Raymond Ray Daniels passed away in Reno, NV on May 8, 2016 at the age of 88.

Ray was born February 14, 1928 in Cleveland, OH to Raymond D. Daniels Sr. and Ann C. (Diehl) Daniels. Ray graduated from Glenville High School in Cleveland in 1946. He then enlisted in the U.S. Army and was stationed in Japan. After he returned to the US, he earned a B.S. in Physics from Case Institute of Technology.

In 1950, Ray took a job with the National Bureau of Standards in Washington, DC. During the time he was in Washington, he met Libby Huggins. They fell in love and were married in Arlington, VA in September 1952. The couple then moved to Cleveland where Ray was enrolled in graduate school at Case. He graduated with a M.S. degree in Physics in 1953 and a Ph.D. in Physical Metallurgy in 1958.

In January 1958, the couple and their one-year-old daughter, Pam, moved to Norman, OK, where Ray had accepted a faculty position at the University of Oklahoma (OU). Ray spent almost 40 years in engineering education at OU, including positions as Director of the School of Chemical Engineering & Materials Science and Director of the Office of Research Administration.

In the early 1990s, Ray became involved in international engineering education. He became the first director for a USAID-funded project to develop graduate programs in the Petroleum and Petrochemical College at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand. He continued with this project until his retirement in 1998.

Upon retirement, Ray and Libby moved to Reno, NV. There, he continued his long-standing commitment to the Lions Club through his membership in the Reno Host Lions Club. Ray also enjoyed traveling over the years. He and Libby continued their travels until they were no longer able to do so; he then cared for Libby until she passed away in 2012.

Ray is survived by his daughter Pam Daniels and her husband Andrew of San Carlos, CA; sister-in-law Dorothy Daniels and niece Cathy Sero of Cleveland, OH; his nephew Mark Daniels of Dallas, TX as well as relatives from the Diehl/Crowl and Haigler families.

A gathering of family and friends to honor Ray's life will be held in Reno from 5-7 PM on Saturday, May 28. Memorial donations may be made to the OU Foundation (PO Box 258856, OKC, OK 73125) in support of the Ray & Libby Daniels Engineering Scholarship Fund #41063.