



Raymond Edward Clarke

December 7, 1935 - January 31, 2025

Raymond E. Clarke, 89, passed away on January 31, 2025, at Heron Point, Chestertown, MD. He was born in Providence, RI to Richardson and Lorena Clarke on December 7, 1935. On his sixth birthday, he went to live with his maternal grandmother, Helen Cruthers, who raised him. While in high school, he was on the wrestling team and earned the rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts. After graduating Hope High School in Providence, he served in the National Guard. He was employed by Brown & Sharp as a machinist apprentice prior to enrolling in Keene (NH) State College. While there, he was a member of the Kappa Delta Phi fraternity and earned a Bachelor's Degree in Education. He continued his education at Northeastern University, earning a Master's Degree and Johns Hopkins University, ultimately earning his Doctorate in Education from the University of Maryland, College Park. Ray met Pat Burns on a blind date in 1960 and they were married on June 16, 1962. After living and working in several locations in Massachusetts, they moved to Chestertown, MD in August 1968 where he became the first Middle School Supervisor of Instruction for Kent County. He continued to hold several supervisory positions within the Kent County Board of Education until his retirement in 1997. After his official retirement, he returned to do consulting work for the Board of Education as well as filling in as a temporary principal at Millington Elementary and Worton Elementary schools. He is a past President of the Maryland Middle School Association and the Maryland Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development. He was a member of the Board of

Directors of the Maryland Association of Secondary School Principals. In 2011, Ray was awarded the Maryland Retired School Personnel Association Community Service Award for his volunteer activities with the United Way, the Sacred Heart Church Parish Council, the League of Women Voters, Chester River Yacht and Country Club, the Kent County Food Pantry, Home Ports, and the Chestertown Elks Lodge 2474, where he served as Exalted Ruler. He also served as President of the Kent County Retired School Personnel Association.

Ray and Pat enjoyed traveling to all 48 contiguous states as well as several European countries. His hobbies included gardening, bridge, reading, and exercising with his friends at the Kent Athletic Center and Heron Point. He was predeceased by his parents, his grandparents, and his brother, Joseph Ellershaw (Betty). In addition to his wife of 62 years, he is survived by his son Michael and his wife, Anna Schmidt of Wilmington, DE as well as his grandchildren: Aubrey, Laurel, Reid, and Will. He is also survived by his nephews Eric Griggs (Karla) and Joey Ellershaw.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10AM on Saturday, February 15th at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 508 High St. Chestertown MD.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: Keene State College Advancement,
229 Main St., Keene NH 03435.

Memo: Class of 1961 Scholarship Fund.

Please enclose a note saying that this donation is made in Memory of Raymond Clarke.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

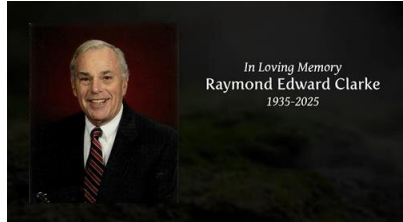
FEB **15**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church
508 High Street
Chestertown, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Raymond Edward Clarke*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - February 10, 2025 at 12:56 PM

DB

“ *David&Stefanie Blyman lit a candle in memory of Raymond Edward Clarke*



David&Stefanie Blyman - February 14, 2025 at 02:28 PM

MR

“ *Maryann Ruehrmund lit a candle in memory of Raymond Edward Clarke*



Maryann Ruehrmund - February 08, 2025 at 03:34 PM

EL

“ *Edgar & Nancy Legg lit a candle in memory of Raymond Edward Clarke*



Edgar & Nancy Legg - February 06, 2025 at 07:05 PM

GT

“ *Gwen Towson lit a candle in memory of Raymond Edward Clarke*



Gwen Towson - February 06, 2025 at 06:33 PM

DJ

“ *I had the pleasure of working with Dr. Clark as he filled in at Worton Elem. School. Mr. Clark was such a kind man and whenever I saw him, he always greeted me with a smile and a hello. My thoughts and Prayers are with the family. May God comfort and keep you.*



Denise M. Jones - February 06, 2025 at 05:26 PM

PB

“ *Phyllis Hudson Brown lit a candle in memory of Raymond Edward Clarke*



Phyllis Hudson Brown - February 05, 2025 at 04:33 PM

PB

*My father, Monroe Hudson, always enjoyed playing bridge with him and his wife, Pat.
Blessings, Phyllis Brown*

Phyllis Hudson Brown - February 05, 2025 at 04:35 PM

TS

“ *Todd And Diane Smith lit a candle in memory of Raymond Edward Clarke*



Todd and Diane Smith - February 05, 2025 at 12:19 PM

AS

“ *Allan Schauber lit a candle in memory of Raymond Edward Clarke*



Allan Schauber - February 04, 2025 at 05:30 PM

AS

*Mr. Clark was very humble man who would always listen. Rest easy
Exalted Ruler Clark.*

Allan Schauber - February 04, 2025 at 05:32 PM

MM

“ *Mark Mumford lit a candle in memory of Raymond Edward Clarke*



Mark Mumford - February 04, 2025 at 08:54 AM

TH

“ Tracey Hamonko lit a candle in memory of Raymond Edward Clarke



Tracey Hamonko - February 03, 2025 at 05:52 PM

VW

“ Valerie Thompson Williams lit a candle in memory of Raymond Edward Clarke



Valerie Thompson Williams - February 03, 2025 at 02:31 PM

LI

“ Luisa's Cucina Italiana lit a candle in memory of Raymond Edward Clarke



Luisa's Cucina Italiana - February 03, 2025 at 02:20 PM

GS

“ Greg Starkey lit a candle in memory of Raymond Edward Clarke



Greg Starkey - February 03, 2025 at 10:56 AM

DN

“ *Diana Nichols lit a candle in memory of Raymond Edward Clarke*



Diana Nichols - February 03, 2025 at 10:09 AM

FD

“ *Frankie & Jane Dill sent a virtual gift in memory of Raymond Edward Clarke*



Frankie & Jane Dill - February 03, 2025 at 09:35 AM

BC

“ *Barbara P COLEMAN lit a candle in memory of Raymond Edward Clarke*



Barbara P COLEMAN - February 03, 2025 at 08:00 AM



“ *Sandy Green lit a candle in memory of Raymond Edward Clarke*



Sandy Green - February 03, 2025 at 07:32 AM

RK

“ *Ruth Kerr lit a candle in memory of Raymond Edward Clarke*



Ruth Kerr - February 02, 2025 at 06:57 PM

JS

“ *Jeanette Stubbs lit a candle in memory of Raymond Edward Clarke*



Jeanette Stubbs - February 02, 2025 at 06:22 PM

SJ

“ *I praying for comfort for Ray's Family.*



Suzanne Jackson - February 02, 2025 at 03:35 PM

GS

“ *My condolences to the families.*



George Short - February 02, 2025 at 11:19 AM

PW

“ *Patti Webb lit a candle in memory of Raymond Edward Clarke*



Patti Webb - February 02, 2025 at 10:53 AM

TM

“ *So very sorry for your loss. He was always such a kind person.*



Tamy Buckel, MD - February 02, 2025 at 10:39 AM

GK

“ *Gretchen Kohl lit a candle in memory of Raymond Edward Clarke*



Gretchen Kohl - February 02, 2025 at 09:06 AM

CE

“ *Charles & Donna Edwards lit a candle in memory of Raymond Edward Clarke*



Charles & Donna Edwards - February 01, 2025 at 03:23 PM

JA

Lit a candle and shed tears in Memory of Ray Clarke. So sorry, I missed the service of Feb 15th.

Jitendra P Agrawal - March 07, 2025 at 03:27 PM