



## Ray Bowling

February 8, 1930 - November 17, 2022

Ray Bowling, age 92, passed away on November 17, 2022 at Stamford Hospital. The eighth of ten children, he was born in Modoc, West Virginia on February 8, 1930.

He enlisted in the military at age 15 and was a veteran of both WWII and the Korean War. He participated in the Berlin Airlift. He married Angelina Lodato, also the eighth of ten children, on February 4, 1952 in Montgomery, WV and they moved to Stamford in 1954.

Together with his brothers-in-law Philip, John and Ross Lodato, Ray started and ran United House Wrecking until his retirement. He was a trustee of Sacred Heart Church for over 40 years, as well as a member of the Holy Name Society. He was a volunteer for Marine Corp Toys for Tots for 27 years and the Food Bank for over 20 years. He was a charter member and great supporter of The Prometheum in Stamford, CT.

Ray was a devoted and loving husband to his wife Angie for 58 years until her death in 2010. He is survived by his son Raymond and his wife Ronnie; his son Stephen, his three grandchildren, Rachel, Raymond, and Daniel; and his beloved nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents, his brothers Herbert, Clarence, Donald, Glenn, and Robert, and his sisters Lucile, Rosalee, Dorthey, and Elizabeth.

He was a rugged self-made man who was respected for his wisdom and good council. He possessed a gentlemanly grace and a captivating charm and was known for his kindness and charity. Ray was welcoming and generous to all. His door was always open, and he had many unannounced guests whom he was always happy to see. Even in his 90's he was a man of vigor, making new friends of all ages who quickly grew to love him.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in his memory to: Prometheus Foundation [www.prometheumfoundation.org](http://www.prometheumfoundation.org)

Family will receive relatives and friends on Tuesday, November 29, 2022 from 4pm to 8pm at Bosak Funeral Home, 453 Shippan Avenue, Stamford, CT. A Mass of Christian burial will be held at 10:30am on Wednesday, November 30, 2022 at Sacred Heart Church, 37 Schuyler Avenue, Stamford, CT. His interment will follow at St. John in Darien, CT.

If you wish to make an online remembrance for the family online, you may sign the family guestbook at [www.bosakfuneralhome.com](http://www.bosakfuneralhome.com) or [www.facebook.com/bosakfuneralhome](https://www.facebook.com/bosakfuneralhome).

# Cemetery Details

## St. John R.C. Cemetery - Darien

25 Camp Avenue  
Darien, CT 06820  
(203) 322-0455  
[http://www.ctgenweb.org/county/cofairfield/pages/cemetery/cm\\_darien/stjohn1.htm](http://www.ctgenweb.org/county/cofairfield/pages/cemetery/cm_darien/stjohn1.htm)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **29**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Bosak Funeral Home & Cremation  
453 Shippan Avenue  
Stamford, CT 06902

## Mass of Christian Burial

NOV **30**. 10:30 AM (ET)

Sacred Heart Church  
37 Schuyler Avenue  
Stamford, CT 06902

# Tribute Wall

AL

“ Dear Steve,  
Please accept my deepest condolences for the loss of your father. I did not know him but in reading his obituary you possess the same wonderful qualities that he had. I can only imagine how proud he was of you - especially in keeping his Promethean legacy alive.  
Hugs, Ann Lindsay

Ann lindsay - November 30, 2022 at 01:12 PM



“ Dear Steve! Please accept sincere condolences from your devoted friend Vitali Dudarenka on the passing of your father. I am very sorry that I did not have the time to meet him in person, because we were separated by seven thousand miles, and even my poor command of English would not have prevented us to find a common language with Roy ... Steve, you always talked about him with warmth and love. May he in heaven watch over us all and rejoice in the successes of each of us. And we will always remember him.

Vitali Dudarenka - November 27, 2022 at 05:29 PM



Please everyone for my poor English. Of course I misspelled Ray's name by one letter. I hope he will forgive me and not be harsh.

Vitali Dudarenka - November 29, 2022 at 05:28 PM

MP

“ Deepest condolences on your loss. Thoughts and prayers for all.

Michael Portanova - November 25, 2022 at 08:55 AM

RB

“ Dear Steve

*To you and all the cousins and relatives who loved your dad, I extend my deepest sympathies but be not sad. Rejoice in the life of your dad because.*

*Ray Bowling was a man for all seasons. He dressed impeccably, was polite and courteous to all, and exceptionally charming to the ladies. Ray embodied chivalry, a true knight. He enjoyed fine whiskey as a fine gentleman would.*

*I was drawn to him from the day I met him. Ray told me we have something in common. I asked whether it was the scotch. No, he said it's RB. I got it. We became friends instantly. I most remember Ray's belief that everyone is good and means well. He had a genuine interest and affection in and for people. An unusual and extraordinary attribute desired by many but inherited by few. I don't ever recall Ray calling attention to himself. He had an improv sense of humor made inoffensive because it always accompanied the effervescent smile. A great host "why don't you take this? or why don't you try that."*

*I am sorry I won't be there to say farewell, but I am sure the hundreds of friends he made over the years will more than make up for it. And if Ray is Ray, he would have acquired a few more on his way to heaven. I imagine God was short of people like that; that is why he took him.*

*He will be gone but not forgotten. Goodbye, farewell to a ray of light, a prince of a man.*

Roy

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roy balasuriya - November 23, 2022 at 11:23 AM

AD

*For sure you made a hole in one.... With these statements*

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Ashleylynn Desiree - March 01 at 06:12 PM

OL

“ *Rest in peace dear Ray. We will never forget you.  
Your friends from Peru.*

*With love.  
Nice and Oscar.*

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**Osca Lazo** - November 21, 2022 at 10:07 PM

CT

*Descanza en Paz querido Ray, que los Angeles y Arcangeles te lleven  
al reino de los cielos.*

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**Carlos Tirado** - November 21, 2022 at 10:42 PM

TC

*God Bless you Ray. Prayers are on the way*

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**tony coppola** - November 22, 2022 at 11:32 AM

DR

*You are with the angels, now, Ray. Your memory lives in me.*

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**David Riss** - November 22, 2022 at 02:54 PM

GD

*To the Bowling Family-Our deepest sympathy to you in this time of  
sorrow -our thoughts & Prayers are with you*

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**Greg & Maria D'Onofrio** - November 26, 2022 at 05:42 PM

PT

*Cousins Raymond and Stephen, please accept my most heartfelt  
condolences on the passing of your dad. I have known Uncle Ray for  
almost my whole life. I remember traveling to West Virginia by train  
with my parents and sister Elaine to be the flower girl in the wedding of  
your parents. He was a wonderful uncle to me, always happy to see  
me, always interested in my life. Although we all will miss him, he is at  
last with Aunt Angie and all his brothers and sisters up there. God  
bless him.*

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**Patricia Tozzi** - November 28, 2022 at 08:54 PM

MD

*Is there anything better you can say about someone than ... He was a nice guy.*

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**Mark Drought** - November 29, 2022 at 10:02 AM

DA

*Dear Stephen & Raymond,  
Our family sends their deepest sympathy to our cousins and your families at this time of grief and sorrow. Your dad was a loving, kind gentleman. I will always remember him as caring, funny and always interested in the family and what was going on in our lives. I remember as a child all the family picnics at Todds point with the Lodato's, the Emma's, the Bowling's, the Cunninghams and the Santora's. We were quite a tribe there at the beach the whole day, enjoying each other's company and being a family. How Blessed we are to have had fathers that were the head of our family to protect and care for us and teach us the value of Family & Faith in our lives. Your Dad lived those values and treasured his family. I will always remember his great smile, and acknowledgement the moment he saw us. We are happy that he is now reunited with his dear Angie and family in heaven. R.I.P dear Uncle Ray.*

*xoxoxo Donna Santora-Anderson*

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**Donna Santora Anderson** - November 29, 2022 at 10:13 AM