Raymond was born on June 14, 1927, in Balta, ND the son of Michael and Josephine Keller. He was the oldest of nine children. He grew up and attended schools in Seltz, ND. After his father’s death, Raymond helped work the family farm. He later worked for the Burlington Northern Railroad. He was united in marriage to Ella Mae Klain on December 6, 1950, in Minot, ND. Following the marriage they made their home in Minot, where he worked various jobs, including the railroad and area farmers. In 1968, they moved to Wolf Point, MT where he worked on the Stensland farm as a farm hand. He later worked for Rathert Ford as a mechanic. Following Raymond’s retirement from Rathert Ford, they remained in Wolf Point. In August of 2009, they moved to Sidney, MT where they made their home at the Lodge on Lone Tree Creek. In March of 2010, Raymond entered the Sidney Health Center Extended Care due to his lung cancer.

Raymond was a member of the First Baptist Church in Wolf Point, MT. Following his retirement, Raymond still enjoyed tinkering with cars. He also enjoyed fishing, hunting, camping and his family. Raymond loved anything that had him in the great outdoors.

Raymond died after a 5 ½ month courageous battle of lung cancer with his wife of 59 years at his side on Wednesday morning, June 2, 2010, at the Sidney Health Center Extended Care Facility.

Surviving him are: his wife, Ella Mae Keller, Sidney, MT; his four sons, David (Tina) Keller, Billings, MT, Paul (Tonya) Keller, Bend, OR, Clifford Keller, Glasgow, MT and Ricky (Amy) Keller, Wolf Point, MT; his five daughters, Beverly (Jerry) Dempsey, Wolf Point, MT, Sharon (Kevin) Roth, Sidney, MT, Laura (Ron) Duffey and Susan (Charlie) Norwood, all of Billings, MT, and Pam (Scott) Bell, Vail, AZ; his three brothers, Bill (Shirley) Keller, Surrey, ND, Frank (Rose) Keller, and Leonard Keller, all of Rugby, ND; his two sisters, Agnes Busch, Westminster, CO and Clara Davis, Mandan, ND; 22 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his two brothers, Adam and Tony, his sister, Mary Ann, and his two grandsons, Michael Roth and Jeremy Dempsey; a granddaughter, Sondra Keller.