



## Raymond Joseph Trouvé

January 7, 1933 - January 15, 2026

Raymond Joseph Trouvé, age 93, of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, passed away peacefully at MyMichigan Medical Center Sault on Thursday, January 15, 2026. He was born on January 7, 1933, in Hempstead, New York, to Louis and Elizabeth (McNally) Trouvé.

Ray grew up on Long Island and graduated from Chaminade High School with the class of 1951. He went on to run track at Seton Hall University, where he claimed to be the fastest half-miler on Long Island! After graduation, he married the love of his life, Clare Bishop, on October 25, 1955. In 1955, Ray joined the United States Army as an officer, becoming a Master Aviator who flew both fixed-wing aircrafts and helicopters, and served two tours in Vietnam. His military career took his family to many states as well as many locations in Germany. Ray completed his military service at Fort Knox, Kentucky, retiring on November 30, 1977. At that time, he moved his family to Sault Ste. Marie, where he taught the ROTC program at Sault Area High School. When that program ended, Ray went back to college, earning his master's degree in psychology (adding that to a previously earned master's degree in business). He then taught psychology courses at Lake Superior State University for fifteen years. Despite retiring decades ago, Professor Trouvé's reputation lives on as family members are often stopped by his former students, telling them how much they loved having Ray as their teacher.

Ray was a devoted member of St. Mary's Cathedral where he sang in the choir for over forty years alongside his wife Clare. He enjoyed spending his leisure time reading, watching movies, playing cribbage, and most importantly, spending time with family and friends. Ray was the definition of a gentleman, and was adored by all who knew him, particularly his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Ray is survived by his wife of 70 years, Clare; his five children, Laura Murnen of Columbus, Ohio, Christopher (Nancy) Trouvé of Springville, Tennessee, Thomas (Liz) Trouvé of New Orleans, Louisiana, Matthew (Gigi) Trouvé of Endicott, New York, and Monica Trouvé-Sapp of Lompoc, California; fourteen grandchildren, Chris (Emma) Murnen, Jessica Murnen, Katie (Shaun) Cascardo, Raymond (Gretchen) Trouvé, William Trouvé, Charlie Trouvé, Fiona Trouvé, Samantha Trouvé, Megan (Nick) Howe, Katherine Trouvé, Alexandria (Andrew) Bohunicky, Drew (Liliana) Sapp, Sinclair Sapp, and Niko Sapp; seven great-grandchildren, Audrey Philhower, Wyatt and Ella Herman, Luca and Lucy Sapp, Giovanni Cascardo, and James Bohunicky.

Ray was preceded in death by his beloved son, Raymond Joseph Trouvé, Jr.; parents, Louis and Elizabeth Trouvé; and his four siblings, Betty, Kathleen, Louis, and Lawrence.

Visitation will be held on Friday, January 23, 2026, from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM, at Family Life Funeral Homes, 4951 S. M-129, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783, with celebrant Father Dominic Yomoah Afrifa. The Funeral Mass will be held on Saturday, January 24, 2026, at 10:30 AM at Saint Mary's Cathedral, 320 E. Portage Ave., Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783, with celebrant Father Al Mott. A reception will immediately follow at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 2755 Ashmun St., Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783.

Condolences may be given to the family at [www.familylifefh.com](http://www.familylifefh.com).

Obituary as submitted by family.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

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

Family Life Funeral Homes - Sault Ste. Marie  
4951 S. M-129  
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783  
(906) 632-4951  
flfh@familylifefh.com  
<https://www.familylifefuneralhomes.com/>

## Mass of Christian Burial

JAN **24**. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Mary Catholic Church  
320 E Portage  
Sault Ste Marie, MI 49783

# Tribute Wall



“ It wasn’t a very long time you spent with us, but I’m glad I got to meet you and your beautiful family, Rest easy my friend ~ Love and Prayers, Susan



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**Susan Pins** - January 24 at 10:24 AM

KW

“ Kimberly W. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Raymond Joseph Trouvé.

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**Kimberly W.** - January 24 at 09:18 AM

RP

“ I offer my prayerful sympathies to Clare and the entire family as I had learned of Ray’s death. I knew from a long time back when I began singing in the choir at St. Mary’s with Russ Mauris, Tug Wilds, and many other members of the choir. One of my most poignant memories are when Ray and Clare shared a song they “learned”: “Jesus, the bread of Life.” It was quite profound and displayed a sense of their spirituality. I wish I could be there for the funeral, but it is not possible. However, I will be praying for the family and knowing that God’s peace will be with you...  
“Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon him...amen.”

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**Rev. Fr. Ben Paris** - January 23 at 07:43 PM

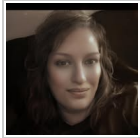


“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Raymond Joseph Trouvé.*



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January 23 at 10:18 AM



“ *I remember Ray from when I was growing up. My mother was one of his "mature" students and they began a lovely friendship. She adored Ray and she found him hysterical! My mother passed six years ago. It's good to know my mom has a friend with her now. I'm sure they are having some fantastic conversations. Ray excelled at everything he tried. He was smart and not just in a "science" or "arts" kind of way. He had a solid command of nearly every topic. Rest easy Ray and tell Vickye Johndrow her daughter misses her more than she will ever know. Until we meet again...*

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**Selina Smith** - January 22 at 08:59 AM



“ *Michelle Castro purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Raymond Joseph Trouvé.*



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**Michelle Castro** - January 21 at 10:54 PM



“ *Michelle Castro planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Raymond Joseph Trouvé.*

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**Michelle Castro** - January 21 at 10:54 PM

KJ

“ *Krista and Jordan planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Raymond Joseph Trouvé.*

Krista and Jordan - January 21 at 10:16 PM

KJ

“ *Krista and Jordan purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Raymond Joseph Trouvé.*



Krista and Jordan - January 21 at 10:16 PM

ST

“ *Solution Strategy Team purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Raymond Joseph Trouvé.*



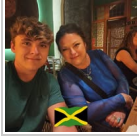
Solution Strategy Team - January 21 at 02:16 PM



“ *All the staff from franks place -!*



Tiffany Schmidt - January 21 at 12:03 PM



“ DEAR RAY  
 THANK YOU FOR BEING MY FRIEND ❤️  
 I WILL MISS YOU DEARLY  
 TIFFANY SCHMIDT

Tiffany Schmidt - January 21 at 11:53 AM



“ Zorbas crew and The Kritselis family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Raymond Joseph Trouvé.



Zorbas crew and The Kritselis family - January 21 at 11:53 AM



“ Love, Roger , Nancy and Sinclare too planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Raymond Joseph Trouvé.

Love, Roger , Nancy and Sinclare too - January 21 at 10:08 AM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Raymond Joseph Trouvé.



January 21 at 10:08 AM

SS

“ Grandpa I will miss you so much and just know you are watching over me and I know you are so proud of everything that I have been doing!! I love you so much!! I have the best memories of you and I'm so happy that I'm getting your mushroom light to keep in my room at home

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**Sinclare Sapp** - January 21 at 09:11 AM

FS

*Sending my sincere condolences to Clare, her extended family and friends. May all your fond memories comfort you now and the future. Rest In Eternal Peace Ray. Fly high with the angels sir!*

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**Fern Spencer** - January 21 at 11:32 AM

LG

“ Lena G. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Raymond Joseph Trouvé.

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**Lena G.** - January 20 at 06:00 PM



“ Dear Trouve family, we are so sorry for your loss. Ray was a wonderful, kind-hearted man with a great sense of humor, and his warmth was felt deeply by everyone who knew him. Sending you all our deepest condolences during this time.

*Doug and Kim Williams*

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**Kim Williams** - January 20 at 05:03 PM

ML

*Dear Trouve' family, it is with sadness to not be able to attend this last goodbye. Ray was a great mentor, second father and guide in many of lives he met daily. Truly a man of purpose to try to emulate. God bless and prayers for the family.*

*Michael Lewis*

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**Mike lewis** - January 20 at 06:26 PM

VK

*I'm so sorry for this great loss. Professor Trouvé was a wonderful mentor and teacher. I'm honored to have known this great man.*

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**Vanessa Klave** - January 20 at 08:26 PM

BC

*We are so very sad to know Ray has passed away, but also consoled by knowing he has gone to his heavenly reward. We wish we were there to be with you all, but that cannot be. Ray and Clare have been wonderful friends and neighbors, and those memories will remain with us. God's blessings and comfort to all the Trove' clan.*

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**Bill and Nancy Cline** - January 23 at 10:14 AM