



## William J. Raynak

January 10, 1942 - February 13, 2024

William J. Raynak, 82, of Mt. Juliet TN, formerly of Irwin, died Tuesday, February 13, 2024. He was born January 10, 1942 in Claridge, a son of the late John and Susanna (Gaydak) Raynak and was also preceded in death by siblings John Raynak, Mary Dobernack, and Margaret Heid. Bill retired as circulation manager for the Tribune Review and had a 41 year career in newspapers that included the Milton Standard, the Jeannette News Dispatch and the Pittsburgh Press and Post-Gazette. He was a former member of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Jeannette, and attended St. Stephens Roman Catholic Church, Old Hickory, TN. He was the youngest member when he joined and was past president of the Jeannette Lions Club. Bill was a Navy veteran who served during the Cuban Missile Crisis aboard the USS Intrepid. He loved music, played in the Navy band, and also was known as the “night watchman” as a DJ on the ship. He is survived by Joanne S. Raynak; his sons David J. Raynak (Saundra) of Mt. Juliet, TN and Jonathan S. Raynak (Stacey) of Freedom; his grandchildren Matthew, Kayla, and Cameron Raynak; also nieces and nephews. Friends will be received from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday, February 18, at the William Snyder Funeral Home, 521 Main St., Irwin, 724-863-1200, where a funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. Monday. Interment will follow in Brush Creek Cemetery. In lieu of flowers a contribution can be made to the Holly Pond Lions Club. Please make checks payable to Holly Ponds Lions Club, c/o Clarence E. Benefield, 115 County Rd 1666, Cullman, AL 35058. For online condolences please visit [www.snyderfuneralse](http://www.snyderfuneralse)

rvices.com.

# Cemetery Details

## Brush Creek Cemetery

Irwin, PA 15642

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 18. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

William Snyder Funeral Home, Inc.  
521 Main Street  
Irwin, PA 15642  
(724) 863-1200  
<https://williamsnyderfuneralhome.com/>

## Visitation

FEB 18. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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## Funeral Ceremony

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FEB **19**. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

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521 Main Street  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Alternative Care of Tennessee, Inc. purchased the Pink, White, and Purple Dahlia Saddle (Silk Cemetery Flowers) for the family of William J. Raynak.*



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**Alternative Care of Tennessee, Inc.** - February 20, 2024 at 06:06 PM



“ *Alternative Care of Tennessee, Inc. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William J. Raynak.*

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**Alternative Care of Tennessee, Inc.** - February 20, 2024 at 06:06 PM



“ *172 files added to the album Life Tributes*



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**William Snyder Funeral Home** - February 18, 2024 at 10:36 AM

DR

“ This is the hardest post... words cannot express the emptiness that I am feelings for the loss of my Dad. He is the reason that I have a love for broadcast and sports. We watched many football games together where we analyzed the plays and yelled at the TV. So many great memories! Dad loved being the Night Watchman for the USS Intrepid sharing his love of jazz and spinning the tunes, all while keeping up the moral of the navy men during late nights on the ship.

So here's to you Dad! 🎵🎧 WJR signing off 🎤



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**David Raynak** - February 17, 2024 at 03:18 PM

SM

“ I worked with Bill a number of years at the PG and Trib. Not only did I learn the newspaper business from him, but also learned how to treat people with dignity and respect. Bill spoke often about his sons and how proud he was of them. He was an avid golfer, although at times a dangerous one. We once went to Myrtle Beach for a golf weekend. I may be misremembering it, but it seemed like every time Bill got on the tee the grounds crew ran for cover. Actually, they likely ran for cover when all of us teed off. Bill was a fun guy and will be missed. He made a difference.

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**Steve Martins** - February 17, 2024 at 12:38 PM

DR

Steve, wow, what a great story!! Thank you for sharing this. It reminds me of our golfing adventures and his "Do overs!" Glad to know that he made a difference with you in the newspaper business. Best, David & Sandra

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**David Raynak** - February 17, 2024 at 03:26 PM

CR

“ Miss you grandpa. Enjoyed all the fun times we had together. Love Cameron

Cameron Raynak - February 17, 2024 at 11:10 AM

DR

Hey Cam, I know this is difficult, hang in there buddy. Uncle David

David Raynak - February 17, 2024 at 03:30 PM

GR

Cameron, always remember the fun and goofy times you had together.



Grandma Raynak - February 17, 2024 at 08:53 PM

GS

“ I will always remember Bill Raynak as the father of my son-in-law Jonathan Raynak. He always kept us laughing and was a wonderful father to Jonathan and his brother David.

Gerry Sardon

Gerry Sardon - February 16, 2024 at 03:11 PM

DR

We all did have some great fun times together and lots of laughs.

David & Sandra

David Raynak - February 17, 2024 at 03:31 PM

JR

“ David and Jonathan, it is hard to say goodbye, but with love in your hearts you will see each other again. You both enjoyed the comfort of knowing your dad, so as life goes on the “Night Watchman” Won’t be far away. Just smile and say “yes we remember.

Joanne Raynak - February 16, 2024 at 02:47 PM

DR

*Yes we will remember! Hugs and kisses to you mom. David & Sandra*

**David Raynak** - February 17, 2024 at 03:33 PM

DS

*So sorry for your loss. He was a joyful guy, who will be missed by all.*

**Darleen Stowitzky** - February 18, 2024 at 05:43 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William J. Raynak.*



February 16, 2024 at 01:09 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of William J. Raynak.*



February 16, 2024 at 10:17 AM

NP

“ *Nashville Predators planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William J. Raynak.*

**Nashville Predators** - February 16, 2024 at 10:17 AM



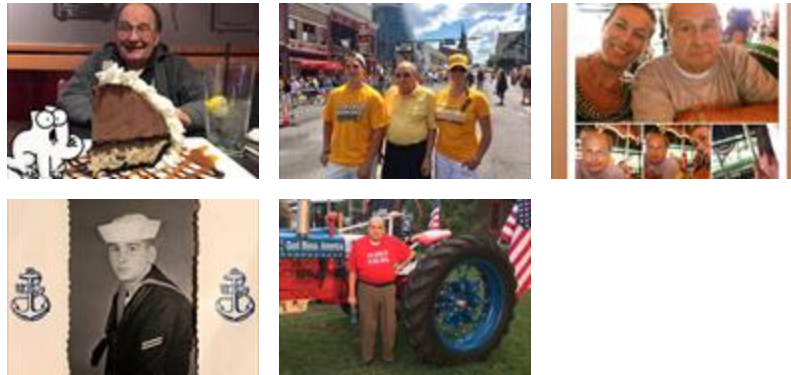
“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William J. Raynak.



February 16, 2024 at 08:01 AM



“ 14 files added to the tribute wall



Sandra Benefield Raynak - February 16, 2024 at 12:14 AM



“ Furnished with Finesse purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of William J. Raynak.



Furnished with Finesse - February 15, 2024 at 11:46 PM



“ Furnished with Finesse planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William J. Raynak.

Furnished with Finesse - February 15, 2024 at 11:46 PM

TG

“ You have my condolences on the loss of your father and grandfather. Bill was my boss at the Tribute Review and my friend.

Terri Gower - February 15, 2024 at 10:10 PM

DR

Terri, Its really great to hear from his newspaper friends. Thank you so much for your condolences.  
David & Sandra Raynak

David Raynak - February 17, 2024 at 03:37 PM

LG

“ I was Bill's Caregiver for quite a while as well as a friend. He was a very nice person. Rest in Peace Bill. You have earned your wings.

Linda Groom - February 15, 2024 at 07:33 PM

DR

Hi Linda, Thank you for all that you did for my dad. We appreciate you. Dad is flying high! David & Sandra

David Raynak - February 17, 2024 at 03:39 PM

JR

“ Dad, I will miss you!  
We had so many great times together and too many crazy stories. I will always remember all of the things you taught me, sharing the knowledge of music and technology through DJ'ing. My first paper route, the fun trips we took to Tennessee (around and around and a beep, beep, beep - haha) pool parties, golfing, amazing firework displays that we put together and all of the constant goofing around. I am so thankful you got the chance to enjoy many years and memories with Stacey, Kayla and Cameron. We love you and will miss you Dad.  
- Jonathan Raynak

Jonathan Raynak - February 15, 2024 at 06:06 PM

TK

“ Tony Khan purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of William J. Raynak.



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**Tony Khan** - February 15, 2024 at 02:32 PM

TK

“ Tony Khan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William J. Raynak.

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**Tony Khan** - February 15, 2024 at 02:32 PM