



1SG (Ret) Ray Edward Caplinger

October 17, 1938 - August 17, 2026

1SG (Ret) Ray Edward Caplinger, 87, of Lebanon, MO, passed away Monday, August 17, 2026, in the Osage Beach Rehab of Osage Beach, MO.

Funeral services will be held at 12:00 p.m. Thursday, August 20, 2026, in the Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert. Burial with full military honors will follow in the Waynesville Memorial Park Cemetery of Waynesville, MO. Arrangements are under the care and direction of Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Wayensville / St. Robert.

Visitation will be held from 11:00 a.m. until time of service at 12:00 p.m. Thursday, August 20, 2026, in the Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert.

1SG (Ret) Caplinger is survived by his wife, Patricia Caplinger of the home; two children, Beth Anne Caplinger of Waynesville, Missouri, and Jeremy M. Frederiksen of Washington, D.C.; one sister, Martha Kieffer of Versailles, Indiana; as well as several nieces, nephews, other relatives, and dear friends.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of 1SG (Ret) Ray Caplinger and may be left at Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert.

Cemetery Details

Waynesville Memorial Park

Waynesville, MO 65583

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **20**. 11:00 AM.

Memorial Chapels And Crematory Of Waynesville / St. Robert

Funeral Service

AUG **20**. 12:00 PM.

Memorial Chapels And Crematory Of Waynesville / St. Robert

Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of 1SG (Ret) Ray Edward Caplinger*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - August 20 at 03:31 PM



“ *16 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - August 20 at 10:05 AM



“ May the love of God surround you and your family during this difficult time,
May you come to know that the love of God is with you always,

May your memories of 1SG Ray Edward Caplinger, give you peace, comfort and strength...

Rest now in the arms of our Lord your mission on earth is complete.
I thank you for your service to our Country and my Freedom.
You will not be forgotten...
My thoughts
and prayers to the family of

US Army Veteran, 1SG Ray Edward Caplinger, is “A True American Hero” God Bless†

† Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13 †

Cheryl Skinner, Tri-state Military Museum - August 19 at 07:06 AM

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“ So sorry to hear of your loss. May our good Lord wrap HIS arms around you, provide comfort and give you peace during these trying time. AMEN



Marge Scott - August 18 at 08:27 PM

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“ Ray was a good man. He loved his life as a military man. Retirement was filled with time enjoying his horses. His daughter Beth Anne was the light of his life. RIP. God speed.

Kelly Tagge - August 17 at 06:24 PM