



Raymond Nichols

November 20, 1919 - January 29, 2013

Raymond Richard Nichols, 93, died peacefully on January 29th. Dick or Ray as he was called was born and raised in New Haven and lived a large portion of his life in Hamden with his family. Dick was predeceased by his beloved wife of 66 years, Catherine Rose Nichols. Dick is survived by his four children – Barbara Nichols of Hamden, Mark Nichols of New Haven, Rosemary Nichols of Branford and Denise Nichols of Hamden. Dick is also survived by his daughter in law, Denise Botto, and his granddaughters Carmella and Katherine Nichols, all of New Haven. Dick is survived by three nephews and five nieces of the Canning and DuFresne families as well as five great nephews and four great nieces. He was predeceased by his sister Eleanor DuFresne and by his niece Ellen DuFresne. Dick was employed by the Connecticut Agricultural Experimental Station for 37 years and then by Yale University for 18 years. Dick was a veteran of both World War II and the Korean Conflict. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and a founding member of Connecticut's Chapter of Families of the Mentally Ill. Dick was a committed husband, father, brother, uncle and grandfather. Family came first and he was always there for those that needed him, He will be sorely missed by his family, friends and those who lovingly cared for him the last four years of his life at the Mary Wade Home. Funeral from Sisk Brothers Funeral Home 3105 Whitney Ave. Hamden Saturday at 9:30 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. in Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church. Burial in All Saints Cemetery. Friends may call Friday from 4 – 8 p.m. www.siskbrothers.co

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Tribute Wall

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“ *My thoughts are with the family and friends of Raymond. May the words in Isaiah 57:15 give you hope and comfort.*

Barb Layton - March 05, 2013 at 10:08 AM

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“ *To The Nichols Family:
My condolences to you at the loss of Ray. I will miss you all.
Barbara Receptionist at The Mary Wade Home*

Barbara Farmer - February 02, 2013 at 06:13 PM

RW

“ *A GOOD MAN A WISE MAN A GREAT FATHER WONDERFUL
SENSE OF HUMOR A GREAT LOSS MY CONDOLENCES*

Robert Wilson - February 02, 2013 at 04:43 PM

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“ *Rosemary and Denise, I'm so sorry. We are never ready to lose a parent, and I know what you are going through. I'm glad that your parents had such a long and happy marriage, as mine did. Lots of love to you both, Tina*

Tina Menta - February 02, 2013 at 01:07 PM

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“ Rosemary, Denise, Mark, and Barbara
Tina and I want you to know you are in our thoughts in your time of
grief. The light of a good man never dies completely - he'll always
be there in your hearts.
I have a memory of so long ago, when he and your Mom danced up
a storm at our wedding (I have a great photo of that somewhere)!
Wishing you the best in this difficult time,
Love,
Tina & Ed Menta

Ed Menta - January 30, 2013 at 08:45 PM

DP

“ Sorry for your loss. Much love to you and your family

Denise Petry - January 30, 2013 at 01:21 PM