



## Raymond M. Bircher

August 28, 1953 - February 28, 2014

Raymond M. Bircher, age 60 of Highland, IL, died Friday, February 28, 2014, at Saint Joseph Hospital in Highland, IL.

He was born August 28, 1953, in Highland, IL, the son of Milton Louis "Pete" and Bernice Margaret (nee Riegel) Bircher.

Ray was born in Highland and grew up on a farm Southeast of town. He graduated Highland High School in 1971, where he was an outstanding football player. After school he help operate the family Dairy Farm. The family gave up the Dairy in 1993 and raised grain and livestock. He also started working for Helvetia Township that same year, and was still active at both jobs. Rays work was his hobby. He loved farming and loved dogs.

Survivors include :

Brother - Robert L. (Janet) Bircher, Highland, IL

Sister - Jean M. "Jeanne" (Darrell) Dankenbring, Edwardsville, IL

Nephew - Brett R. (Lisa) Bircher, Maryville, IL

Nephew - Todd R. (Nikki) Bircher, Maplewood, MO

Nephew - Chad R. (Denise) Rapien, Pocahontas, IL

Great Nephew - Ryan A. Rapien, Pocahontas, IL

Great Nephew - Brent A. Rapein, Pocahontas, IL

Great Niece - Megan M. Rapien, Pocahontas, IL

Great Nephew - Jack M. Bircher, Maryville, IL  
Great Nephew - Cole R. Bircher, Maplewood, MO  
Great Nephew - Caleb R. Bircher, Maplewood, MO

He was preceded in death by :

Father - Milton Louis "Pete" Bircher died 10/15/2001

Mother - Bernice Margaret Bircher nee Riegel died 2/12/2010

Brother - (Infant) Mark Allen Bircher died 6/11/1960 @ age 10 days

Arrangements are being handled by Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, Illinois.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Tuesday, March 04, 2014, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL, and from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM, on Wednesday, March 05, 2014, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Funeral service will be at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, March 05, 2014, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL, with Rev. Christopher W. Hill officiating.

Interment will be at Highland City Cemetery in Highland, IL.

Memorial contributions may be made to Highland Animal Shelter.

# Tribute Wall

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“ So sorry to hear about Raymond's passing. Wanted to pass along my thoughts and prayers to his family from a former classmate at Highland High School. You are in my prayers. Bob Mueller

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**Bob Mueller** - March 05, 2014 at 03:55 PM