



Adron Howard Rafferty Sr.

November 20, 1922 - May 10, 2020

Adron H. Rafferty, Sr., 97, of Newburgh, passed away Sunday, May 10, 2020 at St. Vincent Hospital.

Adron was born November 20, 1922 in Daviess County, KY to the late Everett and Tina (Nation) Rafferty. He married Emogene Ballard in 1941 and they were together for 64 years prior to her passing in 2005.

After his tour of duty in the South Pacific during World War II, Adron did some farming but his true love was truck driving. He drove over the road for several trucking companies and retired from Smith Transfer. After retiring, he bought a Gold Wing motorcycle and with Emogene behind him they toured the country.

In addition to his parents, Adron was preceded in death by his wife Emogene; brothers, Harvey, Norman and Durwood Rafferty; by a sister-in-law, Mary and by grandsons, Stuart Rafferty and Todd Neu.

Surviving are daughters, Margaret (Don) Neu of Evansville and Karen (Keith) Whitacre of Florida; sons, Howard Rafferty, Jr. and Richard (Patty) Rafferty, both of Evansville; Cliff (Suzy) Rafferty of Newburgh, Roger (Jane) Rafferty of Owensboro, KY and Jack (Libby) Rafferty of Borden, IN. His legacy will be continued by his sixteen grandchildren, twenty-one great grandchildren and three great great grandchildren. Also surviving are two brothers, Bobby

(Patsy) Rafferty of Owensboro, KY and Everett (Charlotte) Rafferty of Ocala, FL.

Friends may visit with the family from 4:00 until 7:00 PM on Thursday at Pierre Funeral Home, 2601 W. Franklin Street. Graveside services will be held at 1:00 PM CST on Friday, May 15, 2020 at St. Francis Xavier Cemetery in Henryville, IN, with burial to follow.

In lieu of flowers, Adron requested memorial contributions be made to St. Francis Xavier Cemetery Fund in Henryville, IN where he served as caretaker for many years and he and Emogene will be together forever. Please send any donations to St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, c/o Cemetery Fund, 101 N. Ferguson Street, Henryville, IN 47126.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to the staff at Hamilton Pointe Assisted Living for the care and patience with their dad in his final days.

Condolences may be made online at www.pierrefuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

St. Francis Xavier Cemetery

1421 Henryville Bluelick Road
Henryville, IN 47126

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 14. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (cst)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Pierre Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Adron Howard Rafferty Sr.*



Pierre Funeral Home - May 13, 2020 at 02:58 PM

BS

So sorry for your loss! He has been and will be missed!

Bill & Margaret Short - May 14, 2020 at 09:29 PM



“ *Adron Howard Rafferty Sr.*

January 16, 2023 at 06:53 PM

RK

“ *I am so sorry to read of Mr. Rafferty's passing. I remember him as an always friendly driver who was well liked and respected by his fellow road drivers, the office workers, my dispatchers and myself. He is in Heaven, either driving a truck or seeing the sights on a Golden highway on a Gold Wing Bike with his wife. God Bless You*

Ronnie Kaufman Ex Linehaul Operations Manager Smith's Transfer Corp.

Ronnie Kaufman - May 16, 2020 at 04:57 PM

WS

“ *Richard, I'm so sorry to hear about your dad passing. You're in my prayers & thoughts.*



William Stader - May 14, 2020 at 06:32 PM

RW

“ *From Reid Whitacre,*

The Raffertys have been part of our life for the past 40 years. Fond memories of coming home with a new wife and the first relatives my bride gets to know is my brother Keith's inlaws. Always looked forward to coming home and going to Rafferty holiday gatherings where we always were made to feel welcome. People have to realize what an impact they make on those they touch and Mr Adron Rafferty touched many lives for the better.



Reid Whitacre - May 13, 2020 at 10:57 PM

YF

“ *Your CHEP family purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Adron Howard Rafferty Sr..*



Your CHEP family - May 13, 2020 at 05:18 PM



“ 47 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Pierre Funeral Home - May 13, 2020 at 02:51 PM



“ Our Deepest Condolences to the Family, Thinking of you, David, Diane, Angela and Brian Bowen

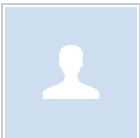
Dave Bowen - May 13, 2020 at 01:17 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Adron Howard Rafferty Sr..



May 13, 2020 at 12:00 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Adron Howard Rafferty Sr..



May 13, 2020 at 11:43 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Adron Howard Rafferty Sr..*



May 13, 2020 at 09:07 AM



Suzanne
McKeown

“ *I have great memories when we would come to Evansville to visit. He was an amazing person. Keeping all of you in my prayers and thoughts. Hold tight the memories.*



Suzanne McKeown - May 13, 2020 at 08:15 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Adron Howard Rafferty Sr..*



May 12, 2020 at 07:11 PM



Jan
Datzman
Carter

“ *So sorry to see this Margaret, praying for you and your family.
Jan*

Jan Datzman Carter - May 12, 2020 at 03:56 PM

BH

“ *A lot of memories at Rafferty house. I can still hear his laugh. To me he was always a gentle giant with a smile. I am sure he will be missed but the memories last forever.*

Becky Hayes

Becky Ballard Hayes - May 12, 2020 at 11:07 AM

 Sarah
Ballard

“ *I will always remember the good times. card games, homemade wine, eating homemade bar b que...thoughts and prayers for all at this time. sarah ballard & family*

Sarah Ballard - May 12, 2020 at 02:04 AM