



## G. Ray Crider

March 22, 2018

G. Ray Crider, 78, of Louisville, died March 22, 2018. He was preceded in death by his parents, James Cecil and Mary Gladys Crider, and his brother John T. Crider. He is survived by loving wife of 56 years, Marilyn Kay Crider. He is also survived by his daughters, Andrea Derouen (Jeff), Dana Delepierre (Rick), and his sons, Tim (Sandy) and David Crider as well as 10 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister, Mary Alice Stewart (Wayne). Ray was a graduate of Flaget High School in 1957. He began work as a machinist and a member of IAMAW #681 at Brown Williamson Tobacco Company in 1958, serving in several offices including President. In 1972 Ray was selected to serve as the Political/Legislative Director of the Kentucky State AFL-CIO. In 1992 he was employed by the Kentucky Laborers District Council as the Administrator of the LECET Trust Fund. In 1998 Ray was employed by the Political Department of the National AFL-CIO where he worked in political campaigns. He retired from the National AFL-CIO in December 2001. Ray devoted his working life to the Labor Movement. He was the Labor recipient of the 1999 Kentucky Labor/Management Award, the LJCDP Volunteer of the Year Award in 2009, and the Metro Democratic Club Service Award in 2017. Ray was honorably discharged in 1965 from the Kentucky National Guard. Ray also served several terms as President of the Louisville/Jefferson County Revenue Commission, was a member of the Louisville Labor/Management Committee, a past member of the Louisville Urban League, the Jefferson County

Democratic Executive Committee, the Metro United Way, the Special Skills Olympics Committee, the Louisville Gardens Board of Directors, the Labor Representative on the State Unemployment Insurance Appeals Commission, the Pastoral Council of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, and the Southwest Community Festival Board. Ray adored his wife, Marilyn. He was a well-loved fixture in his community. From helping on a local campaign, attending a union function, or leading his neighborhood group, Ray was quick-witted, quick to laugh, and quick to make dear friends. Just this past Tuesday, Ray received his 31st year chip from Alcoholics Anonymous. Not only did he help himself, he helped many others. Ray's first love was his family. The highlight of his life was watching U of L ballgames, traveling with and just being together with his grandkids. We all will miss him terribly. Visitation will be Saturday, March 24 from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. and Sunday, March 25th from noon until 8 p.m. at Owen Funeral Home, 5317 Dixie Highway. His funeral Mass will be celebrated Monday, March 26 at 10 a.m. at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, 5505 New Cut Road with burial to follow at Calvary Cemetery. Memorial gifts may be made to the St. Jude Children's Hospital, The Franciscan Shelter House, and the Flaget Alumni Association Charity Fund of Louisville.

# Tribute Wall

BC

“ We are so sorry to hear of Ray's death. He was a good friend from our Flaget days. He will be missed by all as he touched many lives.  
Jean & Bud Cox

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**Bud Cox** - June 28, 2018 at 03:56 PM

HL

“ Ray will be missed and so sorry to hear about ray and he will be missed so much rip ray

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**HAYDEN REDMON AND EMMALI LEAR** - June 28, 2018 at 03:56 PM

BW

“ Marilyn, I send my heartfelt condolences to you.  
I had the pleasure of meeting you and Mr. Ray when McKenzie and I came by your house asking for votes  
She said Grandma these are my best friends, I can go to them anytime.  
Thanks for being her BEST friend.  
You will be in my Prayers.

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**Barbara Woodward** - June 28, 2018 at 03:56 PM

DG

“ We are deeply saddened to hear of the passing of our dear friend Ray Crider. Ray was a stalwart of Democratic politics, dedicated labor organizer, and tireless volunteer who served The Metro Democratic Club as a board member from our inception until this year. We will all miss him deeply and extend our deepest sympathies to his wife Marilyn and their entire family.

- Daniel Grossberg on behalf of the Metro Democratic Club

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**Daniel B Grossberg** - June 28, 2018 at 03:56 PM

MC

“ Was definitely a sad day to hear of Ray Crider passing . He truly knew how to light up a room and to put a smile on one’s face. I’ll never forget his great sense of timing with a sly joke and twinkle in his eye. God knew his comedy and warm heart was now for the heavens above. I’m just so thankful to have those memories until I see him again.

*Prayers and warmth sent to the family. ~ Margaret Parker Cahn*

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**Margaret Cahn** - June 28, 2018 at 03:56 PM

DW

“ Ray was undoubtedly a great man. I only knew him for a short time but in that time he was able to make a positive lasting impact on my life. Stay strong and remember to smile.

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**Deondra Wynn** - June 28, 2018 at 03:56 PM

RH

“ So sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you and your family.

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**Rich Haddaway** - June 28, 2018 at 03:56 PM

KW

“ We will miss our Dear Friend. Until we meet again.....

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**Ken and Laura Williams** - June 28, 2018 at 03:56 PM

MD

“ We were so sorry to learn of Ray's passing. He was a great friend, always had a smile and we will miss him. Condolences and we are praying for God's comfort to Marilyn and the family.

*Jim and Marsha Dennis*

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**Marsha Dennis** - June 28, 2018 at 03:56 PM

TF

“ *Ray was a great person and Friend.He always likes my Mom’s apple pies*

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**Thomas W Fleitz** - June 28, 2018 at 03:56 PM