



Raymond Kociuba

May 7, 1921 - February 18, 2008

Raymond Kociuba, 86 of "The Valley" in Syracuse, New York, died Monday, February 18, 2008 at Van Duyn Home & Hospital in Syracuse.

A native of Milleville, Massachusetts, he was the son of the late John and Josephine (Chubay) Kociuba. He retired from the Steam Fitters Local 818 and 267 in 1985 as a steam fitter following 52 years of service. He was a US Army veteran serving in World War II. A certified carbine marksman, he was wounded and received the Purple Heart while participating in the first wave of the invasion of Normandy at Omaha Beach. He was a member of the Valley American Legion Post #1468, Valley VFW and the Society of 1st Division. Mr. Kociuba was an avid outdoorsman, enjoying summers at the River, fishing and hunting where he was a former member of the Lime Kilm Lake Fish & Game Club. He was a communicant of St. Michael's Church. He was predeceased by his wife, Marilyn Van Epps Kociuba in 2006.

Ray's family would like to acknowledge the staff of 3N at Van Duyn Home & Hospital for the wonderful care given during his stay.

Surviving are a son, Michael J. (Michele) Kociuba of Onondaga Hill, New York; a daughter, Lynn Kociuba of Syracuse, New York; a sister, Marie Hart of Jamesville, New York; two granddaughters, Jamie and Lindsay; several nieces and nephews.

Services: Thursday, February 21, 2008, 11:15 a.m. at Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home, Inc., 4612 S. Salina Street, Syracuse, New York and 12:00 noon at St. Michaels Church, 4782 W. Seneca Turnpike, Syracuse, New York.

Burial: Onondaga Valley Cemetery, 2500 Valley Drive, Syracuse, New York.

Calling Hours: Wednesday, February 20, 2008, 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. at Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home, Inc., 4612 S. Salina Street, Syracuse, New York

Contributions may be made to The Humane Association of CNY, PO Box 38, 4915 1/2 W. Taft Road, Liverpool, New York 13088 or to the SPCA, 5878 E. Molloy Road, Mattydale, New York 13211.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Raymond Kociuba*



Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home - February 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM



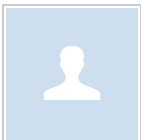
“ *Mike, Shelly, Jamie & Lindsay-I just heard the news and wanted to offer my deepest sympathy to all of you. My thoughts are with all of you at this time and always. Love, Paula*

February 24, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Sorry we didn't get to know you better. We have really enjoyed knowing your family. God bless Jim & Mary Jo*

February 21, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *I just wanted to send my love and prayers to your family.*

February 19, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Poppy was one of the great heroes of this world, proud to serve his country but even prouder of his family. He gave honor the name Kociuba and made me proud to be one. He never let a moment slide without some inch of comedy and wit. No granddaughter could be prouder of such a great man who always had a smile to make your soul sing and kind word to make your heart melt. I'll miss his "muchies" and his undying beam that people left with after spending time with him. Here's to your last ride Poppy, God remembered you and took the best last. I'll love you forever, Jamie*

February 19, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *In the the deep recesses of my memories of Uncle Ray, I recall his twinkling eyes, his quiet and humble manner and his ever-present smile. I wish we lived closer to have gotten to know him better. His love will live on in his family and friends. Kim (Marteka) Walker Harrisville, RI*

February 19, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you Lindsay, and the whole family, at this difficult time. The Wright and Roof family*

February 19, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Lynn, Mike, Auntie Mici, and the family: So sorry we can't be with you in person. Soon, we'll travel to Syracuse again and meet at McDonald's for a cup of coffee in memory of Uncle Ray. Consider this a long-distance hug - and an expression of deepest sympathy.*

February 19, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *My sincere condolences to Mike, Lynn, & family. It has been many years and good people will never be forgotten. May God Bless you all.*

February 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *I will always love and miss my Poppy. Jamie and I will always remember running down the hallway when we were little and diving on to his bed. He always used to have the good snacks stashed in his room too that he would sneak us when no one was looking. Or when Gramma and poppy took us to the zoo all the time to look at the different animals. (Remember the stuffed hippo jame?) Gramma and you can rest in peace together now. We will always cherish the memories we have with both of you. We love you Gramma and Poppy.*

February 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Lynn, I am so sorry for your loss. The death of a loved one, as you already know, is one of the most difficult things to deal with. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Ann*

February 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM