



Jack Ray

May 3, 1926 - October 22, 2022

On Saturday, October 22, 2022, John N. Ray, loving husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather, passed away at the age of 97 in West Hartford, CT.

John, known to all as Jack, was born on May 3, 1925, in Bridgeport, CT to H. Benjamin and Florence Margarita (Norton) Ray. He and his parents resided in Darien, CT where Jack grew up enjoying many outdoor pursuits, including camping, boating, hockey and riding as a member of the New Canaan Mounted Troop.

At the age of 17, Jack enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps and served in the Pacific and Japan during World War II. He was a survivor of the battles of Iwo Jima, Tinian and Saipan. After the war, Jack was briefly stationed in Japan before being honorably discharged.

Jack returned to Connecticut and attended the University of Bridgeport where he earned an associate degree before joining the People's Savings Bank's (later People's Bank) mortgage department. He worked at the bank until his retirement as senior appraiser at age 65.

Jack was an avid skier from a young age and was an early member of the Sterling Ski Club in Stratford. He spent many cold, yet enjoyable days with

friends and family on the slopes of Massachusetts, Vermont and New Hampshire. He also greatly enjoyed camping and hiking and climbed most, if not all, of the 4,000-foot mountains in New Hampshire and Vermont.

Jack is survived by his beloved wife, Barbara Rippe Ray, his four children, Bob (Vera) Ray, Kim Ray Van Gorkom, Jeff (Nancy) Ray and Kate (Christian) Winkley; five grandchildren, Trista (Jack) Evans, Travis (Jessica) Ray, Timothy Ray, Anna and Jack Winkley; and one great granddaughter, Kaylie Ray. A funeral service will be held at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, November 2, 2022, at Old St. Andrew's Episcopal Church at 59 Tariffville Rd in Bloomfield, CT. Burial with military honors will follow at 2:15 pm at Mountain Grove Cemetery, 2675 North Avenue, Bridgeport, CT. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Iwo Jima Memorial Historical Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box 310516, Newington, CT 06131.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

NOV 2. 10:00 AM (ET)

Old Saint Andrews Church
Bloomfield, CT

Graveside Service

NOV 2. 2:15 PM (ET)

Mountain Grove Cemetery
2675 North Ave.
Bridgeport, CT

Tribute Wall

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“ *To Barbara and family...
So sorry to hear of Jack's passing.. my condolences to you and
your family..
Arlene Liscinsky
Uxbridge, Ma*

Arlene Liscinsky - November 01, 2022 at 09:05 PM

KB

“ *Kevin Baker lit a candle in memory of Jack
Ray*



Kevin Baker - October 31, 2022 at 02:08 PM

KB

Sorry to hear about the passing of Jack.

Kevin Baker - October 31, 2022 at 02:10 PM

JC

“ *Jack was truly a remarkable person, and
we're blessed to be called his friend. We pray
the Ray family will find comfort in knowing
how much much Jack was respected and
liked by his fellow parishioners at OSA. God
bless Barbara and family during this time of grief over our loss*



Jack & Joann Cown - October 30, 2022 at 06:05 PM

JS

“ I am very sorry to hear of Jack's passing. Jack and I spent a lot of time working together in the Brookfield Office of Peoples back in the day. We also had a great fishing trip with one of our builders in Block Island. Jack and I slept in the back of the boat and had hot doughnuts in the morning from a local stand. He will be missed. Jack was a wonderful person. I can still see his smile.

james somers - October 30, 2022 at 07:38 AM

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My condolences to the Ray family.

Norvilla (Gwen) Findlay - October 31, 2022 at 05:04 AM