



## Raymond Wilmer Botterbush

December 16, 1951 - June 16, 2014

Dateline: Godfrey

Raymond Wilmer Botterbush, 62, died at 8:35 a.m. Monday, June 16, 2014 at Camp Bunn in Hettick, IL. He was born December, 16, 1951 in Alton, the son of Wilmer J. and Dorothy (Armes) Botterbush. He retired in 2012 from the Madison County Sheriff's Department after 38 years of service. He was active in many clubs and organizations including the Lewis & Clark Radio Club, Alton/Godfrey Rotary Club, Salvation Army, Boy Scout troop 7, Madison County Emergency Management, a severe weather spotter for the National Weather Service and an avid St Louis Cardinals fan. Ray was also an Eagle Scout and a Silver Beaver Award recipient. He is survived by two Brothers; Tim (Karen) Botterbush of Godfrey and Kevin (Julie) Botterbush of Godfrey. He is also survived by nieces and nephews that he loved; Jake (Elizabeth) Botterbush of Hardin and their daughter Libby, Zach Botterbush, Kathleen Botterbush, Jonathan Botterbush, and K.J. Botterbush. He played a very active role in Kathleen, Jonathan, and KJ's life doing so much as attending school activities, taking them to Cardinal's games, golfing, shooting and anything Boy Scout related. He was preceded in death by his parents. Visitation will be from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Wednesday June 18, 2014 at Gent Funeral Home where services will be at 1:30 p.m. Thursday June 19, 2014 with Pastor David Crowley to Officiate. Burial will follow at Valhalla Memorial Park in Godfrey. Memorials may be made to the Boy Scouts of

America troop Camp Warren Levis or the NICU at St. John's Mercy.

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Raymond Wilmer Botterbush*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Raymond Wilmer Botterbush*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *My deepest sympathy in the loss of your brother, Raymond.*

**Linda Cannon** - June 19, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ *The Weaver*

*My Life is but a weaving  
between my Lord and me;  
I cannot choose the colors  
He worketh steadily.*

*Of times He weaveth sorrow  
And I, in foolish pride,  
Forget He sees the upper,  
And I the under side.*

*Not til the loom is silent  
And the shuttles cease to fly,  
Shall God unroll the canvas  
And explain the reason why.*

*The dark threads are as needful  
In the Weaver's skillful hand,  
As the threads of gold and silver  
In the pattern He has planned.*

*He knows, He loves, He cares,  
Nothing this truth can dim.  
He gives His very best to those  
Who leave the choice with Him.*

*Just wanted you to know you are in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Thom & Kathy Croxton*

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**Thomas Croxton** - June 18, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ RAY: YOU WILL BE MISSED BY ALL AT THE LEWIS & CLARK RADIO CLUB "73"

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**RICH MORGAN** - June 18, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ My thought and prayers are with all of the Botterbush family. I had the pleasure of chatting with Ray a bit on FB about a week ago as to how things were different in the neighborhood we both grew up in. Thank you Ray for everything you have done in the community and also for my dad back in the day. Say Hi to him for me. Many prayers going up !!!

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**Cindy (Ruyle) Seal** - June 18, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Please accept my sympathy and that of the Lewis and Clark Council NESA Committee of which Ray was a committed member. We've lost an exceptional Scouter! John Goodwin, Chairman

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**John Goodwin** - June 18, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GN

“ I only knew Ray for 2 years but he was a great guy and we always had a good time. He will be missed by all

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**Garry Valentine, N8GIL** - June 18, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ So sad to hear this. Prayers are with you all.

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**Sharon Mosele-Baldwin** - June 17, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LT

“ To the family of Ray Botterbush, we would like to say that Ray was a very compassionate, generous, gentle, caring and kind man. He always made his point and his concerns on his own beliefs and was a very honest man. We will all miss him.  
Remembering him & his family in our prayers.  
Larry & Judy Thompson

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**Larry & Judy Thompson** - June 17, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ I was shocked to hear of Ray's passing and although a great many people in the community will be ever affected by the loss of such a good man, he has left this world better than it was before he came into it. Ray thank you for everything you have done by selflessly serving others.

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**C Bell** - June 17, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RE

“ My wife, Jay Dee, and I extend our sincere condolences to Ray's family. I remember Ray's birth as we lived next door to Junior and Dorothy on Elm Street- it seems like only yesterday. He brought great joy to his parents, as he did for the rest of his life with his willingness to help others in so many ways. It seems right that the Lord called Ray to his side while he was sharing a Boy Scout camping trip with two of his nephews. All of the family loved Ray and he will be greatly missed. Bob and Jay Dee Edgell

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**Robert E. Edgell** - June 17, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ Raymond Wilmer Botterbush

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**Joyce Kress** - June 17, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ Raymond will be deeply missed, we were great friends. My prayers go out to your family, I know he loved his family very much.

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**Linda Murray** - June 17, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DT

“ Ray was great inspiration in Boy Scouts. Also a great friend. The soul would have no rainbows if the eyes had no tears. He was always a great rainbow in many lives.

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**District Commissioner Mike Thompson** - June 17, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GL

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to all of the Botterbush family at this time of your loss. I go WAY back with Ray and all of you and I have many good memories.

*Greg Lister*

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**Greg Lister** - June 16, 2014 at 12:00 AM