



Ray Foster Dunn

February 23, 1936 - September 7, 2025

Ray Foster "Sunny" Dunn Feb. 23rd, 1936-Sept. 7th, 2025

Born the oldest son of Thelma and Melvin Dunn, Ray Foster "Sunny" Dunn arrived Earth side on the frozen 23rd of February 1936 in the small town of Jackson, Ohio. The oldest of 4 boys (Merle "Dean", William "Bill", and Ronaldo "Ronnie" Dunn). Sunny fought hard to join this world, a light that nearly lost its chance to shine. The fight in Sunny led him straight to the US Armed Forces in 1954 at the ripe age of 17, thanks to a friendly sheriff and fifth of whiskey (that one did cause some trouble with Uncle Sam a few decades later. He eagerly and dutifully served the US Navy for 4 years on a Stacker Destroyer Escort Submarine in Lisbon, Montego Bay, Havana, and Panama. He left the Navy an E-5 in 1961 when he joined the US Air Force where he continued to serve for 18 years, retiring an E-6 with 6 ribbons in 1979.

The word "retirement" never meant a thing to Ray he continued to selflessly love and serve the family that he built with his own 2 hands and a heart bigger than his Stetson collection. Cowboy Ray is survived by his loving wife of 38 beautiful years. his sweetheart his babydoll, Rebecca and their 7 children (Steve, Shane, Rietta, Colleene, Marshall, Cheryl and Debra). His & grandchildren (Shane, Jamie, Stacie, Terra, Miranda, and Sydney) were all treated to many 1st class rides on the Pony Express into town on Pawpaw's

lap. His spirit lives on in his 8 great-grandchildren. We may not all be blood, but we are all Pawpaw's. Ray is preceded in death by his mother father and his 4 brothers.

In his later years Ray served God and community as an Usher at Faith Memorial Church. A church choir singer and harmonica player, he also tutored children at the West After School Center. A cancer survivor himself he volunteered hundreds of manhours to the American Cancer Society Relay for Life, always fighting for hope and a cure. Ray never stopped serving what he believed in and those he loved, he woke up early every day with a purpose, ready to serve.

So, when death finally came to call him home to heaven after 89 years of selfless love and service on God's green Earth. we know Ray gave him a run for his money. We also know heaven has never laughed as hard as it's going to be now that Ray Dunn is home with the Lord.

A memorial service will be held at 1pm on Sunday, November 9th, 2025 at the Mayhew-Brown Funeral Home with a dinner to follow. The family will receive friends 2 hours prior to the service from 11-1pm at the funeral home. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.mayhew-brownfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 9. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Mayhew-Brown Funeral Home
135 Broadway Street
Jackson, OH 45640
(740) 286-4161

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Forever Our Angel Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ray Foster Dunn.*

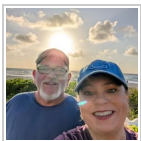


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“ *Janet, Mike, Madenia, Deanna, Kim a planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Ray Foster Dunn.*

Janet, Mike, Madenia, Deanna, Kim a - November 02, 2025 at 01:52 PM



“ *Mark and I will greatly miss Ray. Mark will miss his Buddy, he meant so much to us, but especially Mark. Ray was not just a friend, but a second father to Mark and loved him dearly. Ray was always smiles and ready to talk about his time in the military and working on boilers and all of his cars and his love for "Beck" came into every conversation. He was and will always be one of the few great men to walk this earth. I feel so privileged that I got to know him and love him like family.*

Amy Phillips - October 15, 2025 at 10:55 AM



“ *Becky, so sorry to hear about Ray. I so fondly remember our friendship, you and Ray, Steve and me. Hopefully he and Steve will reconnect in Heaven. You will be in my prayers. 💜💜*

Beverly Lynn - October 14, 2025 at 07:13 PM



“ *May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time,
May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,*

May your memories of Ray Foster Dunn, give you peace, comfort and strength...

Rest now in the arms of our Lord your mission on earth is complete. I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom. You will not be forgotten...

*My thoughts
and prayers to the family of*

US Navy/Air Force Veteran, Ray Foster Dunn, is “A True American Hero” God Bless†

† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †

Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum - October 11, 2025 at 08:35 AM