



Raymond J. Anater

July 21, 1933 - March 7, 2020

Raymond John Anater, loving husband of Nancy and father of seven children, passed away at his home in Maitland, FL on Saturday March 7. He was 86. Ray was born on July 21, 1933, in McKeesport, PA to Raymond J. and Marjorie B.(Pfahl) Anater, the fifth of seven children. A generous and devoted man, Ray was a loving husband to Nancy (Stewart) for 64 years, caring and admired father of seven children, beloved and wise grandfather to twenty-two grandchildren, tender great-grandfather to 12 great-grandchildren, and a benevolent father/grandfather figure to many others.

Ray and Nancy met at a dance in 1954, sparking a lifelong romance. He was drafted into the Army and served in Germany during the Korean War. Nancy joined him there, where they married and welcomed their first son, Raymond.

Upon their return to Pennsylvania, Ray earned an Electrical Engineering degree from the University of Pittsburgh in 1960 while working full time and providing for Nancy and their growing family.

His new career moved the family from Emporium to Lancaster and finally to Akron, where they settled in the family homestead on Main Street. After working for Sylvania and Hamilton Watch, he moved to the engineering and manufacturing firm, EMTROL, Inc. He ultimately purchased the company and through his ethical approach to business and incredible work ethic, EMTROL grew to become a prominent and respected industry leader with a global reach.

Ray was a great intellect, a natural teacher and a lifelong learner. He had an engineering mind with a mechanical aptitude that understood how things worked and he could fix just about anything. He delighted in sharing his knowledge and skills with his extended family. At various stages of his life, his great love of teaching took the form of times table drills on a chalkboard in the basement, algebra homework at the kitchen table, and calculus lessons with his grandchildren. In his retirement years, he had a passion for restoring WWII airplanes, first in Reading, PA and then in Kissimmee, FL.

Ray was a man of Faith and Reason who constantly sought truth and knowledge and frequently felt called to share his acquired wisdom with all those he encountered via persistent conversation, letter, and email. He cherished his Catholic faith and taught all those he loved to do the same. A prayerful man, Ray served his parishes and communities with a generous heart, always with an eye to building up the Kingdom of God and His Church. A quiet and humble benefactor, along with his dear wife, he supported many charities and religious communities.

Ray is preceded in death by his parents Raymond and Marjorie, his brother Thomas, and his sisters Adele, Patricia, and Marjorie. Ray is survived by his wife Nancy, his children Raymond(Cyndee) of Lancaster, PA, Adele Bruno(Louis) of Altamonte Springs, FL, Matthew(Diana), Thomas(Mary), Paul, David, Stephen(Christine); all of Lancaster; 22 grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren. Additionally, he is survived by his sisters Virginia Mader and Dorothy Shepard; and brother-in-law Ray Stewart.

A life well lived, he will be greatly missed by those fortunate to have known and loved him.

Tribute Wall

MD

“ Nancy I just found out about Ray's passing I'm truly saddened, I'll miss the stop over for good conversation and a beer, I enjoyed all the talks as your mailman and as a friend, he was truly a gentleman and my life is enriched by knowing him and you, he's in heaven with family and friends and I know he will be looking over you and your family. Love Mike.

Michael Dely - March 26, 2020 at 03:35 PM

JB

“ Rest In Peace, Mr. Anater. My best working years were under your leadership, which I kept with me the rest of my career. An example to everyone who ever worked near you. Sadly missed, always remembered.

Jeffrey D. Brandt, Lebanon, PA - former employee of EMTROL

Jeff Brandt - March 15, 2020 at 08:40 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Raymond J. Anater.



March 15, 2020 at 07:11 AM



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March 14, 2020 at 02:16 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Raymond J. Anater.*



March 13, 2020 at 09:58 AM



“ *The love, devotion and commitment that Ray gave to God and his family in his lifetime is to be cherished by all who knew him including Tom and I. May God comfort all of you in this sad time of loss knowing that you will see him again in heaven.*

Donna Hunt - March 12, 2020 at 10:06 PM

PN

I am very sorry to learn that Ray has died, but I am pleased to read about his impressive life. I have been trying to locate Ray for over sixty years. Ray was an excellent role model for me and my teammates on the Sylvania Teener League Baseball Team, which he coached in Emporium, Pa. in the summer of 1962. Ray was an excellent teacher in discussing and demonstrating how to hit and play the nine baseball positions. Ray was one of the best teacher-coaches I ever had. Ray was also the coach of our Teener League All-Star team, which ended tragically, when one of our teammates was killed in a tragic automobile accident while en route to one of our games. Ray was very kind to me and the other members of our team, who were devastated by the accident.

Thank you Ray for all you did for me and my teammates.

With Love and respect. Rest In Peace, Coach!

Pat NORMANLY

Pat NORMANLY - May 08, 2025 at 06:02 PM

TF

“Annette and I will never forget the great conversations and the time spent with both Ray and Nancy when we stayed with them. He knew how to grill a steak too! In the many visits I had, Ray was always such a dear and loving friend, always thinking of others before himself. He had a zeal for the Faith, a zest for life, a tremendously deep love for his Nancy and all his family. He made me feel like one of them and because of that, I am a better person. Dearest Nancy and all the family, your tears are being collected by the angels and are being placed in a golden chalice, and you will find them transformed when you present yourself before God. Every tear, disappointment and grieved heart is a blank check. If we write our names on it, it is worthless. If we sign it with Christ's Name, it is infinite in its value. In prosperity, Christ gives you His gifts; in suffering with faith, He gives you Himself.

Pax Christi,

*Tim Flagg
Christendom College*

Tim Flagg - March 12, 2020 at 05:18 PM

TC

“Tim & Annette Flagg and Christendom College purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of Raymond J. Anater.



Tim & Annette Flagg and Christendom College - March 12, 2020 at 04:58 PM

GC

“ *Genesys Controls purchased the Lovely One Spathe Phillyllum Plant for the family of Raymond J. Anater.*



Genesys Controls - March 12, 2020 at 03:52 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Raymond J. Anater.*



March 12, 2020 at 12:56 PM

SM

“ *Ray and Nancy were absolutely the best neighbors anyone could wish for. My husband and I loved them. I'm only sorry that I did not spend more time with them after I moved away. My deepest sympathy Nancy to you and all your family.*
Much love, Sonja

Sonja Marchesano - March 11, 2020 at 09:56 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Raymond J. Anater.*



March 11, 2020 at 01:51 PM

RN

“ Dearest Aunt Nancy and Family, Uncle Ray was a wonderful Husband, Father, Grandfather and Uncle! He will be missed. May the Angels come and take him home to our Father in Heaven. With Deepest Sympathies, love and prayers, Dan, Becky, Katie and Chris Witt.

Rebecca Witt, Ray's Niece - March 11, 2020 at 09:24 AM

JM

*Foever we will remember this amazing man. Beautiful times at Puzzle Lake with his children , and grandchildren.
Much Love to Nancy, all your kids, grandkids, great grandkids, family and friends. Heaven, has gained a beautiful soul. May he rest peacefully. {{{Hugs}}}
Jo-Ann& Keith McCreary
Sarah,Rita,Eddy,Colin and families*

Jo-Ann McCreary - March 13, 2020 at 10:00 AM