



Raymond "Ray" Nunn

February 17, 1938 - May 28, 2025

Raymond "Ray" H. Nunn passed away unexpectedly on May 28, 2025, at his home in

Westerlo, NY. He was 87.

Ray was a uniquely brilliant and passionate man. Ray was always available to share in a

stimulating (or silly) conversation, often with a beer in hand.

Ray was born on February 17, 1938 in East Orange, NJ to Elmer Nunn and Lillian Barbara

Erdman. He graduated from Union High School in 1955. He briefly attended Lafayette

College, served a short stint in the U.S Navy, nearly completed his PhD in Economics at Wayne

State University in Michigan, worked for 17 years at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control as a

Venereal Disease Investigator, earned a Masters Degree in Computer Science at SUNY Albany

and retired from the NYS Department of Tax and Finance as a computer analyst in 2008.

Ray met his present wife, Roberta, when answering an ad for a room for rent while studying

computer science at the University at Albany in 1984.

Ray spent his free time reading mostly nonfiction with a dictionary by his side

where he would learn new vocabulary to be used to entertain and befuddle those around him.

“I speak four languages, yet, had to constantly ask him to explain what a word he was using meant.” said

his wife of 35 years and echoed by his son, Christopher. Ray’s daughter, Susan Stalter who pre-deceased her dad, was a fabulous writer and a teacher of Latin and English.

Ray openly admitted to having no social skills so he was always amazed and very proud of his

adopted daughter, Aderia Crawford Nunn, who made friends so easily.

Christopher, followed in

his dad’s mathematical footsteps becoming a credit risk officer with

Westdeutsche Landesbank

and the Bank of Tokyo.

Ray loved to explore unusual places from dive bars to Frank Lloyd Wright edifices to European

beer halls in Germany, the Czech Republic, and East Germany. “We even traveled to Sant

Pierre and Miquelon, territories owned by France, off the coast of Canada unknown to the

travel agent at the time” said his wife.

Ray was a self-taught DIYer. Inventing many objects such as a pull-down step stool for Aderia,

a magnetic beer coaster that would not stick to your glass, a drip coffee maker, tiny tables with

handles for picnicking, light fixtures made from empty tomato sauce jars, etc.

Roberta and

Ray remodeled much of their large rambling farmhouse.

He loved music. He bragged about hearing Zoot Sims alone in a small bar. He

loved 50s

music: Hank Williams, Frank Sinatra, Chet Baker, Mahalia Jackson, Sonny Rollins. As well as

listening to military marching music, German Beer hall music, Irish ballads, and Mary Gauthier.

Ray traveled with Roberta in pursuit of great theatre at the Shaw and Shakespeare Festivals in

Canada, The Globe Theatre in London, to off-Broadway to see Kevin Spacey in "The Ice Man

Cometh", and to our wonderful local theatre companies in the Capital District.

All his life, Ray railed against social injustices such as the struggles of Pennsylvania coal

miners, prisoners Mumia Abul Jamal and Leonard Peltier, chemicals in processed foods and the war in Gaza.

Ray leaves behind his patient and loving wife, Roberta Villanova Nunn, son, Christopher Nunn,

daughter, Aderia Crawford Nunn and brother, Robert Nunn; grandchildren: Arthur Ringsen,

Sarah and Lucas Nunn, and Rory and Theo Stalter; nieces: Rebecca and Claire Villanova,

Nancy Ceglia and nephews: Joseph Becker, Steven and Craig Nunn. He was pre-deceased

by daughter, Susan Stalter and by his parents, Elmer and Barbara Nunn.

Donations can be made to local animal shelters as Ray adored his many dogs, cats and chickens.

A celebration of Ray's life will be held Saturday June 7, 2025 from 12:00pm-4:00pm at 22 Aitken Ave. Hudson, NY.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JUN 7. 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Celebration of Life
22 Aitken Ave.
Hudson, NY 12534

Tribute Wall

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“ I remember when Roberta and Ray came to visit relatives here in Marostica, Italy. They stayed at my parents' house, Tiano and Ennia Costacurta. One afternoon Ray rode my father's bike a few miles from there to visit the POLI Distillery where they made Grappa. I thought it was funny that he went there all by himself, not knowing Italian, but...years later when my family and I travelled to Hudson and stayed at their house...I knew exactly what to bring him: three small bottles from the distillery!
RIP Ray
from Lisa Costacurta

Lisa Costacurta - May 31, 2025 at 05:30 PM

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Thomas - May 31, 2025 at 11:04 AM

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Ray loved his “help daddy drive” wheel as a child. So he used it indoors to drive the house through storms. He was a kid at heart.

Roberta nunn - June 02, 2025 at 12:58 PM