

Mr. Raymond Ehrenbeck

Mr. Raymond (Ray) Ehrenbeck passed away on Wednesday, April 8, 2020 in Potomac Falls, Virginia. He was born October 13, 1930 in Hackensack, New Jersey to Emil and Elsa Ehrenbeck. Ray had a beloved and only sibling, Harro.



His last words, when asked: “Do you feel loved”?

He answered with a heart-warming smile: “Of Course”

We have been so blessed to have had this loving man (a good man) as an “integral part” of our lives for so many years.

Through his actions, he leaves us with a “roadmap” paved with virtues; compassion, patience, gentleness, humility, respectful humor, cheerful optimism, love of family, and servant leadership, among many other character blessings and fond memories.

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

EDUCATION: Ray earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from Stevens Institute of Technology, followed by service in the U.S. Air Force. He completed a Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering from Northeastern University.

PROFESSIONAL CAREER:

- ◆ Air Force Cambridge Research Laboratory at L.G. Hansom Field as a Project Manager developing communications technology (1955-1966).
- ◆ NASA on the Apollo Moon Landing mission (1966-1970).
- ◆ United States Department of Transportation (1970-1989). He worked on safety-related programs such as Morgantown Personal Rapid Transit monorail and train safety, until his retirement in 1989.

Notably, Ray:

- ◆ Designed a 600-ton hydraulic press that turned graphite into diamonds for use in electronics
- ◆ Received an Apollo Achievement Award from NASA for his contributions on the Apollo Moon Landing mission
- ◆ Received several engineering related patents on behalf of the U.S. Government.

FAITH:

Ray was a man deep-rooted in his faith; exemplified consistently through his lifestyle and his actions. He was a Deacon at First Church of Christ-Congregational in Bedford, MA and Moderator of the Board of Deacons at Ashburn Presbyterian Church where he worshipped with his wife, Joan. They enjoyed playing in the Bell Choir together and served on the Church’s Building Committee

COMMUNITY:

- ◆ In his younger years, after achieving the rank of Eagle Scout he served as Assistant Scout Master
- ◆ He was a Past Master of the Frank W. Thompson Masonic Lodge in Bedford MA
- ◆ Volunteer Santa in the Bedford MA Santa Program
- ◆ Chairman of Commission on Aging, Loudoun County Virginia
- ◆ Founding member of the Loudoun County Cascades Senior Center
- ◆ Election precinct chief, Loudoun County
- ◆ Together with his wife Joan, they provided tax services to the elderly and counseled high school seniors in finance at the Reality Stores.
- ◆ Additionally, for decades he supported the American Red Cross through blood donations.

FAMILY:

Ray's greatest love of all was his family. He met his wife, Joan while she was teaching First Aid and he was President of his ski club. They enjoyed 58 years together until her death in 2016. They raised one daughter, Debbie Kangelaris. He is survived by his loving daughter, Debbie, son-in-law, Alex Kangelaris and his loving grandchildren, Sarandis (Andy), Christina, Emily and Melanie.

He loved spending quality time through quantity time with his entire family and he absolutely adored his grandchildren, teaching their multiplication tables, gardening and fixing things, setting up model trains and completing puzzles.

MEMORIAL SERVICE: Ray will be celebrated as a loving husband, brother, father, grandfather and friend with a memorial service in the very near future.

DONATIONS:

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to: **“Falcon Landing Benevolence Fund”**

Please Note in Memo, “For the “Johnson Center COVID-19 fund.” *(This fund will provide assistance to the front-line nursing and staff working with long term residents during this COVID-19 crisis.)*

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