



## David William Ray

January 14, 1947 - October 6, 2022

Seabrook Beach – David W. Ray, loving husband, passed away peacefully at the age of 75 on Thursday, October 6, 2022 at Benchmark at Rye Memory Care in Rye, NH. He was a resident of Seabrook Beach and former longtime resident of East Greenwich, RI.

He was born on January 14, 1947 in Providence, RI a son of the late Edgar and Catherine (Flanagan) Ray and stepmother Carmina Ray.

David was a graduate of Mount Pleasant High School in Providence and attended Rhode Island College. He served in the United States Air Force as a radio communication technician from 1968-1972. After honorably serving his country, David became a master electrician and was a proud member of the IBEW Local 99 in Providence. David, with his friend and business partner, Alfred Colucci, founded Rayco Electric of Providence in 1981.

David lived life with joy and enthusiasm. Along with enjoying his prosperous career, David had many interests and pursued them with passion. He spent many years taking pleasure in skiing, playing hockey, boating and golfing. In retirement, David and his wife Mary enjoyed wintering in Port St. Lucie Florida where they made many friends.

David is survived by his wife of 44 years, Mary (Kelly) Ray and his brother

Matthew Ray and wife Joanne, of Riverside, RI. He is also survived by his sisters-in-law; Anne St. Hilaire, Karen Kelly and Jean Kelly, his brothers-in-laws; Russell Kelly and his wife Karineh and Robert Kelly and his wife Sue, and many loving nieces and nephews.

A mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 11 AM on Thursday, October 13, 2022 at St. Elizabeth of Hungary Mission Church, 1 Lowell Street, Seabrook Beach, NH 03874. Relatives and friends respectfully invited and can meet directly at church. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, PO Box 96011, Washington, DC 20090-6011. [www.alz.org/](http://www.alz.org/).

# Previous Events

## Funeral Mass

OCT **13**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Elizabeth Church  
1 Lowell Street  
Seabrook Beach, NH 03874

# Tribute Wall

NK

“ David I wish you peace and I know you’re spreading joy because that’s what you were to me EVERY time I came for a visit... always happy, smiling... thaanks for your warmth, and kind heart. I’ll see you when I see you cousin. 💜 Nance

Nancy Kelly - October 13, 2022 at 12:36 PM

DC

“ David was a life long friend, he was our Best Man in our Wedding 52 years ago. We had so many good times wonderful memories. Can remember you and Donald driving your Corvettes when you two returned from the Air Force! May you Rest In Peace. Love, Donald & Maria Corona

Donald Corona - October 11, 2022 at 12:44 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of David William Ray.



October 11, 2022 at 10:05 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of David William Ray.



October 10, 2022 at 09:55 AM

DQ

“ David was such a smiley, happy, fun loving person which made knowing him a pleasure and a privilege. A million laughs playing golf. Great golf trip to Ireland. Mary and the golf girls! He’s been missed and will be missed. What a truly good person,  
Susan & David Quigley

David Quigley - October 10, 2022 at 09:09 AM

MJ

“ MATTHEW F. RAY and JOANNE purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of David William Ray.



MATTHEW F. RAY and JOANNE - October 10, 2022 at 08:50 AM

NH

“ David, Oh how I'm going to miss you. I'm going to miss your laughter and your smile and your humor. I'm going to miss coming into work and saying hi to "papa". But I'm going to MISS YOU most of all Your presence will be missed

Nancy. L. Hanscom - October 09, 2022 at 06:32 PM

BS

“ Many warm memories of growing up with Dave (who we nicknamed "Crockett"), always friendly, easygoing and fun to be around. Rest well, Dave. - Bob Sisto

Bob Sisto - October 09, 2022 at 12:38 PM



“ *David was a friend from the old neighborhood . a great guy  
Stephen Castellucci*

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**Stephen Castellucci** - October 09, 2022 at 08:18 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of  
David William Ray.*



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October 08, 2022 at 11:34 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of  
David William Ray.*



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October 08, 2022 at 10:11 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the  
family of David William Ray.*



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October 08, 2022 at 08:53 AM

JK

“ David I was lucky to have such a wonderful brother-in-law. You were truly the best! I will miss your grinning smile, your joyful laugh and eating Irish bread for breakfast dessert on Sunday mornings. Love you.

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**Jean Kelly** - October 07, 2022 at 04:47 PM

GC

David was a big part of my childhood in Providence. What a great guy and loyal friend. Always smiling and laughing his way through the day. We called him Crockett back then and he loved it. I am gratified that he had a wonderful and loving wife and a great brother like Matty. My condolences to all and may his memory be eternal. Blessings, Jerry Cast

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**GERALD CASTELLUCCI** - October 08, 2022 at 12:09 PM

SM

Mary, so very sorry for your loss  
I didn't realize you lived in Seabrook full time.  
My heartfelt condolences.  
Sheila Maloney

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**Sheila Maloney** - October 09, 2022 at 02:25 PM

EG

DAVID CAME TO WORK WITH ME ON A HIGHRISE BUILDING ON HIS FIRST DAY OF WORK WITH LOCAL 99. HE WAS WONDERFUL PERSON. SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. ED GADIGIAN

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**Edward Gadigian** - October 10, 2022 at 11:59 AM

JH

For ten years, one of us would be waiting in our connected driveway for the other to return from work. We would then proceed to have a can or two and outline how everyone else in the world was CRAZY except the two of us. A forever friend, My thoughts go out to Mary at this time. He was lucky to have you at his side.

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**Jon Healey** - October 10, 2022 at 12:01 PM

TB

*David's disposition was sunnier than the Florida weather we enjoyed together. Although i mourn his loss I treasure and enjoyed our friendship and the time together.*

*Condolences to Mary and the family*

*Tony Baratta*

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**Tony Baratta** - October 11, 2022 at 08:28 AM

MS

*Mary, I am so sorry for your loss. Even though it had been years since I've seen either of you there are some very special memories I have of how sweet the two of you were together.*

*Dave was such a happy likeable guy who was a great friend both in Rhode Island and our summers at the Cape with our mutual group of friends. May he rest in peace.*

*Marilyn and Swierk*

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**Marilyn Swierk** - October 11, 2022 at 10:28 PM

MD

*Mary, I'm so sad to learn of David's passing. He was one of Bobby's oldest and dearest friends, and you don't need me to tell you what a special person he was. I hope you'll take comfort in happy memories of your life together. RIP, D Ray.*

*Marilyn DiStefano*

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**Marilyn DiStefano** - October 13, 2022 at 02:44 PM

TJ

*Mary I am very sorry for your loss. I really tried to make to the Mass today but I couldn't make it. I hope all is well with you. RIP David*

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**Thomas Ray Jr.** - October 13, 2022 at 03:25 PM