



Raymond Bochnik

January 31, 1929 - December 6, 2021

Raymond G. Bochnik of Elmsford, NY, entered eternal rest on December 6, 2021, at his home. He was born in Yonkers on January 31, 1929, to Mary (Skowronski) Bochnik and Joseph Bochnik. He proudly served in the U.S. Army Air Corps from 1948 to 1952. Ray was heartbroken when the love of his life, his wife Carolyn Otis Bochnik, predeceased him on June 3, 1992, and he deeply mourned her loss, always keeping her pictures nearby and pointing out her beauty to anyone who visited. He was predeceased by his brothers Alexander, Joseph, Edward, George and Charles and sisters Irene Bena, Jenny Hibbard, and Sister Victoria Mary, C.R. All family members were long-time parishioners of St. Casimir's Church in Yonkers.

Ray was very athletic and excelled at bowling, golf and softball. He was a fast-pitch softball pitcher for many years, even into his 70s. He was a great storyteller, (and he had a million of them, mostly humorous) especially about growing up, his days as a caddy at Knollwood Country Club, the celebrities he met there, his golfing days, his beloved Irish setters Penny and Brutus, and the 31 years he spent at the New York School for the Deaf, working with Carol as "Cottage Parents" for the children that resided there during the week. He was proficient at American Sign Language and never forgot how to "sign". He was famous for his rendition of the song "Please Release Me" at weddings singing while signing the words, and he often recruited his nieces to try to follow his lead and sign along behind him as back-up.

Ray will be missed by his many nieces, nephews, and grand-nieces and

nephews, most of whom had received funny or odd nicknames from him, Bubbles, Snerd, Stringbean and even Cement Head. He thoroughly enjoyed many lunch outings with his nephews and nephew-in-laws, particularly at LaManda's or the Cabin. He always had a good time with his "boys" and they will miss his humor and endless stories about the good old days.

For the last few years, it took a "village" to help honor Ray's wish to remain at home for his end of life, including a local pharmacist, barber, dentist and podiatrist. But special thanks go to his nieces, nephews and grand-niece, hospice, and the compassionate aides who were so kind and patient during his last months, especially Marva and Atiya as well as many other wonderful ladies. We could not have done it without you all, and we are very grateful. We ask that you take a moment to offer a prayer for Ray. If you would like to make a donation in his name, please remember the NY School for the Deaf Foundation, 555 Knollwood Road, White Plains, NY 10603, since his memories from those years always remained close to his heart.

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

DEC 13. 10:30 AM (ET)

Church of the Transfiguration
268 S. Broadway
Tarrytown, NY

Burial

DEC 13. 12:00 PM (ET)

Saint Joseph's
209 Truman Ave
Yonkers, NY 10703

Tribute Wall

IW

“Loved being with Aunt Carol and Uncle Ray when we were kids, and then as adults. They were always fun to be around. Beautiful Carol would dress us up and we felt like movie stars! “Unc” would always take us to the little amusement park near their house. They would eat Sunday dinner with us all the time. Hard to imagine them both gone but know they will be together forever!

Irene Wasicsko - December 13, 2021 at 01:38 PM

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“I’ll always remember our bbqs at the NYS for the deaf, signing Silent Night with you at Christmas parties, and the way your face would light up telling everyone you met about “your Carol”. I enjoyed getting to know more about your life these last few years and helping take care of you was an honor. I’ll miss stopping in to visit with you but I know you’ll be sending me love from above.

Kelly Guich - December 12, 2021 at 07:26 PM

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“He was our Uncle Ray, or “Unc” for short. The Bochniks were a close-knit family, so we got to know all of our uncles well. They came to our house almost every week for pinnocle games at the kitchen table with our grandfather. He is the last of that generation to leave us, and now, hopefully, they can resume their games when he’s not enjoying time with Carol. Tough as he was sometimes, he will be missed and always remembered. Rest in Peace, Unc.

Mary McFarlane - December 08, 2021 at 03:56 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Raymond Bochnik.*



December 08, 2021 at 11:14 AM