



Raymond Joseph VanHoeck

March 13, 1932 - January 11, 2022

VanHoeck, Raymond J., January 11, 2022 age 89 of Canton. Beloved husband of Magdalene for 68 years.

Loving father of Christopher (Diane), Marie (Thomas) VanHoeck-Eory, Theresa (Frank) Sedlar and the late Raymond M. VanHoeck. Proud grandfather of Andrea (David) Nance, Matthew (Vanessa) VanHoeck, Valerie Sedlar & Aaron (Emily) Sedlar, and great grandfather of Dayton Nance, Brennan Nance & Hadley Nance. Raymond worked his entire career for National Bank of Detroit starting as a coin machine operator moving to a teller and ending his working life as a Vice-President. He very much enjoyed fishing and gardening, however he enjoyed nothing more than his family. Visitation Thursday, January 13th 10:00 AM until the 11:30 AM Funeral Service at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 Ann Arbor Rd. W., (between Sheldon & Beck) Plymouth. To share a memory, please use the Share a Memory tab on this web page.

Events

JAN **Visitation** 10:00AM - 11:30AM

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Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Plymouth
46401 Ann Arbor Road West, Plymouth, MI, US, 48170

JAN **Funeral Service** 11:30AM - 12:30PM

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Comments



“ I was a 30 year National Bank of Detroit employee. Like many, I had the privilege of working for Ray. Twice actually. He was one of a kind. A man of character, compassion and a true gentleman. My condolences to his family and friends.

Gary Wilson

Gary Wilson - January 14 at 05:22 PM



“ Our prayers are with Maggie and the family. We were fortunate to have forty four years as neighbors with Ray and Maggie. Those years we enjoyed their company at church, chatting in the backyard about fishing, travel and of course always, the flowers. They were amazing, such a feast for the eyes. When I joined the Canton Garden Club I was happy to find my neighbor Ray was also a member. He had numerous talents. Ray you will be missed by many. Rest In Peace our dear neighbor. Godspeed
Jeff and Cindy Pond

cindy pond, neighbor - January 14 at 03:32 PM



“ Ray was a wonderful singer, enjoyed singing with him and the SJN Choir.
Paula Petty

Paula Petty - January 13 at 01:34 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Maggie and your entire family. Ray was our wonderful long-time neighbor and friend. I have many fond memories of him at our Canton Garden Club meetings, seeing his beautiful flower gardens, and we will never forget his amazing theater performances at Schoolcraft College. We will miss seeing him walking in our neighborhood.

Mike and Virginia Donaldson



Virginia Donaldson - January 13 at 11:22 AM



“ I attended St. John Nuemann Church with Ray where he was a lector and an actor. He was our narrator in the Tales of Wonder performance. In all my years of going to church (64 years now), I have never seen a better lector. His passion and voice commanded your attention and he brought vision to God's word in the gospel! I know where Ray is right now...in the Father's House! Prayers to his family and loved ones. Know that he is alive and well in our Father's House!

Dick Williams - January 13 at 08:45 AM



“ Uncle Raymond was a great man. He had many roles in his life: Son, Brother, Husband, Father, Grandfather, Great Grandfather, Uncle, Cousin, Business Man, Gardner, Actor and he handled all with such passion, joy, love, kindness and grace. I will always remember him smoking his pipe and patting me on the head and making me feel loved. When I became Facebook friends and wished him Happy Birthday as Uncle Raymond he told me I could call him Ray. So RIP Uncle Ray

Mary Jo Cairo - January 13 at 06:57 AM



“ Uncle Ray was always so kind, thoughtful, and funny. A few key memories come to my mind: the smell of his pipe while visiting at Grandma's house; his eloquent speaking at Diane's funeral, and his terrific acting in the play On Golden Pond. He will be missed by many, and my thoughts and prayers are with his loved ones during this time of loss. RIP, Uncle Ray.

Amy Griffin - January 12 at 07:19 PM



“ While my father was successful in business, civic life, and the theater, what most people remember most a loving, kind, husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend. He was patient, had a great sense of humor, and a gentle demeanor. Most of all, he loved kids. His greatest pleasures were when he was with his children, grandchildren and great grand kids. And we all felt the same about being with him.

Chris VanHoeck - January 12 at 05:50 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Raymond Joseph VanHoeck.



January 12 at 03:31 PM



“ I could not have had a better grandfather, or "Gramps" as I called him. Gramps was the kindest man in the world. He always made me feel very loved, and it was clear that he was excessively proud of me. As a child, some of my best memories are of being taken to fairs and spending the night with gramps and gramps. He had such a sharp sense of humor and it was shocking how quickly he could turn a phrase that was absolutely gut-busting. I am still trying to live up to his example in that way, and doubt I ever will. As an adult, his kindness went farther than I had any right to. He had endless time to discuss books and music with me. He was one of the only people to take any of my book recommendations; and not only that, but he discussed them in depth with me. I did the same, and I enjoyed few things more than talking over a book that we had a shared interest in. He introduced me to classical music and had a depth and breadth of knowledge that was staggering; not only that, but he connected with it on a deep, intellectual and emotional level that serves as a shining example of how to engage with the arts. When I defended my master's thesis, he was not only one of the most supportive people in helping me cope with the stress, but he requested to read the whole thing--a boring master's thesis that I didn't even want to read at that point--because he was that interested in what I had to say. He made sure to let me know how special I was and how great life can be, and he always reminded me to enjoy it as much as I could. My life will not be the same without him, and I will miss him more than I could express.

Aaron Sedlar - January 12 at 03:16 PM



“ Ray and I only had a brief time to know each other, but quickly we understood each other and formed a deep mutual respect. I had hoped for more time, as all of us did. Unfortunately, that was not God's plan. As he always said, "all things considered", I am grateful for his love, friendship and generous heart. Ray was a wonderful husband and father. He was also my, and the, best man. Godspeed Ray, and a job well done!
Thom

Thomas Eory - January 12 at 01:41 PM



“ As a young child Ray loved Grandpa Nemshak taking him to the farm where there were many corn fields. There he visited his cousin, Carl (my brother). Since there were many new homes being built there the boys would venture inside them. Hoping someday to build their own. This area was called East Dearborn.

Nancy (Osinski) Trudell , cousin - January 11 at 10:15 PM



“ Ray was a leader, a successful business man, an orator, an avid reader, civic-minded, intelligent, quick-witted, story-teller, amateur actor and he was my loving big brother. He was a man of integrity, a Christian man, loving, caring, kind and compassionate.

My deepest, sincerest sympathy to Maggie, Chris, Marie and Theresa. May you find comfort and peace in good memories of your husband and father. Love you all.

Cathy and John Swickle - January 11 at 08:33 PM



“ Uncle Ray, a strong man and a gentle soul. Christmas' in Detroit and the smell of his pipe tobacco. I think it was green apple. A warm smile and the greatest sense of humor. He used to call my Cousin Amy and I Frick and Frack. He never did tell us who was who. It was for us to figure out. Patient, kind and attentive. RIP Uncle Ray

Shaun Allan

Shaun Allan - January 11 at 08:32 PM



“ But did we ever figure it out?

Amy - January 12 at 07:20 PM



“ Ray had a profound impact on me personally and professionally. I had the pleasure to work with Ray at NBD for 20 years. RIP Ray

Jim VanderMale - January 14 at 06:33 PM



“ One of the best bosses I ever worked for. Rest In Peace Ray.

John Ekdahl - January 16 at 09:10 PM