



Raymond John Debbisi

August 7, 1947 - August 18, 2022

Raymond Debbisi, 75, of Murrells Inlet, South Carolina, passed away on August 18, 2022.

Ray was born on August 7, 1947, in Amman, Jordan to Jadaan and Shukriyyah Debbisi.

He leaves behind his loving wife, Christine Debbisi, his son, Craig Raymond Debbisi ; wife Melissa of Southington, CT, two daughters, Tracy Benson of Nokomis, FL and Carrie Sweeney & husband Mike, of Wolcott, CT, four grandchildren, Michael Sweeney & wife Ashley, Christina Benson, Dr. Kimberly Benson, Alyssa Debbisi, and his great grandson, Michael Hayden Sweeney. He also leaves behind his two stepdaughters, Wendy Bykowicz, of Manapalan, NJ, Suzanne Bruno of Spotswood, NJ, and one stepson, Daniel Bykowicz of Myrtle Beach, SC and three stepgrandchildren, Paul Bruno, Jennifer Bruno-Aigeldinger and Dean Soper. Ray also leaves behind four sisters and four brothers and many other cousins and family members. He is predeceased by his parents and one sister.

Ray spent his early years in Jordan, before moving to the United States at the age of 19. He was a long-term resident of Waterbury, CT before retiring to Murrells Inlet. Ray was a compassionate, loving and hard-working husband and father. After coming to the United States, he opened his own restaurant, ran a catering business, was the House Chairman at the Lega of Siciliana Social Club and spent most of his career working at Bridgeport Correctional

Facility. He was a gracious host and his greatest joy came from cooking for his family and friends. Ray was devoted to his faith, trusted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior, and was a long-time member of Surfside Presbyterian Church where he served as a Greeter and Usher and was involved in Men's Bible Study. He was an active board member of his housing community's association. He enjoyed tending to his gardens, drawing and playing cards with friends. He had a huge heart and loved his beloved dog, Sophie.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday, August 23, 2022 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel.

The Celebration of Life will be held at 11:00 am, Wednesday, August 24, 2022, with a viewing one hour prior to the service at 10:00 AM, at Surfside Presbyterian Church, 8732 US Hwy 17 Bypass S. Myrtle Beach, SC 29588, followed by a lunch at the church.

The service will be live streamed for anyone who is unable to make it at <https://surfsidepca.com/live-stream/>

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **23**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Goldfinch Funeral Home
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Murrells Inlet, SC 29576
(843) 651-3295
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<https://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com>

Visitation

AUG **24**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM.

Surfside Beach Presbyterian

A Celebration of Life

AUG **24**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM.

Surfside Beach Presbyterian

Tribute Wall



“ Goldfinch Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Raymond John Debbisi



Goldfinch Funeral Home - August 23, 2022 at 10:55 AM



“ I first met Ray while standing in line for Wednesday night Supper at church. He was so kind and friendly. It was one of his first times at the church and I was a long time member but you would have thought it was the other way around if you had seen him! I'm so glad I got to know Ray and Chris better as we were in the same Spring Small Group! Tim and I got to experience Ray's good cooking and Tim had the great privilege of performing Ray and Chris's marriage at the small group! He will be so missed but I am so thankful he is with his Savior. -Martha Jo Melton

Martha Melton - August 23, 2022 at 07:05 PM

DF

“ DeNicolo & Palella families purchased the [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) for the family of Raymond John Debbisi.

DeNicolo & Palella families - August 23, 2022 at 11:30 AM

MD

“ Dear uncle Ray,

As I type these words, my eyes swell with tears. Losing you and my mother (your sister) in the span of 2 months, my mother in June and you in August, has left my heart and soul crushed and destroyed. There are no words to describe the emotional pain and trauma. I miss and love you with all my heart and soul and wish we had more time together on this earth. You are now in heaven with my mother, my father, my sister and my little daughter and angle Lily (Shih Tzu) who passed away this passed January. Please say high to them for me and tell them I love and miss them very much as well. Praying for the time we can all be in heaven together where there is no sorrow, no pain or anything construed as vile but only peace, happiness and bliss in the presence of God eternal. God bless you and your family uncle Ray and may God's grace, mercy and love be with us all. Amen.

Mark Debeysey - August 23, 2022 at 11:00 AM

PM

“ *Uncle Ray was a true Ray of Sunshine. We will so miss his sparkling smile, his love of life, and his bright, helpful, kind, generous and loving spirit. We always looked forward to seeing him when we visited SC and we are grateful for all the help, time and love he shared with our parents and us. We love you Aunt Christine and our prayers are with you and the whole family.*
Pamela, Scott, Scottie, Luke and Blake Meeson

Pamela Meeson - August 23, 2022 at 10:06 AM

MD

“ *Mark, Lara, Alex and Max Debeyssey purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Raymond John Debbisi.*



Mark, Lara, Alex and Max Debeyssey - August 22, 2022 at 08:58 PM

MJ

“ *Mark & Debbie Jennings purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Raymond John Debbisi.*



Mark & Debbie Jennings - August 22, 2022 at 05:28 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Raymond John Debbisi.*



August 22, 2022 at 03:05 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Raymond John Debbisi.*



August 22, 2022 at 02:08 PM

BB

“ Beth & Joe Berry purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Raymond John Debbisi.



Beth & Joe Berry - August 22, 2022 at 12:31 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Raymond John Debbisi.



August 22, 2022 at 12:04 PM

GK

“ It has been said that when you depart this earth and are good, a new star will appear. If this is true, with Rays kindness, generosity, love of life and compassion his will be one of the brightest in the havens. Our friend you will be missed. The card games, conversations and good times will not be the same without you.

George and Karen - August 22, 2022 at 09:47 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Raymond John Debbisi.



August 22, 2022 at 09:35 AM

SB

“ 1 file added to the album *Blackmoor 2021*



sandi blood - August 22, 2022 at 08:22 AM

MA

“ *My Uncle*

You will be missed forever and always. The beautiful moments you shared with us will always speak of the great person that you were. the man who has lived well laughed often & loved much.

I know for certain that we never lose people we love leaves an indelible imprint in our memories.



Maysoon Aldbaisi - August 22, 2022 at 06:24 AM

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George and Karen - August 22, 2022 at 09:16 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Raymond John Debbisi.*



August 22, 2022 at 05:59 AM

LC

“ *Luc and Lisa Cotnoir purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of Raymond John Debbisi.*



Luc and Lisa Cotnoir - August 21, 2022 at 07:00 PM

RD

“ *Ray was a kind and generous soul who always had a big smile and welcoming hello upon meeting him in the neighborhood. Never was there a time when he didn't give us a huge wave as we drove by in the car. He was the best of neighbors, always ready to help out and lend a helping hand. Ray will be sorely missed as a good neighbor and friend in this side of Blackmoor.*
Randy & Diane Dymond

Randy Dymond - August 21, 2022 at 06:35 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Raymond John Debbisi.*



August 21, 2022 at 05:42 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Raymond John Debbisi.*



August 21, 2022 at 05:35 PM

DD

“ We met Ray ten years ago when we moved next door to him. In fact, he introduced himself and helped unload our moving truck. We were so blessed to have him as our neighbor. He will be greatly missed. Our hearts ache for his wife, Chris, and for his family.
John and Debbie Downes



Debbie Downes - August 21, 2022 at 04:54 PM

SP

Ray was definitely a kind and thoughtful human being that will be missed in our community.

Sally Reynolds and Jervais Phillips - August 21, 2022 at 05:20 PM

JP

My association with Ray was through interaction of the POA. He gained my respect for his deep caring for our community. He was a person that had strong principles and most of all lived by them. All who knew him will miss him. His family can be proud of his many accomplishments
Jim Paullin

Jim Paullin - August 22, 2022 at 09:49 AM

TP

He lived the life of a man.

Ted &Pat Prehodka - August 22, 2022 at 02:02 PM

GS

Our condolences to Chris and family.

Gail Schroeder - August 23, 2022 at 06:10 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Raymond John Debbisi.*



August 21, 2022 at 04:50 PM



“ *Karen and George Fadeley purchased the Laven der Reflections Spray for the family of Raymond John Debbisi.*



Karen and George Fadeley - August 21, 2022 at 11:14 AM



“ *Susan Rollman and Mary Ann Schlosser purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Raymond John Debbisi.*



Susan Rollman and Mary Ann Schlosser - August 21, 2022 at 11:05 AM



“ *Ray's wit and jokes made playing cards a fun event. There was always so much joy and laughter that we sometimes forgot whose turn it was. He was a good neighbor and his presence will be missed. I have asked the Sisters at the Mt. Carmel Monastery in LaPlata, MD to offer up prayers for him as well as for his lovely wife, Christine, to give her strenght and peace in her heart at this trying time.*

Susan D Rollman - August 21, 2022 at 10:53 AM

BH

“ *Barry And Patt Handleman lit a candle in memory of Raymond John Debbisi*



Barry and Patt Handleman - August 21, 2022 at 10:27 AM

BH

We remember our friend Ray that always showed kindness to all he met.


Barry and Patt Handleman - August 21, 2022 at 10:29 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Raymond John Debbisi.*



August 21, 2022 at 10:20 AM

 Sharon Smigel

“ *Sharon Smigel lit a candle in memory of Raymond John Debbisi*



Sharon Smigel - August 21, 2022 at 08:55 AM

KB

“ We are so saddened to hear of Ray’s passing. He was a kind, generous man who would give you the shirt off his back. His loss will be felt in our Blackmoor community.

Ken and Sandi Blood - August 21, 2022 at 07:57 AM

SD

“ Uncle Ray was my favorite uncle he had the biggest heart and the best smile for everyone. When my kids and I would visit him in SC he was always loving and generous making sure we are well taken care of. He will be greatly missed. My heart is broken for his great loss. Heaven has gained an Angel 🙏 till we meet again uncle Ray 💙

Suha D’Beisi - August 21, 2022 at 12:27 AM

SD

“ Suha D’Beisi lit a candle in memory of Raymond John Debbisi



suha D’Beisi - August 20, 2022 at 11:56 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Raymond John Debbisi.



August 20, 2022 at 08:06 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Raymond John Debbisi*.



August 20, 2022 at 07:04 PM