



Raymond Walter Fielek

July 31, 1944 - January 24, 2025

Greenland – Raymond Walter Fielek, 80, passed away peacefully at his home on January 24, 2025, surrounded by the love of his family. He was born on July 31, 1944, in South Amboy, NJ, to the late Edward and Mary (Rondesko) Fielek and was raised in Sayreville, NJ, where he graduated from Sayreville High School.

Raymond earned his BA degree from Ricker College in Houlton, Maine. Following college, he proudly served his country in the U.S. Navy, achieving the rank of Lieutenant. He served in Vietnam aboard the USS Hunterdon County as part of Operation Game Warden, playing a vital role in keeping the rivers free of infiltration in the Mekong Delta. After returning from Vietnam, he was stationed at bases in New Orleans and San Diego.

Upon completing his service, Raymond began a career in education, teaching physics and mathematics. He started at Limestone High School in Maine before moving to Marshwood High School in Eliot, Maine, where he taught until his retirement in 1997.

Raymond was a true renaissance man with a passion for life and a thirst for knowledge. He was a world traveler, avid reader, and prolific writer of lyrical poetry and plays. He found joy in golfing, running, and amateur astronomy. Raymond was a trivia enthusiast, skilled card player, domino champion, and

found exhilaration at the casino craps tables. Despite his many talents and interests, Raymond's greatest pride and joy were his three children, Brigitta, Heidi, and Travis.

He will be remembered as a humble and unassuming man with a sharp sense of humor, a warm smile, and a kind, generous spirit that touched everyone he met.

Raymond is survived by his loving and devoted partner, Donna Slack; his children Brigitta Thelemen and her husband David of North Carolina, Heidi Spry and her husband Stan of Nevada, and Travis Fielek and his wife Jennifer of Tennessee; and his beloved grandchildren Mary Hannah, Sarah, and James. He is also survived by his brother, Edward Fielek of Ohio, and his nieces Lisa, Patricia, and Christine, along with their children.

His family would like to thank Beacon Hospice of Portsmouth for their wonderful care and support first to him and his family these last few months.

Raymond will be terribly missed, he was incredibly generous of his time and his love and will be remembered with fondness by those who knew and love him.

No formal viewing or services will be conducted. Burial will be at St. Stanislaus Cemetery in Sayreville, NJ with his parents and grandparents.

Tribute Wall

AC

“ As some may know, Ray did his first college year at Rider College (now university in Trenton. He and I were great friends. We did the good, bad and ugly. We had great times and loads of fun. I awoke this AM and he was in my mind. We hadn't spoke in years. But our year in college we were like brothers. I never found another guy with whom I could be that much in sync, other than my brother, Sal. So, here I sit and found Ray on the internet, but with the unfortunate advisement of his passing. I hope he had a great life. Maybe God will bless us and let us hook up on the Seaside boardwalk the place of great times when I pass. God bless and God rest, Ray. No finer friend ever existed., Al Cerone

ALBERT CERONE - February 03, 2025 at 04:32 PM

TF

Albert, you wouldn't happen to one of the ones involved in the notorious pond draining incident? Would love to get the story from your perspective if you were. Travis Fielek

Travis Fielek - February 17, 2025 at 09:13 AM

LH

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Lisa Fielek Herd - January 26, 2025 at 01:56 PM

LH

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Lisa Fielek Herd - January 26, 2025 at 01:53 PM

DO

“ Raymond and I met in 2004 on a conservative dating website, what kind of dating sight would you expect Raymond to be on? My husband had passed unexpectedly about a year and a half before. I was reading his most recent Marine Corp Officers magazine and the website popped out at me. I do think it was a sign from above that it was okay for me to move forward, and he would not want me to live my life alone.

I opened the website and after looking at several possibilities Raymond's jumped out at me, so I introduced myself and he responded immediately. He was in Sayreville visiting his widowed Mother, a fact I found very endearing. He would be back home in a few days and asked if we could meet. We did continue to exchange many emails, day and night until he returned to Greenland. He suggested he would pick me up at my home in Danvers, MA, we would pick up sandwiched and go to the Beach and get to know each other. I'm sure I wasn't the first that heard that scenario, but I didn't care. I was a little giddy after all I hadn't dated in 3 decades, but also very cautious. He came on time with that stunning smile and beautiful blue eyes.

We proceeded to his car, and I requested we stop at a house around the corner from me for a moment. He didn't object, but I do think he was a little curious. The house was my daughter and son in laws, I wanted them to get a good look at Raymond, and the license plate of the car. We proceeded to our destination. I knew he was the guy for me. He was intelligent, funny, sweet, handsome. He never mentioned the stop again, that said a lot about him too.

*I'm very grateful for the twenty-years.
His loving partner Donna*

Donna - January 26, 2025 at 12:55 PM

MZ

“ Ray and I became friends after I moved to New Jersey from PA. He was five and I was seven years old. We lost touch after I graduated from high school and Ray was going into his junior year. I entered the Air Force in 1962 and Ray went to college in Maine. When he and his brother came to visit I would go over to their home to visit them. When he came back to visit his mom, he and I would visit our old friends. He had a great sense of humor, loyal to his friends, generous and the list could go on. I will always remember him as a good friend and a patriotic veteran. Rest in Peace Ray. You will be missed by all.

My best regards,

Mike Zdep

Michael Zdep - January 26, 2025 at 12:21 PM

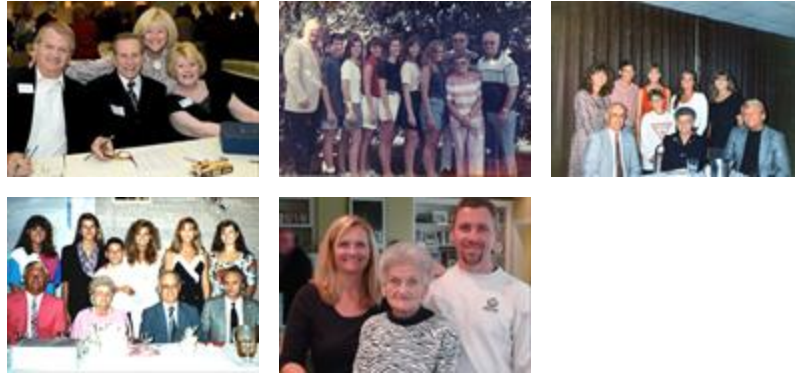
MS

“ Simply said Ray was the kindest and most humble person I have ever known. I will miss him and will cherish the many memories I have.

Margo Szeliga - January 26, 2025 at 12:07 PM

DO

“ 39 files added to the album Fielek Family Memories



Donna - January 26, 2025 at 10:56 AM

EP

Ray was a great guy and the pictures you have shared bring back memories of the Fielek and Szeliga families. Ray's father was my mother's cousin and my twin brothers Godfather. Cherish the memories you have and one day we will meet Ray again.

Ed Pieslak

Ed Pieslak - January 26, 2025 at 01:12 PM

KR

Hello- Today, I learned of Ray's passing. It saddened me. Ray was a hell of a guy and a wonderful teacher. He was caring yet demanding. He really wanted his students to learn and he worked hard to accomplish that. Ray also had a very subtle sense of humor. At times I would ask myself, "Is he kidding?" Usually he was. Ray and his family were also very kind to our daughter. The world needs more Ray Fieleks, even if he was VERY conservative! I have warm memories of Ray and wish his family the best. He was the best. RIP, Ray. It was an honor working with you.

Kent Rosberg

Kent Rosberg - February 03, 2025 at 09:07 PM

JF

I am greatly saddened to have just learned of Ray's passing. We were fellow teachers at Marshwood from his arrival until his retirement in 1997. He was liked and respected by both students and fellow faculty. My sincere condolences to his family at this time of loss and sorrow. May knowing that others share your grief be of assistance at this difficult time.

Jim Farr - February 04, 2025 at 11:26 AM

DO

The Anniversary of your passing will be tomorrow. There hasn't been a day in this last year that I haven't thought of you. A sweet, generous, humble, courageous and smart man, with the most beautiful eyes and smile that mesmerized me from the moment we met. The hours of games we played, the trips we took, the stories you regaled to me. Just having you with me was so comforting and enjoyable. How could I have been so lucky for over two decades? You enriched my life. I believe you're at peace now free from the pain that racked your body, but never once complained. In my heart I know you are surrounded by those loved ones who passed before you, probably with a golf club, Manhattan and cigar in your hand. Enjoy you sweet man. You earned it. With much love and thanks, Donna

Donna - January 23 at 06:04 PM