

RAYMOND JOSEPH GUTTENDORF



Raymond Joseph Guttendorf, age 102, died peacefully at home on Sunday, November 26, 2023. Cherished and beloved husband of 56 years to the late Elisabeth "Libby" Brady Guttendorf. He will be dearly missed by his children, Ann Guttendorf, Robert (Nancy) of Gaithersburg, MD; Jane Guttendorf, Mark (Camille) of Annandale, VA; Ellen (Mark) Haywiser, Susan Guttendorf and Raymond James of Bridgeville, PA.

Cherished by grandchildren, Elisabeth (Allison) Liberty, Nathaniel (Dana) Guttendorf, Alyssa (Michael) Austin, Nicholas Guttendorf, Hunter Guttendorf, Noah Guttendorf, Fr. Isaac (Paul) Haywiser, OSB; Peter Haywiser, Luke (Lindsay) Haywiser and Stephen Haywiser. Son of the late Nicholas H. and Bertha M. Guttendorf; predeceased by siblings, Ruth (George) Kratsas, Robert, John (Edna), Mildred (Patrick) D'Amico, Bertha (Eugene) Fischer, and Rev. James Guttendorf. Dear brother-in-law of the late Alexander (Lavon Brady, Hazel Allen Brady), John Brady, Ursula (Vincent Gannon, Charles Appel) and James (Norma) Brady. Also survived by many loving nephews and nieces.

Ray was born July 14, 1921, and grew up in the Bloomfield area of Pittsburgh, attended St. John's Elementary School, and graduated from Central Catholic High School, Pittsburgh, PA in 1939. He completed a Machine Drafting Program at Connelley Vocational in 1940 and was employed by H. K. Porter Co. as a mechanical draftsman from 1940 to Jan 1943 creating locomotive layouts and drawings.

He enlisted in the U.S. Army in February 1943 and served in the 262nd Infantry Regiment, 66th Division (Black Panther Division). He was awarded the Combat Infantry Badge and Bronze Battle Stars for his service in Northern France during World War II. Following his active duty (1946), he served 6 additional years in the Infantry Reserves.

He graduated from the University of Pittsburgh in 1951 with a BS in Mechanical Engineering. He was employed by Bechtel Bettis (formerly Westinghouse Bettis Atomic Power Laboratory) from 1956 until his retirement in 1986.

Ray married Libby Brady (Monongahela, PA) in 1955 and they enjoyed 56 years of marriage before her death in 2011. They raised their seven children in Bethel Park, PA. Ray was a much-loved father and devoted "Pap" to his 10 grandchildren. He was an avid golfer and proud member of the local AGA (Agitator's Golf Association), winning the champion title 3 times. He was proud of his hole-in-one at the age of 87! Ray also enjoyed playing bridge and coaching little league baseball. He was a very devout Catholic and enjoyed attending daily Mass after retirement. He was a founding member of St. Valentine's Church and was active as a counter with the RCIA program. Mostly, he enjoyed reading and spending time with his family-especially dinners, holidays, and beach vacations. He will be warmly remembered for his kind, gentle nature.

The family wishes to thank the UPMC Family Hospice team (especially Jenn and Rosie) for their kindness and compassionate care over the last 6 months.

Visitation will be Wednesday 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the **DAVID J. HENNEY FUNERAL HOME**, 6364 Library Road (RT 88), Library. Mass of Christian Burial will be Thursday at 10:00 a.m. in St. Valentine's Church, Our Lady of Hope Parish, followed by entombment at Queen of Heaven Mausoleum with Full Military Honors.

If desired, donations or mass requests may be made to support Capuchin Missionaries via the Seraphic Mass Association at P. O. Box 9130, Pittsburgh, PA 15224-0130, by phone at 877-737-9050, or mymassrequest.org; or to Our Lady of Hope Parish, 7003 Baptist Road, Bethel Park, PA 15102. www.davidhenneyfuneralhome.com.

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