



Raymond E Novak

June 13, 1945 - November 11, 2025

Raymond (Ray) Novak, 80, of Woodbridge, a Hamden resident for many years, passed away peacefully on November 11, 2025. He was born in New Haven on June 13, 1945, to the late Frank and Tessie Novak and was predeceased by a sister, Loretta Milano. He is survived by his wife, Sandra (Rohal) Novak of Woodbridge; his daughter Patricia Novak of Norwalk; his son and wife Edward and Danielle Novak of Acton, Massachusetts; and his two grandchildren, William and Wyatt. Please join us in remembering Ray, our loving and devoted spouse and father.

Ray was a devoted family man, providing them with every opportunity that he could. He was quick to strike up a conversation with anyone and everyone. He built trust so quickly, by treating all people with respect and dignity, that he often knew their life stories within the first hour of meeting them. He was an avid photographer, enjoyed his garden, and spent lots of time outdoors, especially during the summer months.

Ray received a Bachelor of Science in Management from Quinnipiac College and later an MBA from the University of New Haven. He had an amazing 37-year career at Yale University. He held several positions across the years in Grants and Contract Accounting, the Bursar Office, Summer School of Music, the Provost's Office, and culminated his career as the Director of Administrative Affairs. He also had the opportunity to perform projects for both the Treasurer and President of Yale.

Friends and family may call on Tuesday, November 18 from 9:00 to 10:30 at

Sisk Brothers Funeral Home, 3105 Whitney Ave, Hamden, CT. A mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 2819 Whitney Avenue in Hamden at 11:00. Burial will follow at St Mary Cemetery, Hamden.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary Cemetery

3102 Whitney Ave.
Hamden, CT

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 18. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Sisk Brothers Funeral Home
3105 Whitney Ave.
Hamden, CT 06518
(203) 288-7114
siskfuneral@sbcglobal.net

Funeral Mass

NOV 18. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Our Lady of Mt Carmel
2819 Whitney Ave
Hamden, CT 06518-2544
(203) 248-0141

Burial

NOV 18. 12:15 PM (ET)

St. Mary Cemetery
3102 Whitney Ave.
Hamden, CT

Tribute Wall

PN

“ I just learned of Ray's passing today Feb 25, 2026 and feel very sad with this news. He was a dear Yale friend and colleague for many years and was always a source of help and wisdom for me. My most sincere condolences to his family. Patrick Nolan

Patrick Nolan - February 25 at 01:10 PM

DB

“ Sending sincere sympathy to all the Novak family. Simply said Ray was such a great guy and was a mentor to me at Yale. I learned so much from him and he helped me with my goals at Yale. And in true Ray fashion, we always had a good laugh about things as well. He brought a lot of spirit to working at Yale. I am sorry that I was unable to pay my respects in person, but want you to know I am thinking of your family and Ray. Deb Bellmore

Deb Bellmore - November 18, 2025 at 09:40 AM

FS

“ A wonderful and kind man. He loved to share memories. He was a neighbor to our Daughter, Son-in-law and granddaughter the Bretkos. Fred & Karen Oko.

Fred Oko Sr. - November 18, 2025 at 08:58 AM

MK

“ Meshell, Dan, Evangeline & Grayson Kelly purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Raymond E Novak.



Meshell, Dan, Evangeline & Grayson Kelly - November 15, 2025 at 01:16 PM

WB

“ Ray brought a wonderful spirit to the Provost's office, had a wonderful smile and spirit and was superb at his job. Bill Brainard

william brainarad - November 15, 2025 at 08:28 AM

TC

“ To the entire Novak family I wish to extend my sincerest condolences on his passing. We were friends for many years and played setback every Monday for quite a long time. A very savvy card player he was. We will all miss his presense and his wit and funny T Shirts. May he rest in peace

Thomas & JoAnn Coria - November 14, 2025 at 11:08 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Raymond E Novak.



November 14, 2025 at 10:14 AM

TF

“ The Luhmer Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Raymond E Novak.

The Luhmer Family - November 14, 2025 at 10:14 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Raymond E Novak.*



November 14, 2025 at 01:57 AM



“ *So sad about your loss*

Bob Boucher - November 13, 2025 at 10:18 PM



I knew Ray from Yale. He was a very kind man who care more about people than politics

John Squeri - November 25, 2025 at 04:17 PM