



Raymond K Smith

October 13, 1943 - July 1, 2022

Raymond "Ray" Smith of Teaneck, NJ passed away peacefully in his bed on July 1, 2022 at the age of 78. He is survived by his loving wife of 56 years, Mildred; his son, Marc (spouse Karen) and grandson, Boston; his daughter, Gail (spouse Michael); and his brother, Frank - as well as many extended family members and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Janie.

Born and raised in New York City, Ray spent his life there until moving to Teaneck with Mildred to start and raise their family. Ray was a devoted employee of the International Post Office for 52 years - with most of that time in the International Accounting office in Secaucus, NJ. He received countless awards and accolades for his service throughout his career until his retirement in 2013.

Along with his wife, Ray was an active member of St. Anastasia's Roman Catholic church and parish until his passing. He was also actively involved in his local community, including the Friends of the Teaneck Public Library, the Teaneck Senior Services Center, and other town initiatives.

Ray enjoyed the arts in all of their forms and loved taking in plays, movies, concerts, and dance performances. He was also an avid fan of baseball and other sports, with a die-hard allegiance to the New York Mets. Ray is part of

many people's happy memories and will be dearly missed.

In lieu of any flowers, donations can be made to the Fair Housing Council of Northern NJ - which was directly responsible for Ray and Mildred's ability to move to Teaneck in the late 60s.

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

JUL 11. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Anastasia RCC
1095 Teaneck Road
Teaneck, NJ 07666

Memorial Mass

JUL 11. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Volk Leber Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Raymond K Smith



Volk Leber Funeral Home - July 06, 2022 at 10:32 AM

JD

Oh Mildred, my heart goes out to you and your family. He was a sweet, dear man - and he will be missed by me and by all who had the good fortune to know him. I am not back in Teaneck until August - and can't deliver a hug in person. I am sending one virtually - and extending condolences. I hope to see you in September.

Judy Distler - July 06, 2022 at 06:25 PM

JD

Oh Mildred, I'm so very sorry to learn of Ray's passing. He was the epitome of a gentleman. He was so welcoming and made me feel comfortable as Joe Mannino's new friend. Very recently he was instrumental in helping me reconnect to the Puffin cultural organization and the Friends of the library. He will be missed terribly. May your faith carry you through such a painful time. My heartfelt condolences.

Judy Despommier

judith F despommier - July 09, 2022 at 10:16 AM

SD

*Our love and prayers are with you Mildred and your children. We will miss our friend Ray terribly and have no words to express our sadness. He was such a kind, compassionate gentleman, always ready to share valuable resources about the art, what new in town, and/or Broadway shows. May the Almighty God bring you comfort Mildred, and may the Holy Spirit remain with you during those trying moments!
Our condolences, Serge & Georgette Delinois
P.S. No more "Hi Georgette, je t'aime"*

Serge & Georgette Delinois - July 09, 2022 at 07:28 PM

CR

Mildred, my most sincere condolences to you and family. I know there are so many fond memories of Ray that you hold dear to your heart and I pray they will forever bring you Comfort, Strength, Peace and Hope! I am so glad to have had the two of you in my life for over 50 years. You both bring such joy and happiness by just your near presence. Peace and Blessings forever!

cynthia "Spoon" Robinson - July 10, 2022 at 04:58 PM



“ Raymond K Smith

October 08, 2023 at 09:59 PM



“ Raymond K Smith

October 08, 2023 at 06:27 PM



“ Raymond K Smith

August 30, 2022 at 02:48 PM

SN

“ Our Ray is not with us, but the fond memories of his great personality will be always. A great person I met in this life time. Lots of love to Mildred, you are one very blessed person spending a beautiful life of 54 years together.

Sujatha Nair

Sujatha Nair - July 22, 2022 at 09:50 AM

MG

“ Dear Mildred. I am so sorry that that wonderful bright beam named Ray has transitioned. I pray that you and your family will find peace and comfort in knowing that his big personality touched so many and lit up their lives. May the peace of God be with you and family.

Maria Green.

Maria Green - July 11, 2022 at 09:37 PM

MG

“ Dear Mildred, our deepest condolences to you and your children. Ray was such a pleasant and friendly individual. We had the pleasure of knowing him and being the recipients of his smile, kindness and greetings at St Anastasia. May he Rest In Peace with the Lord and May the great memories help you and your family move ahead! Marie and Francis Gregoire

Marie and Francis Gregoire - July 11, 2022 at 11:58 AM

CA

“ To the family:
Ray will be remembered as Mr. Post Office. He was a friend and co-worker. You will be missed. Carla Collins

Carla - July 10, 2022 at 08:58 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Raymond K Smith.



July 10, 2022 at 09:30 AM



“ Wow Ray, I still can't believe this!!! You were, and will always be, one of my favorite people at NJI-BMC, and I'm so happy we were friends there AND off the job❤️ Thank you for being such a great husband, Father, and friend; everyone will miss you and Miss Mildred coming to our performances with The Verismo Opera Company and The Bergen Philharmonic at The John Harms Center, and also The Paramus Summer Orchestra concerts 🎵 You lived life well with your family, and I know you'll be greeted with open arms above just as you opened your arms to me and my family and everyone you met I think 😊 Deepest condolences to Miss Mildred, your children and grands, love you Ray 🙏🎻 Jenise and Cameron Reedus

Jenise Reedus - July 09, 2022 at 10:35 AM



“ Oh Mildred, My heart goes out to you at this time of such unbearable sadness, Ray was such a gentleman and such a kind man. He extended his friendship to me, making me feel so comfortable as Joe Mannino's friend.
May God bless him ad grant him eternal peace. Amen.
Judy Despommier

judith F despommier - July 08, 2022 at 09:12 PM

GM

*Dear Mildred and Family,
My deepest condolences to all of you. I was so sorry to hear of the passing of my cousin Ray, such a tall, handsome and wonderful man! He was especially kind and gentle with my siblings and when we were young children. He always stood as a shining example in my life and I am so proud and happy that God allowed us to be cousins and share our time on earth together. Ray will be sorely missed in all of our lives.*

Gayla Marsh - July 10, 2022 at 08:13 AM

GS

“ *My dad was not a huge fan of dogs, but dogs seemed to be a huge fan of his. (Pictured here with Marc & Karen's dog, Myrtle.)*



Gail Smith-McCarthy - July 08, 2022 at 04:21 PM

MA

Knowing you, Gail, and reading these tributes, I am sure your father was a wonderful person I so wish I could have known. My sympathy goes out to you and your family during this difficult time. Love and prayers, Mary P.

Mary - July 10, 2022 at 10:36 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Raymond K Smith.*



July 07, 2022 at 04:18 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Raymond K Smith.*



July 07, 2022 at 12:40 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Raymond K Smith.*



July 07, 2022 at 07:56 AM



“ *Whenever I think of Gail's father, Ray, I think of his smile. I cannot picture a time when he wasn't smiling. He had such a calming presence that spread a feeling of joy and lightheartedness to whoever he was with. Ray will be greatly missed but I know he will always be looking out for his family forever.*

Maggie McCarthy - July 06, 2022 at 07:08 PM

DC

“ Mr Smith was not only my best friend Gail's father, he was my Dad as well. He was a gentle giant who's soft spoken voice resonated with you. I will always remember him being present for every event that St. Anastasia's had and cheering extra loudly while Gail and I did our individuals for cheerleading. His smile could light up a room and his hugs always made me feel safe and loved. He adored his wife and his kids with every ounce of his being and when he spoke about them, he beamed. The world was a much better place because Mr Smith was a part of it. My heart is broken. Mildred, Marc, Gail... I'm so profoundly sorry for your loss but know that Mr Smith is in good hands because my Mom, Diane Schroeder, will take good care of him.

I love you all.

Debbie Craddock

Debbie Craddock - July 06, 2022 at 12:33 PM



“ 96 files added to the album LifeTributes



Volk Leber Funeral Home - July 06, 2022 at 10:13 AM

MP

“ I've known and worked with Ray for about 40 years. You couldn't ask for a better friend. We'd talk about sports, the kids , world events. He and I loved the Mets and the Nets. We went to a lot of Nets games together as our co-worker Joyce would get us free tickets. One time Ray was talking to the season ticket lady and the next thing I knew we were upgraded to courtside seats. In the last couple of years I would meet Ray & Mildred on their way to the Clairmont theater in Montclair to see their favorite movies. Ray was a great friend and will be sorely missed. Mike Pawlowicz

Mike & Christine Pawlowicz - July 06, 2022 at 08:22 AM

MS

“ I first met over 40 years ago working at the post office. We worked together in first class and retired together after working in the International Accounts office. In all that time I always knew Ray to be one of best co-workers anyone could work with. He had a wealth of knowledge concerning the rules governing international mail. Everyone knew Ray, he was well liked. One of my favorite stories about Ray was just before we retired they were getting rid of the giant wall maps, and Ray got permission to take the South African map home. He had just got a new Nissan Rouge and the map did not fit, so our co-worker Joyce took it in her car to Ray's home. The last time I spoke to Mildred it was still hanging on the wall. Betty and I are very sorry to hear about Ray's passing. Mike Shiels

Michael Shiels - July 03, 2022 at 02:12 PM

PD

Typical Uncle Ray. He was full of a thirst of knowledge about this tiny place called planet earth. Now let that translate into a trip on an actual airplane, y'all. Aunt Mildred, or as he so fondly called you, 'The Wife'. We will always remember our Uncle Ray.
Phyllis, Deryle, Jr. (Desiree), Avery, Aja & Philip Daniels -
Durham. NC

Phyllis Daniels - July 05, 2022 at 12:42 PM

BH

I am blessed to have had known Ray, who married my very special dear friend Mildred, over 50 years ago. Many of you know that one of his favorite summer activities was baseball and he looked forward to attending Durham Bulls baseball games when he visited family and friends in North Carolina. Ray's following included my 90 year old Mom who even stayed with him in the stadium during during a thunder storm. Ray was calm and told us that the storm would pass soon. He was right! Dear Ray leaves us all with precious memories. Condolences to all the Smith Family from the Fields and Hibberts. (Barbara)

Barbara Fields Hibbert - July 09, 2022 at 03:35 PM

Jl

“ I was blessed to work with Ray for years in International Accounts department at the Bulk Mail Center. God gave me the opportunity to enjoy a friendship with Ray, he was a caring, gentle, humble and spirit filled man always willing to help out anyway he could. I always enjoyed our conversations together on our life experiences and love for our families. I thank God for every remembrance of you Ray, you will be missed here but I am looking forward to the day when I will see you again in glory. Farewell my friend until we meet again in our eternal home.

Janice Intromasso - July 03, 2022 at 12:58 PM