



Ray Anthony Merchant

April 16, 1954 - December 14, 2025

Ray Merchant, of Englewood, NJ, passed away on December 14, 2025, at the age of 71. He was born on April 16, 1954, in the beautiful city of Montego Bay, Jamaica to Louise Flowers and Ralston Merchant. Ray grew up with his older brothers Roy and Raphael (Keith) and younger siblings Dane (Peter) and Michelle. He also had a large, blended family with half-siblings, cousins, aunts and uncles, and many other relatives.

Before leaving Jamaica, Ray graduated from the all-boys school Cornwall College in Montego Bay. After immigrating to the United States at the age of 17 he resided in Bergen County, NJ, until his passing. He attended Fairleigh Dickinson University in Bergen County where he studied to become an accountant.

Ray began his career after graduating as an accountant for the State of Illinois. For this job he got to travel all over the United States. A few years later he started working for Honeywell International Inc., where he made a career within their tax department and eventually became a tax director. While working for Honeywell he got to travel the world. Ray was a very well-liked colleague. He made a lot of friends at work and at consulting firms at the locations he visited on his travels. He was known for mentoring and caring about the people he worked closely with, many of whom he stayed friends with even after his retirement in 2021, after more than 30 years at Honeywell. He spent the following years enjoying travels with his wife and being around family.

Ray is survived by his children Justin, Daniel and Lindsay. He is also survived by his beloved wife Helen Elvin, whom he married in 2021, and their extended family in Sweden. He leaves behind his surviving siblings, nieces and nephews, and other family members, including his two former wives, Patricia and Donna, the mothers of his three children.

His bright, youthful presence and boisterous laughter will be missed dearly by his family, friends, coworkers, and people who knew him around the neighborhood.

Though his travels on earth have ended his spirit continues its journey in all of us who loved him. May he rest in everlasting peace on the most beautiful beach with the ocean at his feet.

In lieu of flowers the family wishes that donations are made to

<https://www.globalgiving.org/projects/hurricane-melissa-relief-fund/>

<https://www.cancer.org/donate/memorial-giving.html>

Or a donation to any charitable cause of your choice

I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud

I wandered lonely as a cloud
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host, of golden daffodils;
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.

Continuous as the stars that shine

And twinkle on the milky way,
They stretched in never-ending line
Along the margin of a bay:
Ten thousand saw I at a glance,
Tossing their heads in sprightly dance.

The waves beside them danced; but they
Out-did the sparkling waves in glee:
A poet could not but be gay,
In such a jocund company:
I gazed—and gazed—but little thought
What wealth the show to me had brought:

For oft, when on my couch I lie
In vacant or in pensive mood,
They flash upon that inward eye
Which is the bliss of solitude;
And then my heart with pleasure fills,
And dances with the daffodils.
By William Wordsworth

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mark's Episcopal Church
118 Chadwick Rd
Teaneck, NJ 07666-4282
(201) 836-7275

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Tribute Wall



“ *Volk Leber Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Ray Anthony Merchant* ”



Volk Leber Funeral Home - January 07 at 08:07 AM

MS

“ *Mia Söderlund lit a candle in memory of Ray Merchant* ”



Mia Söderlund - January 09 at 04:00 AM

MS

“ Dear Ray, we are grateful for the opportunity to get to know you and for you becoming part of our family and friends.

Now you live on in our memories as a positive, warm, and vibrant person.

Thank you for the fun moments we shared with you!

Johan, Eva, Lennart, Anton Mia och Micke



Mia Söderlund - January 08 at 02:00 PM

MS

Oxholmen, Stockholm Archipelago

Mia Söderlund - January 08 at 03:25 PM

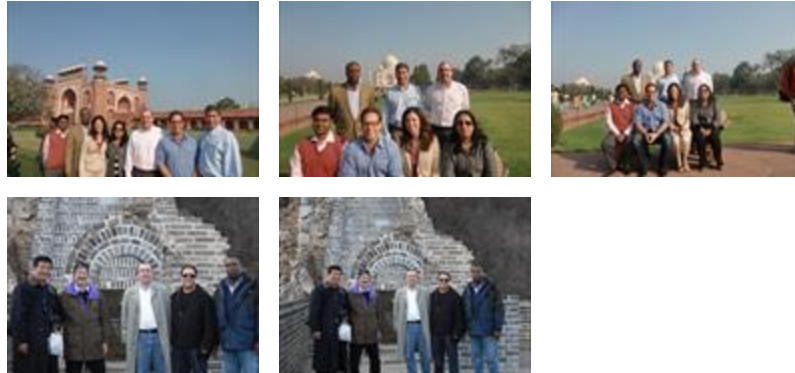
BG

“ I had the great pleasure of working with Ray for 20 years in the Honeywell tax department. I was privileged to see different parts of the world with Ray, including the Great Wall of China and the Taj Mahal, some group pictures of which I've attached. May his memory be a blessing and his mourners comforted. Ben Goldstein

Benjamin Goldstein - January 08 at 09:57 AM

BG

“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



Benjamin Goldstein - January 08 at 09:53 AM

KS

“ We miss you so, dear Ray. Thank you for a beautiful friendship and memories. Condolences to your loved ones. Yours, Kajsa and Pelle



Karin Stål - January 03 at 05:32 PM

PR

So many memories of my summers spent with you and your siblings in Montego Bay. Rest in Peace cuz.

Pat. Rumble - January 06 at 04:52 PM

ND

“ Ray was truly a light. It was a pleasure to know him rest in peace friend! You will be missed. May his memory be a blessing

Neela DeSoyza - December 29, 2025 at 08:35 PM

WW

“ *Condolences to the family. I'll miss my phone calls with Ray. RIP my friend. When the time comes I'll see you on the other side.*

Warner Wilson - December 28, 2025 at 12:02 AM

PH

Condolences to Ray's family. Although I haven't been in touch with Ray , I can clearly remember our time at Cornwall College.

Rest in Peace my brother.

Walk Good Ray.

Regards

Paul Hew

Paul Hew - December 28, 2025 at 09:58 AM

BC

RAY MERCHANT and I attended Cornwall College in Montego Bay, Jamaica, one of the finest AllBoys High Schools on the island. Although he was two or three years ahead of me, I will always remember him. My earliest recollection of Ray was one day we had come to Jarret Park in Montego Bay where Cornwall College would be playing a Headley Cup cricket match. We were on hand to support the Cornwall team. It was a Saturday and the FA Cup Football (Soccer) Final was going to be broadcast from Wembley Stadium in London, England. We at Cornwall College always love football and we have a proud soccer tradition. I do not remember which teams were contesting the Final (one team could have been Leeds United in those halcyon days of that English club). I remember when one team scored and Ray was the happiest guy alive during those unforgettable minutes of ecstatic celebration. He jumped, yelled and screamed with joy, nearly losing his transistor radio in the jubilation. Fast forward decades later, Ray assumed the mantle of leadership in the capacity of Vice-President of the Cornwall College Old Boys' Association, New York Chapter of which I am still a member. He demonstrated an innate ability to lead by example. He showed wisdom and was always willing to think through an idea, a plan or a proposal with clarity of thought. Requiescat in pace, Old Boy.

I bid you farewell in the Latin they taught us at Cornwall College.

By : Barrington "Boca" Campbell, Old Boy of Cornwall College. (Montego Bay, Jamaica and Queens, NY).

BARRINGTON "BOCA" CAMPBE - January 07 at 08:15 PM

RM

My heartfelt condolences to the family of Ray. During this time of profound sorrow, I want you to know that you're not alone. His memory will forever live in our hearts and in the cherished moments shared. May his soul rest in peace and rise in glory.

Richard Meikle

Richard Meikle - January 08 at 10:23 PM