



Raymond O. Fatig III

August 15, 1954 - March 24, 2025

Raymond “Ray” Orlo Fatig, III, 70, of Zionsville, Indiana, died in Lebanon, Indiana due to multiple health issues on March 24, 2025.

He was born in El Paso, Texas on August 15, 1954, to Raymond “Ray” Orlo Fatig, Jr. and Beverly “Bev” Grace (Springer) Fatig, and spent the majority of his youth in central Ohio. Ray graduated from Olentangy High School in Lewis Center, Ohio, before earning a BS in Microbiology at The Ohio State University in 1976, going to work as a research scientist at Dow Chemical in 1981 in Midland, Michigan. He transferred to help establish the new Eli Lilly merger corporation, Dow Elanco, in Indianapolis, Indiana in 1992 where Ray and family settled in Zionsville, Indiana. Ray later went on to work in the agronomy and pharmacy departments at Purdue University (2003-2014) and the start-up, AsedaSciences, in the Purdue Research Park (2014-2024) having retired this past December.

Ray is survived by his loving wife of 42 years, Jody Ann (Reppart) Fatig, his twin sisters Beverly Michele Koenig (Tim) and Patrice Rachelle Fatig, his son Brent Christopher (Brittan), and grandsons Garrett Edward, Holden Joseph and Warner Davis.

Ray was preceded in death by his sister Megan Lynn Fatig, his stepson Mark Benjamin Taylor and his parents.

Ray was an avid reader (a fan of many genres, but particularly science fiction), artist, animal lover, lifelong learner, gardener, dreamer and amateur theologian. He also enjoyed entertaining his family with silly puns, inside jokes and constant self-deprecation. In more serious times, he played piano, was a champion Judo pupil, apiarist (a beekeeper), a caddie, a paperboy and either attended or served on the staffs for church summer camps. In high school he wrestled, played trumpet and sousaphone in the marching band. He was a decorated Boy Scout having received the God and Country award. Some of his final words focused on the beauty of God's creation and his sorrow at the lack of time to enjoy it. He had a strong belief in God's unconditional love for all of humanity and was a vocal advocate for equal rights and social justice.

Special thanks to the faith communities of Karl Road Christian (Columbus, Ohio), United Church of Christ (Midland, Michigan) and Central Christian Church (Lebanon, Indiana).

A memorial service will be held at Central Christian Church, 311 E Main St, Lebanon, Indiana 46052 on Saturday, March 29, 2025, with visitation 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. followed by a memorial service at 3:00 p.m. presided over by Rev. Nathan Kibler. Myers Mortuary and Boone County Crematory have been entrusted with his cremation arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, donations to Central Christian Church (<https://pushpay.com/g/ccclebanon?fnd=stFGdtLwB8GoHZCQ-1IA5Q&lang=en&src=pcgl>), the "If Not Now, When?" campaign benefitting Christian Church in Ohio (<https://www.ccinoh.com/donation.aspx>) or The Humane Society of Boone County (<https://www.hsforbc.org/donate.html>) would be greatly appreciated.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

MAR 29. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Central Christian Church
311 East Main Street
Lebanon, IN 46052

Memorial Service

MAR 29. 3:00 PM (ET)

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Lebanon, IN 46052

Tribute Wall

MN

“ Ray was my colleague and friend at Purdue and at Asedasciences. We had planned to meet for a goodbye lunch in January but it didn't happen. My valued, warm hearted friend, you are missed. Rest in peace.



Meena Narsimhan - April 03, 2025 at 10:55 PM

FN

“ Fatig Families from Western NY planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Raymond O. Fatig III.

Fatig Families from Western NY - March 29, 2025 at 01:31 PM

FN

“ Fatig Families from Western NY purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Raymond O. Fatig III.



Fatig Families from Western NY - March 29, 2025 at 01:31 PM

JM

“ I had the privilege of working with Ray at Purdue University and staying in touch as our careers took us in new directions. Some of my fondest memories are of sharing coffee, discussing science, and hunting for mushrooms with him. His kindness and gentle nature touched everyone around him. Ray was not only a friend but also a mentor, and his presence will be deeply missed.

Justin Meyers - March 28, 2025 at 07:06 PM

TF

“ *The Siciliano Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Raymond O. Fatig III.*



The Siciliano Family - March 28, 2025 at 09:52 AM

BC

“ *We were very lucky, appreciative and proud to have Ray with us on the journey with AsedaSciences. He was the best at what he did - nobody better, and we were very lucky to share the last decade with him as a critical member of the team. We would joke that Ray thinks like a cell - like a cell whisperer. He was that good, and if there was a Professor of Cell Culture, then it was Ray. Always positive, always jovial, always kind and he would always greet me with that booming voice across the lab when I visited. We are all grateful for his contribution, grateful for being able to know him and would not be where we are without him. RIP Ray - we will miss you.*

Brad Calvin - March 27, 2025 at 11:26 PM

HF

“ *His AsedaSciences Friends purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Raymond O. Fatig III.*



His AsedaSciences Friends - March 27, 2025 at 10:46 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Raymond O. Fatig III.*



March 27, 2025 at 10:44 PM



“ *I worked with Ray at AsedaSciences. I always enjoyed his quick wit, and our mutual blurting out “squirrel” in the middle of a conversation. The depth of his knowledge of cell culture was enormous, and we depended on it! He is missed!*

Thomas Shankey - March 27, 2025 at 01:23 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Raymond O. Fatig III.*

March 27, 2025 at 01:08 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Raymond O. Fatig III.*



March 27, 2025 at 01:08 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Raymond O. Fatig III.*



March 27, 2025 at 12:10 PM



“ *It's been many years, but I remember Ray as being a positive, and caring person. My thoughts are with you and Brent.*

deb bodner - March 27, 2025 at 10:35 AM



“ *Ray was what I called, “a gentle giant” - my daughter remembers him as “God’s voice” in one of the church musicals. He and I conversed every Sunday, talking about the meads he made and what I was brewing in my winery. He was one of the nicest men I have ever met. I remember the story about how he met Jody. He dearly loved his family. He will be missed.*

Ann Cole - March 26, 2025 at 11:26 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Raymond O. Fatig III.*



March 26, 2025 at 08:31 PM

TB

“ Treva Brashears purchased the Ocean Breeze S pray for the family of Raymond O. Fatig III.



Treva Brashears - March 26, 2025 at 07:12 PM

MR

“ Working with Ray at DowElanco gives me many fond memories! He was a unique individual and a very caring man. Condolences to Jody and his family.

Mary Jane Ritz - March 26, 2025 at 06:06 PM

FD

“ From Mark Denman purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Raymond O. Fatig III.



From Mark Denman - March 26, 2025 at 05:47 PM

FD

“ From Mark Denman planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Raymond O. Fatig III.

From Mark Denman - March 26, 2025 at 05:47 PM



“ *Psalm 23 Tribute Blanket was purchased for the family of Raymond O. Fatig III.*



March 26, 2025 at 04:15 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Raymond O. Fatig III.*



March 26, 2025 at 03:35 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Raymond O. Fatig III.*



March 26, 2025 at 10:57 AM



“ *I will always have fond memories of the “three amigos” basses in the CCC choir (Ray, Kirk, and Frank) with their numerous puns and eye-rolling jokes. Ray had a beautiful soul and will be greatly missed by us all.*

Carol Drumwright - March 26, 2025 at 09:47 AM

JB

“ *My Deepest Sympathy to the Family..I will always remember his smile and firm handshake during the time of Passing of the Peace at Central Christian Church.*



J.C. Bogan - March 25, 2025 at 04:55 PM