



Raymond J. Fugere, Jr.

October 26, 2019

Raymond J. Fugere, Jr., 81 of West Hartford and Winchester, CT, died October 26th surrounded by his family.

He was born in Springfield, Mass, the son of Raymond J. Fugere and Mary (Ward) Fugere.

He attended Springfield schools and graduated from Classical High School in 1955 and Worcester Polytechnic Institute with a degree in Mechanical Engineering in 1960. In 1967 he received his MBA from the University of Connecticut. He was employed by Pratt & Whitney Aircraft, Fafnir Bearing, and The Torrington Company, retiring in 2001. He also served as a U.S. Army Lieutenant in Kitzingen, West Germany during the “Berlin Wall” and “Cuban Missile” Crises.

In 1973 he was ordained to Holy Orders as a Deacon in the Catholic Church. He served in Holy Family Church in Enfield, and Saint Helena and Saint Mark the Evangelist Churches in West Hartford, CT. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and served for many years as Chaplain of his Council.

Ray and Sally and their family enjoyed their cottage at Highland Lake in Winchester, CT. for many years. Ray also served on the Board of Directors of the Highland Lake Association.

Ray was predeceased by his beloved wife, of 55 years, Sally Fugere. Ray leaves a son, Raymond J. Fugere, III and wife Ann (Via) of Ellicott City, MD; a daughter Mary Kay McNeil and her husband Paul, along with her son, David of West Hartford; and a second daughter, Barbara Nemirow and her husband Jay, along with their children Hope, Drew, Bailey, and Brooke of West Hartford. He leaves step grandchildren, Chris Via and wife Jamie, along with their children Jackson and Preston of Trophy Club, TX, and Kim Meier and husband Chuck, and son Charlie of Severna Park, MD. He also leaves a brother Robert Fugere and Jeanne of Toronto, Canada, and many nieces and nephews and their families.

Ray and Sally were predeceased by her sister Barbara and her husband Dr. Thomas Grace of West Hartford and by her brother William McCormick, and his wife Jeanne of Potomac, MD.

His family will receive friends at Molloy Funeral Home, 906 Farmington Ave. in West Hartford on Tuesday October 29, 2019 from 5pm to 8pm. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Wednesday October 30, 2019 at 11am at the Church of Saint Mark the Evangelist, 467 Quaker Lane South in West Hartford. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery, Whitman Ave. West Hartford.

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery

200 Whitman Ave.
West Hartford, CT

Previous Events

Calling Hours

OCT **29**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Molloy Funeral Home
906 Farmington Ave
West Hartford, CT 06119
(860) 232-1322

Mass of Christian Burial

OCT **30**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mark The Evangelist
467 Quaker Lane
West Hartford, CT
(860) 233-1269

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Family of Ray Fugere,

I belatedly found Ray's obituary online today, and I wanted to add my condolences to all those who have done so before. I first got to know Ray when I was accurate in Enfield, CT, at St. Adalbert's parish and active in inter-parish CYO activities in town. Then I got to know him better as his Old Testament instructor in the pre-ordination training program for the first married deacons of the Archdiocese of Hartford [which began about 1970]. He was a quick and thorough learner as he prepared to become a deacon. And, though I did not see much of him after I transferred to St. Justin's parish of Hartford in early 1974, I periodically saw him at archdiocesan events involving deacons. I thought he was a fine man and an excellent deacon. I'm sure that he was a loving and inspiring father and grand-father to you all. Father Henry Smolinski, Windsor, CT [retired PNCC pastor]

Father Henry Smolinski - October 30, 2019 at 03:18 PM

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“ To Deacon Ray's Family: Please accept this expression of my condolences. I had the privilege of serving frequently with Deacon Ray. He was always available, kind and efficient. He was a man of faith and cared for the people fortunate enough to have him as their spiritual leader. He was a true "mensch." Sincerely, Bishop Peter A. Rosazza

Peter Rosazza - October 29, 2019 at 02:03 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Raymond J. Fugere, Jr..*



October 29, 2019 at 01:08 PM



“ *Dear Ray III and family,
I'm so sorry to hear about your loss. I'm sure that this is a sad time, but it's good that you had an opportunity to spend more time with him in the last few years. I hope that your memories outshine the sorrow you all must be feeling.*

*Sincerely,
Paul Calvin*

Paul Calvin - October 29, 2019 at 11:16 AM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Raymond J. Fugere, Jr..*



October 29, 2019 at 11:06 AM

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“ Dear Fugere Family-

I share in the sorrow of your loss of Ray. I met Ray through the Highland Lake Watershed Association many years ago. As President of the organization, I welcomed Ray as my Vice President. He provided a stable and wise voice to the Board of Directors for many years; he was devoted to helping protect and preserve Highland Lake. His was a voice of reason, objectivity and reliability.

As I visited a good friend who was living at the Hebrew Home and Hospital in West Hartford I met Ray in the parking lot one day. He told me that he visited many suffering people as a faithful and devoted member of his church to bring the message of God's love and his comfort. That was another quiet way that Ray worked to make the world a more compassionate place.

I also admired Ray's strength and commitment to his loving wife, Sally, as she struggled with her lengthy illness prior to her passing. Ray was an inspiration and model of kindness, honesty and devotion through the many aspects of his life. His family was such an important part of his life and I believe his example of exemplary character is a wonderful legacy that he leaves with all of you.

God bless Ray and all of his family.

Sincerely, Clare Stevens

Clare Stevens - October 28, 2019 at 01:27 PM

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“ Jordan Kitt's Music and Steinway Piano Galleries purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Raymond J. Fugere, Jr..



Jordan Kitt's Music and Steinway Piano Galleries - October 28, 2019 at 11:33 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Raymond J. Fugere, Jr..



October 28, 2019 at 07:02 AM

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“ To Barbara, Jay, Hope, Drew, Bailey, Brooke and entire Fugere family

Sincere condolences on the passing of your father/grandfather. May you find a sense of peace as you grieve. May you keep his memories close throughout your lives. ❤️

Claudia Gauches - October 27, 2019 at 06:55 PM