



Dr. Raymond James Manahan

June 1, 1926 - February 4, 2025

Dr. Raymond James Manahan, 98, of Napoleon, Ohio, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, February 4th, 2025, at Fulton Manor Nursing Home in Wauseon, Ohio while recovering from surgery.

Born in Lima, Ohio, on June 1, 1926, to the late Ernest and Nellie (Coon) Manahan, Dr. Manahan lived a life full of love and dedication. On November 4th, 1951, he married the love of his life Marilyn Palmer, at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Cridersville. Their 73 years together were a testament to their enduring love and commitment.

After high school graduation Dr. Manahan enlisted in the United States Army Air Corp and there began his love of flying that he enjoyed for years to come. Dr Manahan went on to attend Wayne State University Medical School. As a dedicated private practice physician for 30 years, Dr. Manahan delivered over 2,000 babies leaving an indelible mark on countless families. He was also the plant physician for Campbell Soup Co. for 35 years. The memories we hold are countless and precious. His legacy of love, service, and joy will forever live on in our hearts. He is deeply missed and he will always be remembered with the utmost love and respect.

Dr. Manahan is survived by his wife, Marilyn; his children, Teresa (Michael) Murphy, Cynthia (Dock) Treece, Thomas Manahan, Josie (Charles) Chartier, and David (Colleen) Manahan; 12 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents, his sister Bettie (Dale) Brown, and his daughter-in-law, Karen Manahan.

A Memorial gathering will be held at the Rodenberger-Gray Funeral Home, Napoleon, on Friday, February 14th from 3:00-6:00. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the Henry County Humane Society or the Henry County Hospital Foundation. The family extends their heartfelt gratitude to Fulton Manor Nursing Home in Wauseon for the exceptional care and support they provided. Condolences may also be left online for the family at www.rodenbergergray.com

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

FEB 14. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Rodenberger Funeral Home - Napoleon
1010 Westmoreland Avenue
Napoleon, OH 43545

Tribute Wall

JL

“ We are deeply sorry for the passing of Raymond. He was our neighbor and a good memory was him walking over to our house, a chair waiting and him sharing stories....He was such an inspiration to everyone who saw him walk and wave at everyone in Twin Oaks! What a great man❤️ Praying for your family during this difficult time.
Jay & Janet Lemley

Jay and Janet Lemley - February 25, 2025 at 07:22 PM

RI

“ Due to a severe cold and bronchitis, we were unable to give a last "Adieu" at the memorial gathering for Dr. Manahan. We would like to send our heartfelt condolences to Mrs. Manahan and the whole family. Rita and Jerry Richardson

Rita - February 25, 2025 at 10:08 AM

BK

“ Cindy and family, our sympathy to you all on the passing of your loved one. What a wonderful life he lived! You must be very proud of him. God bless and keep you all.
Peter and Becky (Huber) Kellum

Becky Kellum - February 14, 2025 at 02:02 PM

CT

Becky thank you so much! We were so blessed to have had him all these years ❤️

Cynthia Treece - February 15, 2025 at 09:40 PM

MP

“ *Cindy, I am so sorry to hear of your Dad's death. It is so difficult to lose a parent, no matter the age. Sending hugs of comfort.*

mary Small Poore - February 13, 2025 at 12:02 PM

DP

“ *Dave and Melinda Penny purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Dr. Raymond James Manahan.*



Dave and Melinda Penny - February 12, 2025 at 11:30 AM

ML

“ From the fields, forests, plains of Africa and war-torn Europe, to the frozen tundra of Korea, to the jungles of Southeast Asia, from the deserts of Kuwait and Iraq to the mountains of Afghanistan, brave patriots have protected our nation’s ideals, rescued millions from tyranny, and helped spread freedom around the globe. America’s veterans answered the call when asked to protect our nation from some of the most brutal oppression the world has ever known. Military service demands a special kind of sacrifice. The places where you are sent to live and serve bring risk every day. From the time you put on that uniform for the first time, the interests of the nation move to the forefront and define your life. Those duties are shared by family members who make many sacrifices of their own, sometimes bearing the burden of losing a loved one. Service brings rewards as well. There is pride in developing one’s own character, serving a cause far greater than self-interest. Every person who wears America’s uniform is part of a long, unbroken line of achievement and honor. No single military power in history has done greater good, shown greater courage, liberated more people or upheld higher standards of decency and valor than the Armed Forces of the United States of America. That is a legacy to be proud of and those who contributed to it must never be taken for granted. To honor our veterans, we must keep the promises we have made to them. We must care for those who have been injured in the service of our country. We must honor and remember those who have died. And we must remember those whose fate is still undetermined. We fly the Prisoner of War flag on Veterans Day for a reason, to show that this nation will not relent until we have accounted for every one of our missing Americans. Thank you for your service. Thank you for all that you have sacrificed for this great nation. Thank you for being the backbone of America.

Major General (Retired) Mark W. Lee, United States Army

MG (R) Dr. Mark W. Lee - February 11, 2025 at 04:05 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dr. Raymond James Manahan.

February 11, 2025 at 10:51 AM



“ Doc Manahan was our family physician when I was growing up. He was a kind, gentle man and well-respected in the community. Sending love out to the family.

Jan Gilson - February 11, 2025 at 09:30 AM



Jan thanks so much for reaching out. We appreciate your thoughtful comments so much.

Cynthia Treece - February 11, 2025 at 09:36 PM



“ Dr Manahan was the best Dr in Henry Co. I was a patient as a child when his practice was on Perry St. and he delivered my 3 children. His kindness and bed side manners were the best. He even pierced my ears when I was 13. We lost great doctor. To the family you have my deepest sympathy.

Linda Ashbaugh - February 11, 2025 at 08:58 AM



“ Dear Tom and family, please accept our heartfelt condolences on your Dad's passing. What a wonderful person he was!
Sincerely, Jan and John Stover

jan Stover - February 10, 2025 at 10:30 PM

BR

“ Barbara A Runyon sent a virtual gift in memory of Raymond Manahan



Barbara A Runyon - February 10, 2025 at 09:19 PM

BR

“ To the family of Doctor Manahan I am so sorry for your loss! We will be praying for you all! Doctor Manahan was an awesome Doctor and person. He use to be my Doctor. When I worked for Campbell Soup I would see him there and he would always have a smile on his face! When God Almighty called him home He called an Angel cause that was what he was! He was always willing to help out anyone and everyone! RIP Doctor Manahan!!!

Barbara A Runyon - February 10, 2025 at 09:16 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Dr. Raymond James Manahan.



February 10, 2025 at 04:28 PM

SW

“ Scott W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. Raymond James Manahan.

Scott W. - February 10, 2025 at 04:15 PM

BP

“ Dr. Manahan was a pleasure to work with, and I was blessed to see his smiling face when he arrived to deliver some of those babies, even I. The middle of the night. My condolences to the family.

Becky Prigge - February 09, 2025 at 02:06 PM

CR

“ Dr. Manahan was a good friend of my father. I had to have extensive dental work done and was in terrible pain. My Dad called him and within minutes he came to our house and gave me a shot of painkiller. He was a great man and a caring doctor. We were so lucky to have him with us. Carolyn Young Rebar

Carolyn Rebar - February 08, 2025 at 03:49 PM

KC

“ Dr. Manahan delivered me in 1966 and took care of my medical needs until I left home in 1989. Thank you Dr. for taking care of me.

Kelly C. - February 08, 2025 at 12:11 PM

MA

“ Dr. Manahan delivered my children 58 & 55 years ago. When Steve, my first, was born, I had to hold him for a delayed delivery and he develop a funny looking top of the head. When delivered to me, I exclaimed “what’s the matter with him”. Doc just grinned and said. “I’ll trade you for a pony”. Then, more embarrassing, when Lisa was born, I exclaimed “It’s a girl” Oh thank you Dr. and kissed him. Thankfully, Doc was a gentleman and never mentioned it again. Enjoyed our many conversations in our joining yards, I will miss him greatly. Your patient, friend, neighbor. Marj Behnfeldt

Marj - February 08, 2025 at 11:25 AM

TC

“ *Third Coast purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Dr. Raymond James Manahan.*



Third Coast - February 08, 2025 at 07:27 AM

MH

“ *Very sad to hear Dr Manahan has passed away. He delivered my son and save my life 57 years ago by sending me to Ann Arbor University of Michigan Hospital. Which I have always been very grateful to him. He was a wonderful Doctor. May his family know God has his arms around you at this very sad time.*

Mary Lea Heitman - February 06, 2025 at 09:44 AM

CT

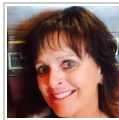
Mary Lea thank you so much for your kind words.

Cynthia Treece - February 09, 2025 at 10:22 AM

SO

Josie and Dave so sorry to hear this. Prayers for you and your families.

Sally Orwig - February 10, 2025 at 05:59 PM



Thank you Sally ❤️

Josie Chartier - February 11, 2025 at 01:48 PM