



Raymond Patrick Brewer

July 14, 1939 - October 7, 2011

BREWER. Raymond

Ray Brewer an original "fighting Irishman" finally lost his battle to stay amongst those he loved and cared for on Friday, October 7, 2011. Born the fifth of seven children to William and Genevieve Daly Brewer on July 14, 1939, Ray learned early the value of family and friends, and fought hard to see to their needs throughout his life. Ray's children Stanley Russak, Valerie Russak Sutton and her husband Jeffrey, Raymond Brewer, Jr., Kelley Brewer Posey and her husband J.J. and Sean Brewer all share in the grief of their father's passing. An avid sports fan, Ray has joined his deceased son, Bradford Brewer, who passed away in 1995 at the age of 22. Together, now, you can probably hear them hooting and hollering for their favorite teams: Notre Dame and the New York Yankees. A proud grandfather, Ray leaves behind several cherished grandchildren: Kayla and Brianna Brewer, who made their home with him here in West Hartford; his granddaughter, Destiny Bristow who lives in California; and a number of grandchildren who reside in North Carolina: Jessica and Jeffrey Sutton; Raymond, Brad, Noah and Madison Posey. All of them have rich memories of the wonderful meals their grandpa would prepare for them and the games of cards and chess which might follow his gourmet meals. Earlier this year, Ray lost his brother Bill, who had helped to show him the way. Together they found great comfort and wonderful fellowship among the Friends of Bill. They both took great pride in this organization. His youngest brother John, who died at age 19 as a victim of

cerebral palsy, also awaits the big brother who worked to make his life more comfortable during his time on earth. The rest of Ray's siblings, his brothers Ned Brewer and his wife Carol, his brother Donald Brewer, and his two sisters, Sr. Pat Brewer and Mary Brewer, also have many rich memories of this very tough guy with a heart of gold. He will hold a special place in the heart of all whose lives he has affected. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 872 Farmington Ave., West Hartford. Calling hours are Monday from 4-7 p.m. in the church. Online expressions of sympathy may be made at www.molloyfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



“ To all the Brewers -

I was so sad to hear about Ray's passing. Many good memories from long ago when we were all young, Raymond was indeed a special Irishman, my sympathy to all his children, grandchildren and of course to his sisters and brothers.##imported-begin##Judy Benson##imported-end##

October 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ One of my most memorable memories was going to the re-dedication of the Statue of Liberty fireworks display in NYC. Something I wanted to do so badly for months. A friend had booked tickets a year ahead and others said all hotels were booked months in advance. I was telling my cousin Patrick and his wife Jean days before the event how I wanted to go. Jean was close to Ray and she must have told him my wish. I was at Pat and Jean's when the phone rang and Jean picked it up. Ray and his son Raymond jr. were going to New York city to see fireworks next morning and would I want to go. Well, of course I would go! The next morning we were on our way ,we found a hotel and saw the most spectacular firework display in U.S. history . This is one of my special memories. Thanks, Ray##imported-begin##Kathleen Riccio##imported-end##

October 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Ray, you will surely be missed! I have many memories, I always will. I have missed those holiday dinners and you ever since leaving Conn. Shake hands with Bill W. and Dr. Bob for me, have a great meeting. Rest in peace my friend, one day at a time.##imported-begin## John Riccio jr.##imported-end##

October 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Stan and Kelley, I don't remember meeting your father but I do remember how much you loved, ENJOYED, and took care of each other and that kind of bonding starts with a parent's example of love and values. My deepest sympathies in this sad time.##imported-begin##Becca Mayes Goldberg##imported-end##

October 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Ray and I met and became friends at a Catholic Action meeting in W Hfd. back in the late Fifties. We have remained so for over fifty yrs. Back then Ray was thought of much the same as some of our modern superheros,for it seemed he had this remarkable gift of always being first on the scene whenever trouble started and it was usually over when he left, Occasionally this gift got him to the scene before the trouble even started ! A remarkable gift indeed. I bid a fond and sad farewell to one of the toughest ,sweetest, most decent men i have ever had the good fortune to call friend, finally rest at ease old pal,see you at the reunion.....##imported-begin##Gerald L. Cushman##imported-end##

October 11, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ I have known the Brewer family for over 30 years and, more recently, have shared many evenings at Westminster with Ray. He was always quick to offer a smile and a handshake and made all those around him feel welcome and appreciated. You will be missed.

Bill W.##imported-begin##Bill W.##imported-end##

October 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ My condolences go to the Brewer family for their loss.

Will never forget Ray's big Irish smile and his always welcome handshake.

Bill hartigan##imported-begin##Bill Hartigan##imported-end##

October 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ We send our deepest sympathy to you and your family.

The Dannaher family##imported-begin##Jackie ,Larry Dannaher##imported-end##

October 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ RIP Ray!!

You are loved and will be missed!##imported-begin##James Posey##imported-end##

October 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Although I never had the opportunity to know Mr. Brewer, I feel I have known him through the many wonderful qualities and values he bestowed upon his daughter, Valerie. My thoughts and prayers are with the entire family during this difficult time. I love you, Valerie.##imported-begin##Tina Thaw##imported-end##

October 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ I knew Ray from the friends of Bill fellowship. He was very respected and also had a sense of humor that helped many of us, many times. Be at peace Ray.##imported-begin##Tony Taschner##imported-end##

October 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Thanks Ray for the many smiles along the way you brightened my day. you will be missed. Laurie##imported-begin##laurie##imported-end##

October 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Ray, we will dearly miss you. I remember you delivering sand to our home. Also...our most memorable trip to Notre Dame! What a great breakfast you cooked! RIP dear Irishman!##imported-begin##Dick & Elaine Sanford##imported-end##

October 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ I met Ray soon after we moved to Connecticut, years before I was a Friend of Bills. He always made me feel welcome in the house for St. Pat's and other occasions. He will remain a great example of humility for everyone. We'll all miss Ray.##imported-begin##Mike Horan##imported-end##

October 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Our prayers and sympathy to the Brewer Family. Two brothers in so short a time!

The Irish in heaven will surely be celebratin' his arrival!

Marge and Chris Banach

Friends of Sr. Pat##imported-begin##Marge and Chris Banach##imported-end##

October 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ What a blessing to have had Ray in my life. I am grateful to have shared a hug and a kiss this week with a true gentleman in every sense of the word. His spirit of love and caring live on in his loved ones.##imported-begin##Christine Beck##imported-end##

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