



## Raymond Kovonuk

January 15, 1929 - April 16, 2018

Raymond Kovonuk

North Fort Myers - Raymond "Coach K" Kovonuk, formerly of Bridgewater, NJ, passed away on April 16, 2018 in North Fort Myers, Florida at the age of 89. Raymond was surrounded by his five loving children.

Raymond was born in Philadelphia, PA. After graduating high school at the age of 17, he entered the Coast Guard and was a WWII veteran. Ray graduated from Penn State University where he met his lifelong love, Adele Alm. They married in 1950 and moved to New Jersey. Ray was an Industrial Arts teacher and initiated the cooperative education program at Watchung Hills Regional High School. Known as Coach K, Ray coached varsity high school basketball at Watchung Hills and Wardlaw-Hartridge amassing over 200 wins and two state championships. Ray also served on the Bridgewater-Raritan Board of Education.

Ray and Adele retired to Fort Myers where Ray continued his active community services by serving in the Coast Guard Auxiliary and Lee County Sheriff's Office V.O.I.C.E. unit. Ray enjoyed golf, home improvement design and his canine best friend, Rosie.

Ray was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 61 years, Adele, parents

Andrew and Mary (Matla) Kovtonuk, brother William Kovtonuck and sister Jean Capozzi. Ray is survived by his children Michael (Donna), Alexis Wallace, Raymond Jon (Christine), Julie (Robert) Harari and Amy, eight grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

The family has planned a memorial service at the Washington Crossing National Cemetery, Newtown PA, on June 22 at 2:00 PM. Friends are welcome to join the family in celebrating Ray's life on June 23rd at the Somerville Elks Lodge 1068, 375 Union Ave, Bridgewater, NJ 08807<<https://maps.google.com/?q=375+Union+Ave,+Bridgewater,+NJ+08807&entry=gmail&source=g>> from noon to 4 p.m.

Memorial donations in memory of Ray may be made to Cape Coral (FL) Hospital Auxiliary or the American Heart Association. Memories of Ray may be shared online at [Gendronfuneralhome.com](http://Gendronfuneralhome.com)<<http://Gendronfuneralhome.com>>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Raymond Kovonuk*

October 09, 2023 at 02:01 AM



“ *Raymond Kovonuk*

January 28, 2023 at 12:09 PM



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**Raymond J Kovonuk** - May 06, 2018 at 05:30 PM



“ *Daddio, you could say so much using just a few words thoughtfully crafted. There were also those times when the dinner table provided you a pedagogical platform to hold us still for a while. For showing us the value of hard work and ingenuity, we are very very much obliged. Your Jugie*



**Julie** - April 30, 2018 at 10:52 AM

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**Raymond J Kovonuk** - April 29, 2018 at 12:29 PM

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“ *Ray and Adele were close friends of my mom and dad (Walt and Marge Dalrymple) for many many years and I fondly remember many evenings spent with them playing cards. Now they are all finally united and can play the eternal bridge hand--Rest in Peace Ray!*

*Susan Dalrymple*

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**Susan Dalrymple** - April 29, 2018 at 09:46 AM

MI

“ *This special moment, was after Dad's first great grandchild was born, capturing 4 generations of Kovonuks together for the first time. Dad was home for Christmas, and when Kayleigh was close, he extended his visit to be able to be here for the birth of Scarlett. We were blessed to have Dad for this moment.*

*Dad, love you, and thank you for....everything, michael & donna*



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**Michael** - April 28, 2018 at 09:37 PM

LE


“ Will miss you dearly. Dad. We still had so many projects to finish. I valued your opinion in so many ways. Love you. Lex

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**Lex** - April 25, 2018 at 11:24 AM

AL

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 Dad was always very supportive of our successes. Kait's graduation

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**Alexis** - April 22, 2018 at 04:28 PM