



## Mr. Raymond N. Boudreau

October 17, 1942 - November 6, 2021

Raymond N. Boudreau, 79, died peacefully in his sleep at home on November 6, 2021 after a long period of declining health. He was born October 17, 1942 in Weymouth, MA son of the late Frederick and Lillian (Geever) Boudreau.

He attended schools in Weymouth and Rockland. Upon graduating from Rockland High School in 1960, he was accepted into the G.E. Engineering Apprentice Course and moved to Pittsfield. While working in the apprentice program he attended night school at Western New England College, graduating with a Bachelor of Electrical Engineering in 1971. He also served in the Army Reserves from 1965 to 1971.

On May 28, 1966, he married his beloved wife of 55 years the former Patricia Shalley of Great Barrington in St Peter's Church.

Ray held many managerial engineering positions throughout the years beginning at General Electric and continuing through the transitions to Martin Marietta, Lockheed Martin and finally retiring from General Dynamics in 2001 as Program Manager of Production Support Engineering in Guidance Production Division.

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utside of work, Ray was involved in many civic organizations. He was a member of the Civitan Club of the Berkshires for the last 49 years, serving as

president in 1976 and an Honor Key Recipient. He served as Area Coordinator for the Berkshire County Chapter of Special Olympics from 1976 to 1982 and had various Special Olympics events dedicated to him including track & field at both Taconic and Monument Mountain High Schools. He was awarded the 1982 Massachusetts Special Olympics Outstanding Volunteer Award.

Additional honors included being a nominee for the G.E. Phillippe award in 1981 and 1982. He was the 1982 Child Advocate of the Year for the Berkshire County Council of Children, the recipient of the 1984 March of Dimes Helping Hand Award and a 1986 Unsung Hero for the City of Pittsfield.

He was a member of the GEAA serving as Golf Chairman in 1996 and the Board of Directors from 1998-2006 (Treasurer -1998, President-2002). He helped form and lead the political activist group RATTs for the south side neighborhood group Residents Against the Transfer Station on South St.

After retirement he enjoyed golfing at the "A", his Friday night poker games, monthly trips to Mohegan Sun and Foxwoods. He was an avid Boston sports fan (Red Sox, Patriots, Celtic and Bruins), but his favorite activity was attending his grandchildren's extracurricular activities.

Besides his wife, he leaves a son Raymond P. Boudreau and two daughters, Suzanne Downer and her husband Daniel of Dalton and Pamela Boudreau and her husband Matthew Farrell of Amherst, his grandchildren, whom he was most proud of, Jamie and Jessie Downer, Madeline Keeler and Lillian Boudreau, his siblings Frederick Boudreau and wife Doretta of S. Weymouth and Walter Boudreau of Brockton, his brother-in-law David Yaffe and many nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his sister Lorraine Bowden

and her husband Thomas, his brother Joseph Boudreau, his sisters-in-law Elizabeth "Betty" Chludzinski and her husband Theodore and Maureen Yaffe.

FUNERAL NOTICE: Funeral services for Mr. Raymond N. Boudreau will be Saturday, November 13, 2021, with a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. at St. Joseph's Church, celebrated by Msgr. Michael A. Shershanovich, Pastor. Burial will be private at a later date at St Peter's Cemetery in Great Barrington.

Calling hours will be held, Friday, November 12, 2021, from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Dwyer Funeral Home, 776 North Street, Pittsfield MA. To best ensure everybody's health, due to the recent rise in Covid cases, all who attend these services will be required to wear face masks.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Raymond's name to St. Luke's School of Nursing Alumni Association or the Civitan Club of the Berkshires, in care of the Dwyer Funeral Home.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Peter's Cemetery

Great Barrington, MA 01230

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 12. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Dwyer Family Funeral Home  
776 North Street  
Pittsfield, MA 01201  
(413) 442-5094  
info@dwyerfuneral.com  
<https://www.dwyerfuneral.com/>

## Service

NOV 13. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Joseph Church  
414 North St.  
Pittsfield, MA 01201

# Tribute Wall

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“ To Pat, Susie & Danny, Pam & Matt, little Raymond, and all of your children, I'm so very sorry I missed this!

Ray was one of the first people our father Nick met at GE when he was transferred from Syracuse. Once we as a family joined Special Olympics & Civitan, we knew Pittsfield was an excellent move for Johnny! Johnnys first Olympics was Swimming at North Adams State in November 1979 (I think, without searching for a photo album). Johnnys latest Special Olympics was Swimming in 2019... almost 40 yrs later, all thanks to Ray!

We have so many memories of our friendship and I'm glad to see Ray's smiling face wherever we went! I'm glad we were able to visit Ray & Pat in their newer home, which was strategically close to their old house so all grandchildren could be over frequently! Johnny & I are very sorry we missed seeing you at the funeral home. I've attempted to keep reading what I can of the Berkshire Eagle, but apparently I missed this. I really miss seeing many friends and acquaintances during this pandemic. Our Special Olympics and Civitan time kept us all very active and busy and more importantly, laughing! I cherish those memories!  
Our Deepest Condolences to all of you!



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Anne & John Ruggeri - January 02, 2022 at 08:15 PM

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“ Dear Pat and family,  
I have many memories of Ray when we traveled together to the Hughes Aircraft plant in LA. I remember the Friday (?) night card games at your house; I don't believe I ever came away a winner! My wife, Kathy, and I bought many a Civitan Fruit Cake from Ray. He was always ready to support a good cause. He gave back an enormous amount of energy to the community. Lastly, I remember Ray at the Christmas parties, sitting at his table welcoming everyone! He will be missed by many!  
George and Kathy Desmarais

George and Kathy Desmarais - November 22, 2021 at 09:19 AM

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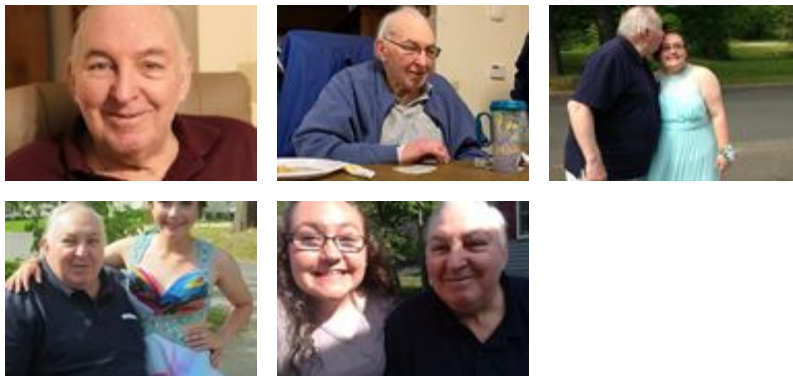
“ I have so many good memories of Ray that it's impossible to pick just one. He was truly a caring and good person that would do anything to make your day a little brighter. His wonderful spirit will be greatly missed.

Wayne Ells

Wayne Ells - November 16, 2021 at 12:56 PM



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Dwyer Funeral Home Inc. - November 12, 2021 at 11:36 AM

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“ *Dear Pat and Family,  
Please accept our deepest prayers and sympathy. It was always enjoyable to see Ray at various events and chat with him. We always seemed to meet each other while shopping at the market. Miss that. We'd catch up on what was happening. We know he will remain close to your hearts. Rest In Peace, dear friend.*

Patrick & Marie Gormalley - November 11, 2021 at 07:39 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Raymond N. Boudreau.*



November 11, 2021 at 02:36 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Raymond N. Boudreau.*



November 11, 2021 at 07:45 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Raymond N. Boudreau.*



November 10, 2021 at 04:20 PM



“ *Godiva Gold Ballotin (36 pc) was purchased for the family of Mr. Raymond N. Boudreau.*



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“ *I have many remembrances from working with Ray at GE. He was a valuable member of a great team of friends and co-workers that developed respectful relationships in the course of working together over the years. His wry wit and quick smile will be the characteristic that I remember most. I extend my sympathies to his family.*

*Bob Meyers*

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**Robert Meyers** - November 10, 2021 at 01:20 PM



“ *Was on apprentice program with Ray and he was always a good natured outgoing guy. When my dad passed unexpectedly in 1963 Ray took the time to drive from Pittsfield to Turners Falls for visitation hours. Condolences to his family. Don Robinson.*

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**donald robinson** - November 10, 2021 at 09:06 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mr. Raymond N. Boudreau.*



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November 10, 2021 at 08:35 AM



“ *Vivid Recollections* was purchased for the family of Mr. Raymond N. Boudreau.



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“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Mr. Raymond N. Boudreau.



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“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Mr. Raymond N. Boudreau.



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