



Ray E. Dequenne Jr.

February 10, 1962 - June 26, 2025

On Thursday, June 26, in the city he loved most - Pittsburgh, PA - Ray E. Dequenne Jr., age 63, quietly departed this world, leaving behind an archive of vivid memories.

Ray was the guy in the family who remembered everything in high definition with names, dates and dialogue. His memory easily exceeded that of his five younger siblings combined. He also had, without contest, the best hair in the family; thick, enviable, and almost mythical.

Ray's mind was a kaleidoscope of interests - a jukebox of classical and classic rock, a reading list of sci-fi epics and historical deep dives, and a museum of pop art and lunar dreams. He watched the moon landing as a kid, and it imprinted something essential on him - a belief in awe and what could be. Nikola Tesla was his hero.

Those lucky enough to orbit his world knew him as gentle, smart, and quietly hilarious. He didn't always speak first, but when he did, it was usually worth remembering - which, of course, he could do better than anyone else. You probably also knew his fondness for horseradish - the more the better. Ray, like his father, loved condiments the way some people love sports teams: loyally and vocally.

Ray was a proud veteran who served his country in the U.S. Army as a member of the Military Police. For many years, Ray received extraordinary care through the VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System, and in his later years, at the Southwestern Veterans Center - his home for more than five years. The dedicated staff there didn't just provide care; they gave genuine love, laughter, and comfort to Ray every single day. For their compassion and respect, our family is deeply and eternally grateful.

We'll miss him - his insight, his humor, his encyclopedic mind - and yes, his hair too.

To Ray: Thank you for keeping our stories. We'll do our best to remember them - and you - with as much heart and humor as you brought to our lives.

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Tribute Wall

ZW

“ I realized I hadn't reached out to Ray in several years. For some reason, I woke up thinking about him today and something told me to check the obituaries and I found this we have been trying to get together. The last reached out to him was 2018. I am devastated. Ray taught me so much about truth in the search for it. I am so sad. I did not get to say goodbye and have one last time with him. Ray taught me about everything that is worth fighting for he taught me about Nikola Tesla. He taught me about Henry J Lester shot. I met him while I worked in the library Carnegie. I am devastated, but for some reason I had a feeling he had passed.

Zorahna Weslowski - February 01 at 12:01 PM

SA

“ I was saddened to hear of Ray's passing. Being a broadcasting and film major at Boston University, and a fellow Army veteran like Ray, we bonded instantly right after we met. Though my interest in visual media was still photography, and his was film, we would talk often about the latest sci-fi epic, or whatever film project he hoped to complete. I played piano music for the soundtrack for his latest project, a documentary about the Pittsburgh Nickelodeon Theater. Though we'd lost touch over the years, I'll always remember his inquisitive mind, and positive spirit. Here's to you, Ray, and the good times we had in Pittsburgh.

Sean Adams - December 28, 2025 at 07:30 AM

MK

“ Hi Michelle. Sorry for your loss. I'm happy to send you some footage of Ray from the movie. Contact me at mdkambic@gmail.com.

Matt Kambic - August 08, 2025 at 04:08 AM

MK

“ I'm so sad... Ray played the part of Mager Genlock in my sci-fi movie *The Weapon*. He loved every part of movie-making. I've been preparing footage for an anniversary gathering of cast and crew - much of it of Ray laughing and clowning around. I'd be happy to share the behind the scenes footage with family members. God bless you, Raymond. - Matt Kambic.

Matt Kambic - July 24, 2025 at 05:38 PM

MA

Thank you for your message and the offer to share behind the scenes footage of Ray. I'd love that very much! Ray loved working on films and being part of any production so that must have been a rewarding and fun time for him. Please let me know how we can connect. Warmly,
Michelle (sister)

Michelle Augenstein - July 30, 2025 at 04:32 PM

JD

“ He was a funny and smart big brother. Quick witted and loved cats. Enjoyed writing screen plays and walking down memory lane. I'm going to eat some sushi tonite in his honor. He was lovely till the very end. 💔
“I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work”. ~ Nikola Tesla



Jocelyn Dequenne - June 30, 2025 at 06:29 PM

BC

So sorry dear Jocelyn

Betty Miller Clawson - July 09, 2025 at 12:08 PM