



Raymond Leon Barker

November 29, 1925 - January 19, 2019

Raymond Leon Barker, age 93, of Haymarket, VA passed away January 19, 2019 in Gainesville, VA.

Family and friends have said, “Raymond was one of a kind”. A self-made man, he was a loyal and trusted friend, generous to a fault; a humorous storyteller, who had a gregarious personality and was strongly opinionated. His philosophy in life was “anything worth doing was doing it to excess”. He thought women were magnificent!!!

Ray was a patriot, proud to be an Aviation Cadet during WWII and a Marine during the Korean War. He regretted not serving his country in combat. During his 25-year career with the CIA, he traveled the globe numerous times, mainly to the far east. He served with the late Vietnam War hero, Tucker Googelman, and he was interviewed by the Discovery Channel for Mr. Googelman’s life documentary. The highlight of his career was to work on a highly sensitive and classified project, later to be exposed as the Glomar Explorer by the media. After retirement, Ray became a CPA at age 57 preparing tax returns for the next thirty one years.

Ray is survived by his wife of 35 years, Georgette; his three sons: Michael, S. Casey (Sarah), Shawn (Terry) by his first wife S. Ann Barker (Deceased); former daughter-in-law, Lauren Fernandez (Patrick Deceased), 5

grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren; Georgette's children: Brian and Amy Summers, grandchildren, Ashley and Brian, who fondly called him, Papa. Also surviving are his dearest friends, Judie O'Reilly, Kadi Saracini and Mary Ellen Cadigan, who were also his caregivers the last year of life.

A graveside service with military honors will take place at a later date at Arlington National Cemetery

The family suggest in lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in his memory to either the Shriners Hospitals for Children, Attn: Office of Development, 2900 N. Rocky Point Dr., Tampa, FL 33607 or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Pl, Memphis, TN 38105-9959 or Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, KS. 66675-8517

Condolences may be sent to: www.piercefh.com

Cemetery Details

Arlington National Cemetery

Arlington, VA 22211

<http://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/>

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Ray, I wish I had known you longer, had a chance to hear your stories, and the chance to laugh more as you told them. We'll miss you here on Alderbrook. Georgie will just have to tell those stories now for you. I'm ready to laugh. Margie Bocchichio

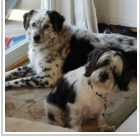
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“ I met Ray 15 years ago when we became neighbors with he and Georgette in Regency at Dominion Valley. I found out soon after that Ray had some very interesting reminiscences about the Hughes Glomar Explorer mission. I had read several books about it and his firsthand account was terrific. I learned he was a former Marine and like all USMC veterans was very "gung ho." I shared his enthusiasms for trying to make a better Virginia and a better country. He voiced his very clear opinions about the trajectory the country was on and I only wish more people had the courage of their convictions like Ray. I feel that I have lost a friend whom I admired greatly. My sincere condolences go out to Georgette and the family.

Mont Smith, CAPT USCG (ret.)

Mont Smith, USCG (ret.) - February 09, 2019 at 07:14 PM



“ *My life has been enriched by having had the opportunity to be part of Raymond's life. He will be missed.*



Mary Cadigan - January 24, 2019 at 12:46 PM



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“ *My favorite memory of my Grandpa, was a few years back. I had visited him after finding out that I was pregnant with my son. We had a moment sitting in his garden talking about kids, and life together. There was nothing particularly significant about the conversation, but we never lived very close growing up, and I wish I had had more moments like that with him.*

April Collins - January 23, 2019 at 02:57 PM