



Dr. Raymond E. Cormier

November 11, 1925 - October 4, 2017

Dr. Raymond E. Cormier, 91, of Methuen, passed away peacefully on October 4, 2017 surrounded by his devoted family at the Nevins Nursing & Rehabilitation Centre.

Dr. Raymond Cormier was born on Veterans Day, November 11, 1925 to his hardworking parents Francis and Julie (Richard) Cormier in Lowell, MA. After graduating from the Searles High School with the Class of 1944, he felt the call of duty and enlisted in the United States Navy proudly serving on the USS Antietam in the Pacific Theater during WWII. Dr. Cormier had a deep and devoted passion for sports and physical fitness that developed during childhood and set him on a path for athletic achievements that spanned many decades. During his school years and later in life he was recognized and awarded for his participation in football, basketball and track.

After Dr. Cormier was discharged from the service, he married his sweetheart, Audrey Belle Gorham, in a simple ceremony. He truly believed in the value of a secondary education and attended St. Michael's College graduating with a bachelor's degree in 1952. He worked for several years at John Hancock Life Insurance until he decided that he needed to further his education. Being a family man with several children, in 1956 he attended Palmer Chiropractic College in Davenport, Iowa. Shortly after graduating with his doctorate in chiropractic medicine his career path took him in a different direction to Methuen High School and to Weston schools where he was a physical education teacher. Dr. Cormier started his career in chiropractic medicine with Dr. Herbert Craven in Salem, NH. He eventually went into private practice with his daughter at Windham Chiropractic until his retirement. He also worked for many years for the Boston Red Sox organization. Dr. Cormier accomplished many feats that many people only can dream of accomplishing. He was one of the founding members of the New England 65+ Runners Club, where he also on the board of directors. He was also inducted into their hall of fame. Dr. Cormier was also a member of the Merrimack Striders, ran in two Boston marathons and climbed Mt. Washington. He was a truly devoted family man who was a selfless, generous and kind soul who without no hesitation would give you the shirt off of his back. He was a devout Catholic who was a communicant of Saint Monica's. Dr. Cormier touched many lives in many different circles and will be fondly remembered, cherished and missed.

Dr. Cormier is survived by his three beloved children; his daughter Donna Rae M. Cormier

of Methuen, his son William F. Cormier and his wife Nancy of St. Augustine, FL, and his daughter Maryanne Cormier of Jacksonville, FL. He was also a proud grandfather and great-grandfather. Dr. Cormier is also survived by his brother William Cormier and his wife Lois of California and several loving nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife Audrey B. (Gorham) Cormier in 2003 with whom he celebrated 59 years of marriage together and his five sisters; Bernadette Fredette, Gemma Perry, Joan Chadwick, Marie Crawford and Gabrielle Cormier.

Visitation for Dr. Raymond Cormier will be held on Tuesday, October 10, 2017 from 4 – 8 PM at the Kenneth H. Pollard Funeral Home, 233 Lawrence Street, Methuen. Friends and family are cordially invited to attend. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Wednesday, October 11, 2017 at 11 AM at Saint Monica's Church, 212 Lawrence Street, Methuen, MA. Interment to follow at Elmwood Cemetery, 130 North Lowell Street, Methuen. In lieu of flowers, please make a contribution in Dr. Cormier's memory to either the Nevins Nursing & Rehabilitation Centre, 10 Ingalls Court, Methuen, MA 01844 or the Disabled American Veterans, 52 Richard Circle, Woburn, MA 01801. The Kenneth H. Pollard Funeral Home is proud to serve the Cormier family.

Cemetery

Elmwood Cemetery

North Lowell St.

Methuen, MA, 01844

Events

OCT **Calling Hours** 04:00PM - 08:00PM

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Kenneth H. Pollard Funeral Home

233 Lawrence Street, Methuen, MA, US, 01844

OCT **Mass** 11:00AM

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St. Monica's Church

212 Lawrence St., Methuen, MA, US, 01844

Comments



“ With deepest sympathy on the passing of a true gentleman.

John M. Rimas and family

John Rimas - October 13, 2017 at 12:27 PM



“ So sorry to hear of his passing but what a life! I extend my sympathies on behalf of my Dad, Bill LaRochelle, who always talked about Ray in such glowing terms...what an athlete, what a friend...hope they get together on some field in the sky for a reunion...

Sincerely,
Steve LaRochelle

Steve LaRochelle - October 11, 2017 at 11:13 AM



“ We will miss Ray. He has been the force behind the New England 65 Runners Club. It was a pleasure to work with him on the board. You knew that if he said he was going to do something it would get done.

Ray's character was one we all looked up to.
Our prayers go out to him and his family.
Jerry and Arden LeVasseur

Jerry LeVasseur - October 10, 2017 at 12:30 PM



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Kenneth H. Pollard Funeral Home - October 10, 2017 at 08:04 AM



“ Donna, you are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Your father was such an inspiration to so many. A truly caring, generous and loving man. He is missed. Love, Patti

Patti Hanna - October 09, 2017 at 11:04 PM



“ Donna, Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Your dad was a great man. May he rest in peace.
Bonnie and Ruth Hebsch

Bonnie Hebsch - October 09, 2017 at 06:44 PM



“ My wife Maire and I moved from New York City to Rye New Hampshire in 1998. While in New York City I became a close friend of Art Lovely, originally from Orange MA, who lived in the same condo complex as we did. Since Art and I were both retired we found time to take up running. While running Art would share stories about growing up in Orange and attending St. Michael's. College. He talked about the great athletes who attended the college especially Farley and Ray. He told me to look up Ray when I moved to New Hampshire. My first words to Ray upon joining the New England 65 Plus Runners Club and meeting Ray for the first time were " No need to introduce yourself I know all about you from my New York days" Ray and I became good friends and I feel that he was was one of the nicest gentlemen I have ever met. He will be sadly missed.

Jim McLaughlin

Jim McLaughlin - October 09, 2017 at 12:32 PM



“ Donna, I will miss seeing your Dad's smiling face at Walmart. He always had a kind word or a hug. What a sweet man. I am so sorry for your loss. You both are in my thoughts and prayers. Linda Scotti

Linda Scotti - October 09, 2017 at 09:06 AM



“ I remember in detail how Dr. Cormier (Ray) our landlord, cared for me and our family when our apartment was burning with me in it. I had been asleep having worked a night shift at the "Bonsecours " hospital and struggling to breath I ran out from the smoke and flames, miraculously, there he was mid day guiding me into his home and safety. Thank you Ray!

Shirley Ducheneau Cartwright - October 06, 2017 at 11:17 PM



“ Theresa Chenevert lit a candle in memory of Dr. Raymond E. Cormier



Theresa Chenevert - October 06, 2017 at 09:14 PM