



# Raymond Theodore Rye II

January 26, 1932 - September 25, 2024

Raymond T. Rye II, 92, passed away September 25, 2024 at home in Silver Spring, Maryland.

Ray was born in Sioux City, Iowa January 26, 1932 to Raymond Sr. and Alice (Steele) Rye. He attended Sioux City Public schools, Iowa State College and George Washington University.

He married Ellen Thompson on June 18, 1966 in Washington DC.

Ray worked enthusiastically for decades as a Paleobiology Specialist at the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History. For many years after his official retirement, Ray led volunteer field trips around the DC region to teach others of the wonders of geology and the natural environment.

Ray is survived by a large number of cousins, close friends and wonderful colleagues.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife Ellen.

No services are planned.