



Raymond Daniels

July 19, 1928 - January 16, 2026

Raymond J. Daniels, age 97, died on January 16, 2026.

Ray was born in Detroit, Michigan on July 19th, 1928 to Raymond and Marie (Cogan) Daniels. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Therese (Rivard) Daniels. He is survived by his children Mike (Charlene) Daniels of Warren, MI, Dave (Dee) Daniels of Morrow, OH, Jim (Kristin Kovacic) Daniels of Pittsburgh, PA, Tim (Barbara) Daniels of Berkeley, CA, and Kathleen (Dan) Goussy of Troy, MI, his grandchildren Matt (Stacey) Daniels, Jon (Mae) Daniels, Lindsay (Brian) Machiniak, Abbey (Chris) Madden, Mike Daniels, Ramsey Daniels, Rosalie Daniels, Patrick (Cristina Mezuk) Goussy and Therese (Justin) Licker, and his great-grandchildren: Ben, Ava, Sophia, Lola, Oliver and Isaac Daniels, Lincoln Machniak, Brady and Beau Madden.

Raymond graduated from the University of Detroit in 1951. Soon after graduation, he joined the Army, where he proudly served, ending up with a post back in the Detroit area, though his soon-to-be wife, Mary Therese, was interested in seeing the world. They were married on May 28th, 1952, and their marriage lasted 66 years until Mary Therese's death in 2019. After his enlistment was up, he joined Ford Motor Company, where he worked until he was offered an early retirement in 1986. Once retired, he was able to pursue his true passion – sports. For many years it was softball in the summer, and bowling and volleyball in the winter. He played softball until age 85. For many

years, he volunteered doing taxes for the elderly through AARP.

He was a man of his era. The concepts of religion, duty, honor, self-reliance and thrift were core to his makeup. He was a longtime member of the St. Marks Usher's Club and supported many Catholic charities. He enjoyed driving the requisite station wagon to carry his family on camping trips every year.

He loved his wife Mary Therese, and his children. He wasn't an overly strict father. Maybe 'serious' best describes him. He showed his love by working hard to ensure his children would have a good education and get established in the world. He appreciated a "firm handshake", which he made sure his sons, grandsons, and great grandsons, knew how to return.

Visitation will be on Tuesday Jan 20 between 3 and 8 pm at the E.J. Mandziuk and Sons Funeral home at 3801 18 Mile Road, Sterling Heights, Michigan. A funeral mass will be held on Wednesday Jan 21 at 10:00 a.m. (viewing at 9:30) at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton 280 E. Square Lake Road Troy, MI 48098.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the Archdiocese of Detroit Endowment Fund at <https://development.aod.org/register/give-schools>

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

18201 Clinton River Rd
Clinton Township, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 20. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Mandziuk & Son Funeral Directors, Inc. - Sterling Heights
3801 18 Mile Road
Sterling Heights, MI 48314
(586) 997-3838

Instate

JAN 21. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
280 E. Square Lake Road
Troy, MI 48098

Mass of the Christian Burial

JAN 21. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

YC

“ Our sincere condolences on Ray's passing. Despite the very far distance between us and the fact that we have never seen Raymond, there is a connection that makes us mangled with sadness. We are sure that he has been surrounded with great care and love in recent months. We wish the family a lot of strength and hope that you can look back on the many memories with joy and pride.

Yves De Ceuleners

Yves De Ceuleners - February 27 at 03:56 AM

BK

“ Finnegan and I would stop and talk to Ray as we walked around the neighborhood. Or he and I would talk as he walked around. What an absolute gentleman And a very nice man. I will miss him. Thoughts and prayers to the family.

Barbara Kiernan - January 24 at 07:16 PM

RM

“ Rose M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Raymond Daniels.

Rose M. - January 19 at 10:41 AM

DF

“ Doug Kanell & family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Raymond Daniels.

Doug Kanell & family - January 19 at 09:18 AM



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



January 19 at 08:48 AM



“ *My wife and I would see Ray and one of his kids, usually Kathy, at 11:30 Sunday mass at St. Jane Frances. We would catch up on the Daniels family after mass. Except for Kathy, all of the Daniels children are boys. I knew them at Fitzgerald High school, and I have kept in touch with Jim Daniels through the years. Both Jim and I share many of the same interests. Kathy keeps me up-to-date on mutual friends from Fitzgerald, and her father, Ray, and I go back to Detroit before the War. I will miss sharing memories of the city in the rare old times, and I will miss your company and conversation, Raymond Daniels. You were one fine man, and on top of that, you and your wife turned out one fine family. Ave atque Vale, Ray.*

William Gagnon - January 19 at 04:03 AM

KG

Thank you for the kind words, and for being so nice to our father 🙏❤️

kathleen Goussy - January 22 at 09:49 PM

BZ

Ray and Mary Therese were my neighbors since January 2000. We lived on opposite sides of the street and would wave to each other if we didn't have time to talk. Ray kept me company when I gardened and it was always pleasant. One day in August '25, he walked me across the street because I was using a cane. He was always a caring gentleman. We attended St. Jane's and enjoyed stopping at Mannino's Bakery after Mass.

Bqrbara Zolnierczak - January 25 at 11:20 AM

AI

“ Art & Inga planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Raymond Daniels.

Art & Inga - January 18 at 09:37 AM

RD

“ Ramsey Daniels and Rosalie Daniels purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Raymond Daniels.



Ramsey Daniels and Rosalie Daniels - January 18 at 08:13 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Raymond Daniels.



January 17 at 10:43 PM

DR

“ Donna, Carl and Ann, Ross and Rita planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Raymond Daniels.

Donna, Carl and Ann, Ross and Rita - January 17 at 10:43 PM

MU

“ *Melita, Marie, and William Underwood purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Raymond Daniels.*



Melita, Marie, and William Underwood - January 17 at 09:15 PM