



# Joseph R. Metz

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**J** Raymond Metz, 87, of North Fort Myers, FL passed peacefully at Hope Hospice • in Cape Coral on May 15, 2023. Born at home to parents Betty and George Metz.

He joined the Army in 1956 serving 3 years with the 101st Airborne Division. He was employed at Yankee Metal Products while going to Bridgeport Engineering Institute at night. After graduation he joined NORCO Inc. in Georgetown, CT where he was employed for 40 years, retiring as Vice President of Engineering. He was Commander of Norwalk, CT Power Squad. He moved to North Fort Myers, FL in 2004 with his loving wife, Sandra of over 60 years. He so enjoyed all his hobbies; restoring cars, car shows, target shooting, golfing, square dancing, photography and travel. He served on Herons Glen Country Club's security committee and art group. Ray was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his wife, Sandra; brothers, Henry Metz of Wells, ME and Donald Metz of Southbury, CT; one sister, Lily White of Lexington, SC; several nieces, nephews, grandnieces, and nephews.

A Visitation will be held Wednesday, May 24, 2023 from 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM at Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Funeral Home, 1589 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers, FL. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated 11:00 , Thursday, May 25, 2023 at St. Therese Catholic Church, 20115 N. Tamiami Trail, North Fort Myers, FL 33903. Entombment will follow at Memorial Gardens Cemetery in the Field of Honor where the United States Army will present Military Honors.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the National Kidney Foundation, Hope Hospice (Cape Coral, FL), the Wounded Warriors or to the Tunnel to Towers Foundation in loving memory of J. Raymond Metz.






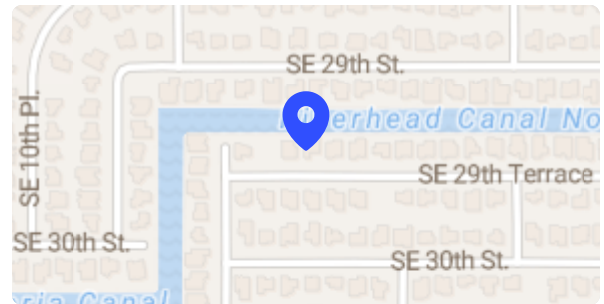
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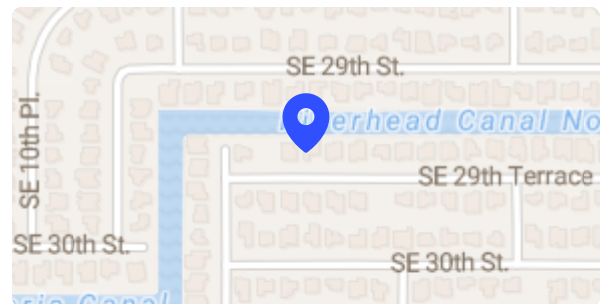
## Visitation

-  **Wednesday**, May 24, 2023
-  3:00 PM - 5:00 PM ET
-  **Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Funeral Home**  
1589 Colonial Boulevard, Fort Myers FL 33907



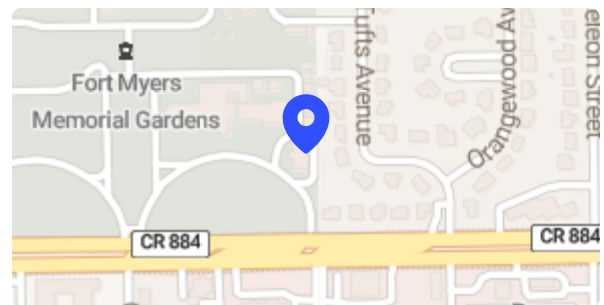
## Mass of Christian Burial

-  **Thursday**, May 25, 2023
-  11:00 AM ET
-  **Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Funeral Home**  
1589 Colonial Boulevard, Fort Myers FL 33907



## Cemetery Details

-  **Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Cemetery**  
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## Tribute Wall

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**Anonymous** sent an Emerald Garden Basket to the Metz family.

May 23 at 5:16 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Metz family.

May 21 at 3:39 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Rose Garden Heart to the Metz family.

May 21 at 6:05 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful Dreams to the Metz family.

May 19 at 12:14 PM



**Anonymous** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Joseph.

May 19 at 12:14 PM





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**Buny Canter** posted:

What more can one add to the exemplary life lived by such an endearing and special person but to say that his presence on Earth will be dearly missed! Arlene and John Canter

May 16 at 5:51 PM



**Joyce Kules** January 8 at 2:49 PM

Unfortunately I just saw this obit and passing on my condolences to Mrs Metz. I plan to have a mass said for Joe. He had been godfather to my first child Anthony who was born 10/3/61 in Sioux Falls South Dakota. I am very happy to know that Joe had a successful life with in marriage and life. You have been blessed. Joe was Peter Kules Best Man at our wedding 10/1/60. My son passed on 5/12/16. Mass will be said at St. Mark.. Jamestown RI



**Kathleen** lit a candle in honor of Joseph.

Dear Uncle Ray, It is with the deepest sorrow and sadness that I write this tribute to you. You may be gone from this earth, but you will live on in the hearts of those who were privileged to know you, and you will never be forgotten. While I didn't know you well, you were always kind to me. As a child, I fondly remember holidays with the Metz family, the air thick with the scent of Thanksgiving dinner and laughter. I remember visiting your house in CT, standing alongside my brother, pretending to understand what was so cool about your collector's Jaguar. And, imprinted in my memory is a photo of you and Aunt Sandi – clad in gingham, the skirt of her dress flared out as you twirled her across the square dance floor. I've never told anyone this, but I used to sneak to your basement to stuff my pockets with gumballs from the gumball machine. Rest in peace, Uncle. Love, Kathleen



May 16 at 4:31 PM



**Lorraine Williams** May 26 at 6:34 AM

John and Lorraine Williams Ray, 35 years of love, friendship, and memories that will go on with you and Sandra. We are missing you intensely and will never forget the great times we had and the feelings that will always be there for you and Sandra the love of your life! Lots of love John and Lorraine



**Don And Fran Demattia** May 23 at 3:54 PM

Ray, From the time we first met you and Sandra in Herons Glen you both have been one of our closest and dearest friends. Ray, we will miss you but never forget you. Sandra, we love you and you will always remain our dearest friend. With Love, Fran and Don



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Joseph by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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