



Raymond E. Voter

September 20, 1931 - July 2, 2021

Raymond E. Voter, age 89, passed away peacefully surrounded with his family on Friday, July 2, 2021. Born in Methuen on September 20, 1931 to the late John G. Voter Sr. and Irene (Leach) Voter.

After graduating from Searles High School, class of 1951, he enlisted in the United States Navy Seabees serving from 1952-1953 and was stationed on Midway Island for eighteen months. He also served in the Army Reserves from 1953-1957. He graduated from Wentworth Institute with an engineering degree and later entered a long career in construction. At eighty-nine, he was still employed with Pentucket Glass and Aluminum. Ray was a hard-working, devoted family man who was always in great spirits. He valued time spent with family and was proud of their accomplishments. Throughout his life he was active in his community by serving as a Member of the Board of Trade, Carpenter's Union, coaching Methuen baseball and hockey teams and supporting his wife's business Voter's School of Dance. For hobbies, he enjoyed fishing, hunting, carpentry, and travel, especially to the casino.

He was preceded in death by two of his siblings, John Jr. Voter and Phyllis Clark.

Ray is survived by the love of his life, Pam (Mazzocco) Voter, with whom he just celebrated sixty-six years of marriage on June 19, 2021; his three children, Vanessa Shaheen and her husband, Michael Shaheen of Haverhill, Melanie Grasso and her husband, Alfred Grasso of Florida, and Ray Voter of Methuen; and his sister, Ruth Mason. In addition, he leaves behind his five grandchildren, Nicholas Grasso and his wife, Karista, Daniel Grasso and his wife, Kerri, Ashley Shaheen, Julie Grasso and Aiyanna Grasso; and his beloved great-furbabies, Charlie and Nova.

Ray was admired by all who knew him and his presence will forever live in the hearts of his loved ones.

Family and friends are respectfully invited to attend funeral services on Monday, July 12, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. at Marsh Corner Community Church, 317 Pelham Street in Methuen. Burial will follow at Elmwood Cemetery, 130 North Lowell Street in Methuen. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Honor Flight New England at honorflightnewengland.org. In 2018 Ray was invited to Honor Flight New England, a free trip to Washington, DC with other Veterans, to visit and reflect at their memorials. He spoke frequently about this trip and hoped every Veteran would have the opportunity to go! For directions and online guestbook, please visit the funeral home website, <http://www.pollardfuneralhome.com>. The Kenneth H. Pollard Funeral Home is honored to serve the Voter Family.

Cemetery

Elmwood Cemetery

North Lowell St.

Methuen, MA, 01844

Events

JUL

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Service

11:00AM

Marsh Corner Community Church

317 Pelham Street, Methuen, MA, US, 01844

Comments



“ Raymond Voter was my father in law. I first met Raymond in 1975 when Melanie and I started dating. I quickly realized that he was a great father, devoted husband, and loyal friend to many. Always so genuinely involved in family activities such as: celebrating birthdays and holidays, vacations, cookouts, school and sporting events, and of course, attending dance programs and recitals. I was so impressed with his expertise and ingenuity in building props and stage scenery for annual recitals. He was the ultimate “Jack of All Trades” in my eyes. More importantly, he was one of the kindest, gentle hearted, generous, and selfless persons I’ve known (except on his 85th surprise birthday party that Ashley threw him where he was the center of attention). I don’t think I’ve ever seen him really angry, except when I heard how upset he was when he was unable to get a “snack” during his recent hospitalization. He wanted the hospital’s CEO fired!

Grandchildren were paramount to his life. Our 2 sons, Nick and Dan loved being with Grandpa. I was so amazed by how much time, energy, and especially love he devoted to his granddaughter Ashley during her early developmental years. Today Ashley is so vibrant and accomplished largely due to Raymond’s influence. He was a marvelous nurturing mentor. When Melanie and I adopted our 2 daughters, Julia in 2004, and Aiyanna in 2005, Raymond was again ready for “additional grandpa duties”. About 2 weeks before his passing, Raymond received the beautiful news from our son Dan and his wife Kerri, that he was going to be a “GREAT GRANDPA “ in November. This was truly a blessing for Raymond.

I have many memories of Raymond that I’ll cherish forever. Trips to Florida and our cabin in Ellijay, Georgia. I can still vividly see him indulging in “a little extra bacon “ (smirk on his face) while at the buffet line on a family cruise. We all knew his passion for eating. I loved cooking for him. Whether breakfast, lunch, or dinner, he would always comment “the food was delicious”, regardless of how it actually came out. He was such a gentleman and the ultimate optimist.

Raymond was the best storyteller. He loved talking about childhood memories with his brother John, and sisters Phyllis and Ruth. His hunting and fishing “tales”, and war stories were my favorites. He was a true patriot who loved his country. Whenever I see anyone in uniform or military clothing, I acknowledge their service and PROUDLY announce my father in law Raymond served as a Navy SEABEE during the Korean War.

I remember his description of his Honor Flight trip to Washington DC., that he took with his beloved son Ray. He said he got goosebumps as he and other honorees were greeted and saluted at the airport by spectators and “military brass”. I’m certain it was a highlight of his life.

We all know of his love for casinos. He was always looking to “hit the jackpot or win the lottery”. While Raymond may have never been that lucky in the casinos, we all know he definitely hit the lottery in life!

It was a blessing for Raymond to have been surrounded at his bedside by loving family when he courageously and peacefully passed. He recently endured difficult

medical challenges, but always had a smile on his face and positive attitude. His legacy remains forever. It was my honor and privilege to have know such an amazing man. Rest in peace Raymond, and may God continue to bless you.

Alfred Grasso - July 14 at 02:12 PM



“ Dear Pam, Little Ray, Melanie and Vanessa, so sorry for your loss! So many memories. Ray was the best neighbor ever! I will always remember him as friendly, smiling, and full of goodwill, as you all were! He was a very special man and I am grateful he was a part of our lives during our time next door.

God Bless, Deborah Caron

Deborah Caron - July 10 at 12:09 AM



“ I am deeply saddened by the loss of Raymond. I had the honor to work with him for almost 20 years and I will never forget the warmth his smile brought to our office each and everyday. I will never forget all the stories he shared with us, it was amazing that when he told a story he knew the exact date and year it happened. I will miss how he identified himself when he would make a call, "My name is Raymond Voter, Voter that is, like you are on election day". Most of all, I will miss his friendship. Raymond accomplished so much in life and has left a wonderful legacy behind him. He was an admired, appreciated, caring, kind, humble, husband, father, grandfather, friend & a Great Man!!

My deepest sympathy to all of you during this difficult time.

Colleen

Colleen Hanson - July 08 at 08:15 AM



“ My deepest condolences to the family. When I told my mother Carol, this morning she felt so bad. Said he was a nice man and you were a happy couple. May memories carry you through this difficult time.

Love

Joyce

Joyce - July 09 at 11:37 AM