



Teddie L. Ramsey

June 28, 1945 - August 22, 2025

Teddie Lee Ramsey, MSW, 80 of Bluffton, passed away Friday evening, August 22, 2025, at his home, surrounded by his loving family.

Ted was born on June 28, 1945, in Sarasota, Florida to J. W. & Helen (Sweeting) Ramsey. He graduated from Jefferson High School in Lafayette, IN. in 1963. He furthered his education at Manatee Junior College in Sarasota, Purdue University, then Indiana University School of Social Work in Indianapolis, and ended his education at Saint Mary of the Woods in Terre Haute, IN.

Ted began his social work career at the Logansport State Hospital as a community based social worker, stationed in Lafayette, IN where he also worked as a part-time practitioner in a private psychiatric office. He then worked full-time for the next six years in this private setting. In 1977, he transitioned to the local Comprehensive Community Mental Health Center in Lafayette, IN opening a satellite office in rural Carroll County. In 1978 he accepted the Clinical Services Supervisor's position at the Menard Psychiatric Center in Chester, Illinois, which was a 400 single celled maximum security correctional facility in Illinois for prisoners with mental illnesses and also served as the treatment facility for an intensive sex offender treatment program. He served as the Clinical Services Supervisor until his promotion to Chief of Counseling Services for the Illinois Department of Corrections in which position he oversaw Mental Health, Substance Abuse, Sexual and Violent Offender Treatment, and Correctional Counseling services for juvenile

and adult prisons in both male and female facilities. During his tenure there, he set up a statewide mental health system within the DOC that provided follow-up treatment and services to prisoners transitioning from the prison's mental health facility, back into the general prison populations. In that position he also served on the Illinois Dangerous Drugs Commission and the Governor's Council on Alcohol and Alcohol Abuse. Ted would later serve as the Director of Psychiatric Programs at the Caylor-Nickel Medical Center in Bluffton, IN. This position was connected with a 30 bed inpatient psychiatric program including intensive comprehensive outpatient services. These were programs within a multi specialty diagnostic medical clinic and hospital. In that capacity he managed, supervised and provided in and outpatient treatment to children, adolescents, and adults, families, and couples. Much of his time here was also spent in providing mental health consultation and treatment to acutely and chronically medically ill patients of all ages including the terminally ill. He also served as the mental health consultant to a large comprehensive Multiple Sclerosis Clinic for 13 years at this facility. In this latter position he participated as a content provider in many seminars for health care professionals and families of and patients suffering from MS while facilitating an MS Support Group. He was named "Manager of the Year" along with a Physician of the Year and Employee of the Year the first year such awards were given. This facility would later become part of the Lutheran Health Network headquartered in Fort Wayne, IN and he transferred in 2006 to an outpatient Psychiatric Office as part of the Lutheran Health Physicians Group, from which he retired in 2013.

On March 25, 1967, Ted and Bonnie Haas were married at First Reformed Church in Lafayette, IN. The couple were blessed to share 58 years of marriage together.

Survivors include his wife, Bonnie of Bluffton, and two sons, Bren and daughter (in-law) Jill Ramsey of Fort Wayne and Nathan Ramsey of Seattle, Washington, along with two grandsons, Maxon P. and Asa H. Ramsey. He is also survived by his siblings, Doug Ramsey of Sarasota, FL., Carol Mask of

North Port, FL. And Bonnie Shank of Green Bay, WI., and a special cousin, Regina Swilley of Sarasota, FL.

He is preceded in death by his parents, J.W. & Helen Ramsey and his siblings, J.W. Ramsey, Darlen Dotson and Hallie Conn.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, August 28, 2025, from 3 to 7 P.M. at the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. A memorial service will take place at the conclusion of calling hours at 7 P.M. on Thursday, at the funeral home with Rev. Terry Epling and Pastor Sandy Garcia officiating.

Memorials may be made to Family Centered Services and directed through the funeral home.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Lemler family of Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton. Friends may share online condolences with the family at www.thomarich.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 28. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home
308 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN 46714
<http://www.thomarich.com>

Memorial Service

AUG 28. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Teddie L. Ramsey*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - August 28, 2025 at 05:13 PM

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“ *The world is a better place for Ted having been in it. He touched so many lives in such a positive way, his laughter and humor could light up a room and he was so very kind! This world needs more people like him, his absence leaves a big gap, all of us that loved him need to take a page from his book and be kind always. I have so many fun memories of Ted and will cherish those memories always. He did have that "Sweeting" side, don't argue with him.....he was mostly right and if he wasn't you still weren't going to win an argument with him. I remember he and my Dad in a discussion one night about politics, he followed Dad into the bedroom, when my Dad got in bed and pulled the covers up Ted and he were still discussing with a lot of heat their opinions. It was quite the picture, Dad in bed all tucked in and Ted leaning over him, discussing their opinions. The next day Ted and I laughed about it until we cried.*

On one of our visits to Indiana, we got into an discussion, which ended up being Bonnie and I (both of us are only children) against Buddy and Ted. I can't even remember what it was about, but it was heated. Ted's sister Darlene stopped by and heard our discussion. She got so upset she called Aunt Helen to tell on us, Darlene thought both of our marriages were doomed. We had a good laugh about that one too, when we heard what Darlene had told Aunt Helen. When we visited last summer we relived those stories and still got a kick out of them.

His boys and grandsons meant the world to him he glowed when he talked about them. I am so thankful that he had Bonnie by his side for his walk through this life. Regina & Buddy

Regina Swilley - August 28, 2025 at 10:08 AM



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“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet* was purchased for the family of *Teddie L. Ramsey*.



August 27, 2025 at 02:15 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of *Teddie L. Ramsey*.

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“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of *Teddie L. Ramsey*.



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“ DEEPEST SYMPATHIES FROM YOUR OLD NEIGHBORS, MARK & DIANE REED

MARK REED - August 25, 2025 at 07:10 PM

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“ Had many very enlightening and thought provoking conversations with Ted when working at Caylor Nickel. He was a wise, gentle soul and will be missed by many.

Cathy Halterman - August 25, 2025 at 03:27 PM

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“ I always looked forward to his visit at the Mother's Meetings. He was always so positive about the feelings of being overwhelmed as a parent. He was so fun to just talk to. Very kind man & he will be missed. Prayers to Bonnie & family. Pam & John Vanderkolk

Pam Vanderkolk - August 25, 2025 at 02:21 PM



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Debbie Elkins - August 25, 2025 at 07:20 AM

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Ted , a fun guy , a sincere friend, always enjoyed his company, our friend , Curt and Carla Alspaugh

Curt Alspaugh Carla Alspaugh - August 25, 2025 at 11:28 AM



“ *The Ramsey family will be in our prayers. Dan and Darlene Gerdom*

Dan Gerdom - August 24, 2025 at 07:59 PM