

a complete resume of  
My Life and Love of Artwork

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I have been called many things—Ray2, Square, (means twice in math), Ray Ray; my real name is Raymond W. Ray. For many years I accused my father of stuttering, which, come to think of it, he never denied. I born in Sauk County, Reedsburg, Wisconsin; October 18th, 1925.

In 1939, in my early teens we moved to Madison, Wisconsin—a nursing job for our single mother and high school for my younger brother and myself. Four years at Central High School. I took four years of art classes as my plan was to work in art during my life.

A High School graduate at 18 years old and into the army, 17 weeks basic training, over to Europe and to Battle of the Bulge in Belgium; disabled: 1944--45, back to United States, to Camp Carson, Colorado. Honorable Discharge, head back to Wisconsin August 16th...the day Japan surrenders!!!

Sign up for the GI. Bill and attend the C O L T School of Art, 2½ years; also classes at the "Uptown MATC, was also called "Voggie Tech." In 1948 was employed at the "Kulzick Advertising Agency"—located on East Washington Avenue; as their Commercial Artist. While there, designed the "Block Cleaner's logo" and also the "Stoughton Trailers" logo, they are still in use t-o-d-a-y. We also did ads for "Scheop's Ice Cream Co; full page, 2 color also producing silk screen "Bus Cards for Madison Metro Bus's. Their sales increased by 25% and up!!!

Applied at Wisconsin Power and Light Co, in early 1951 in the Electrical Engineering Department for a Draftsman Four position and was accepted, this also involved doing some art work—too. Working with engineers designing and building gas and electrical substations around W.P. & L Compay service area.

During these years was promoted to the Draftsman Three position; much more responsibility in the work. In spare time in 1961, took the FAMOUS ARTIST'S COURSE, located in Westport Connecticut; the school founded in 1954 by several major illustrators; Jon Whitcomb, Ben Stahl, Al Parker, Norman Rockwell and several other great illustrators. I recieved a Certificate of Completion in 1963. I worked at W.P. & L. Co. from June of 1951 to December 25th, 1987, now known as the "Alliant Energy Co."

*Hospital* ART EXHIBITS... Madison Central Library, 2003, June, University of Wisconsin Main Entrance 2004, February, 9 pen and ink and watercolor to Phillip M. Farrell, M D, dean of the hospital medical school., drawings of bone and muscle, is now a permanent collection at the New Learning Center. June 2005, to July, Memorial Union, 46 artworks exhibited. Madison Senior Center artwork and photos exhibited during the years.

Am now, at 86 years, a 100% Disabled Veteran of WW II, from a broken back and frozen legs, now apartment bound. Do so enjoy being a Member of Wisconsin Visual Artists.  
Raymond W. Ray

"Hello-Rachel- now 91 still at the drawing board doing portraits-art work. R<sup>2</sup>

World War, AT 18 YEARS OLD THRUST INTO A KILLING WAR  
I had a rather "EXCITING " life prior to my employment at  
WISCONSIN POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY. I was employed on June 1951.

At October 18, 1943 we had to register to be inducted in to  
the service of our country. I was 18 years old. Many of us had  
basic training, before sent over seas to fight HITLERS MEN.

Sent to Herford, ENGLAND to recover Jan. 06 till April 17<sup>th</sup>  
from injuries gotten in the "Battle of the Bulge", Belgium, 1945.  
Back to the U S A to Colorado and 100% Disabled Army Veteran.

Suffered a broken back and damage to the entire body from being  
outside in 35 degrees below zero, December, 1944 to January 1945.

My name is Raymond W. Ray (Known as ,Ray Ray, R2., Ray2)  
Born 10-18- 1925.....91 years.

Retired December 27<sup>th</sup>, 1978.

Was a Commercial Artist in Madison in 1947 to 1951.

Jobs held at WP&L C6,, Draftsman 3, Draftsman 4.

My memories of working at Alliant ENERGY are the great  
folks and still enjoying yet these dear ones company.

Being retired allows us to do the hobbies we never took  
the time to do for we now are grandpa and grandma and  
being a senior person that takes time.....OH YEAH !!!