoughts and prayers are with you.

Tena Chapman - May 26, 2017 at 06:40 PM

SA

“ Grew up in same block on 5th St in Dayton, Ky. We were very good friends and went to St Bernards school together. We moved in summer of 62 to Ft Mitchell, Ky, but still have many fond memories. Such a shock to hear of his passing. Prayers to Ray and his his family. Rest in piece my friend!

Steve Arlinghaus - May 26, 2017 at 06:14 PM

Robert Kimes

“ Ray was always so funny and never afraid to tell you what he thought. I'm going to kiss his sense of humor and his candor. I'm sure he's in Heaven cussing and cracking God up :-). He will be missed.

Robert Kimes - May 26, 2017 at 05:22 PM

Robert Kimes

Miss his sense of humor, apologies for the autocorrect...

Robert Kimes - May 26, 2017 at 05:24 PM

LM

“ Larry And Carolyn McGill lit a candle in memory of Ray C. Baumann



Larry and Carolyn McGill - May 26, 2017 at 04:23 PM

WB

“ Ray was like a big brother he and Kathy have been close friends and good customers for many years i will miss tsking to him on facebook he was such a good person husband and father our thoughts and prayers are with Kathy and their children and grandkids

Wm & Nancy Belford - May 26, 2017 at 04:17 PM

ML

“ This is such a shock. Just saw and talked with him not long ago. Such a great guy, will miss him. Much love to Kathy and the boys...

Mary Luke - May 26, 2017 at 04:16 PM

DB

“ Loved working with Ray at Choate. Always very flexible and upbeat. This world will miss you.

Dixie B - May 26, 2017 at 03:17 PM

PN

“ Pam Needling lit a candle in memory of Ray C. Baumann



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**Pam Needling** - May 26, 2017 at 02:47 PM

CH

“ Sorry for loss to family Ray was a wonderful guy and co-worker. Will be miss  
He is in better place RIP Ray

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**Cindy Harvel** - May 26, 2017 at 02:25 PM

SP

“ Stella Plott lit a candle in memory of Ray C. Baumann



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**Stella Plott** - May 26, 2017 at 12:19 PM

LG

“ Lora Goddard lit a candle in memory of Ray C. Baumann



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**Lora Goddard** - May 26, 2017 at 12:02 PM

TM

“ *Terri MacDonald lit a candle in memory of Ray C. Baumann*



Terri MacDonald - May 26, 2017 at 10:58 AM

TP

“ *Teresa Pengress lit a candle in memory of Ray C. Baumann*



Teresa Pengress - May 26, 2017 at 10:31 AM

LK

“ *So sorry for your loss, my thoughts and prayers go out to his family, which he loved very much. Ray was a very special friend and co-worker of mine, he will be missed*



Lois Kerley - May 26, 2017 at 09:42 AM

TP

*So sorry for the family's loss he was a great guy and friend. Rest in Peace my friend.*

Teresa Pengress - May 26, 2017 at 10:28 AM

TG

*Ray was such an awesome co-worker! And such a great guy. Always joking, always smiling and willing to lend a hand. My heartfelt condolences go out to his family.*

Teri Goldsberry - May 26, 2017 at 11:45 AM

GS

*My heartfelt condolences to the family and many friends of Ray's. Worked with him for several years. I am saddened but knowing Ray and what a great person he is....he is with the angels and happy.*

**Ginny Cates Mears Stephenson** - May 26, 2017 at 01:09 PM

TF

*So very sorry to hear of Rays passing. He was an awesome coworker and all around great man! Always ready to lend an ear or a hand. He was so funny, and always kept my days at Choate enjoyable. Prayers to the family. May God keep you in his loving hands as you deal with this great loss.*

**Trish (Yana) Fielder** - May 26, 2017 at 01:34 PM

PN

*So sorry for your loss. Ray was always good at making us laugh when he came to the office and just a great guy! Fly high Ray!*

**Pam Needling** - May 26, 2017 at 02:46 PM