



Ray A. Murnen

February 27, 1926 - December 27, 2019

Ray A. Murnen, Jr., 93, of Toledo, died Friday, December 27, 2019 at Rosary Care Center.

Ray was born on February 27, 1926 to Kathryn and Ray Murnen Sr. He was the oldest of five siblings, growing up and residing in Trilby, the Old West End, and West Toledo.

A 1944 Graduate of Central Catholic High School, he enlisted in the Army during World War II, and earned a Bronze Star Medal for heroic actions in battle.

Returning from the war, he married Helen Lemle in 1947. They had six sons and were longtime members of Blessed Sacrament Church, where Ray was a very active parishioner and youth sports coach. He was a lifelong supporter of Central Catholic, where he served in various roles, including a spot on the Athletic Board of Control.

Ray worked with his father at Murnen Mortgage Investor's Corporation, and later operated the company with his three brothers. In 1969, he was named President of the Ohio Mortgage Bankers Association.

As a member of the Downtown Toledo Kiwanis Club, Ray forged many friendships and diligently supported the organization's charitable efforts, including the annual Pancake Breakfast and Peanut Sale. He enjoyed golfing in the Kiwanis League and on Friday's with his high school buddies, whom he also joined for a weekly lunch later in life.

Ray modeled his deep Catholic faith through his steady character, kindness

and devotion to his wife, sons, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. When he wasn't supporting them at a family sports event, he was found following his beloved Detroit Tigers.

In 2007, Ray was preceded in death by his wife of 60 years, Helen. He was also preceded in death by son, Larry; grandson, Kurt; and siblings: Jack, Dick, Mary Alice and Tom.

Surviving are his sons: Mike (Sandy), Pat (Cheryl), Marty (Sandra), Terry (Bernie), Dan (Shelley); Daughter in law, Karen; Sister in law, Mary; 19 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

The family would like to acknowledge the outstanding care Ray received at West Park Place and Rosary Care Center in his final years.

Family and friends are invited to visit on Thursday, January 2nd, from 3-8 p.m. at the Ansberg-West Funeral Home, 3000 Sylvania Avenue, (between Secor and Douglas Roads), where the rosary will be recited at 3 p.m. Visitation will also be held on Friday, January 3rd, at Christ the King Catholic Church, 4100 Harvest Lane, from 10 a.m. until the funeral mass at 11 a.m. Burial will be at Calvary Cemetery at 2:30 p.m., where the Lambertville VFW Post 9656, will conduct Military Honors. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Central Catholic High School, 2550 Cherry Street, Toledo, OH 43608 or the FC44 Foundation (<https://fc-44.org>), which exists to perpetuate the legacy of his grandson Kurt, fight cancer, and provide scholarship assistance at Kettering Alter High School.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

2224 Dorr St
Toledo, OH 43607

Previous Events

Rosary

JAN 2. 3:00 PM (ET)

Ansberg-West Funeral Home
3000 W. Sylvania Ave
Toledo, OH 43613

Visitation

JAN 2. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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3000 W. Sylvania Ave
Toledo, OH 43613

Visitation

JAN 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Christ the King Catholic Church
4100 Harvest Ln
Toledo, OH 43623

Service

JAN 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

Christ the King Catholic Church
4100 Harvest Ln
Toledo, OH 43623

Tribute Wall

PM

“ 3 files added to the album *Younger Days*



Patricia Murnen - January 05, 2020 at 11:21 AM

BL

“ *To the Murnen family:*

I too knew the Murnens growing up. Mike, Pat, Marty , Larry ,Terry ,Danny. I spent many hours at the Murnen household on Bowen Rd playing organized pick up basketball.

We played many organized sports at Blessed Sacrament. Ray coached basketball, my dad coached football...

Many good times were had.

So sorry to hear of the loss of this great man. His memories will live on forever.

Helen and Ray are back together, watching great grand kids do their thing with the sporting world.

Good luck and may God Bless the Murnen Family

Bob Langenderfer BS class of 63 CCHS class of 67

bob langenderfer - January 04, 2020 at 02:04 PM

JH

“ Marty & the Murnen family. My heartfelt condolences on the passing of your Dad. I have fond memories of hooping it up with you and your brothers in the Murnen driveway and your Dad was often there to give pointers or encouragement.

John Hagerty

John Hagerty - January 03, 2020 at 06:53 AM

SM

“ Prayers and heartfelt condolences to all of Ray's family. I only knew Ray in his professional life; however, after 40 years I found Ray to be the most honest, sincere & hardworking lender I knew. Clearly the best in the business. RIP, Ray.



Sue Murra - January 03, 2020 at 01:59 AM

LJ

“ Mike, Pat and all of the Murnen Family, I was sad to hear of your Dad's passing. I think all of us in the old Blessed Sacrament group remember both of your parents as kind, fun, and always so supportive. We were all so blessed with great parents, and they were all friends! We didn't get away with much, did we? I know your Dad was welcomed home by your beautiful Mom and many dear ones. God bless!

Linda (Garris) Jenkins

Linda (Garris) Jenkins - January 01, 2020 at 07:07 PM

JE

“ My family lived on Oak Grove Place in the same block of the Lemle family and then moved to Garrison Road where I became a babysitter for Helen and Ray. I have many fond memories of Mike, Pat, Marty, Terry and Larry. You were always very respectful and busy as younguns. By the time that Dan came along I probably was going to CCHS. The Murnen name was always held with great respect and kindness. After marrying I moved to Perrysburg, raised two daughters with my husband and started a 22 year stint with the 577 Foundation. What a surprise when I found out that my first boss, Jay Wagoner, lived behind Helen and Ray on Woodmont. He also had very kind words for the family. You have made your mark on many lives and fond memories on mine. May Ray Rest In Peace —Great job done!! Fondly, Judy Campey Emmons

Judy Campey Emmons - January 01, 2020 at 01:18 PM

TC

“ To Mike, Sandy and the Family of Ray Murnen:

Please accept my heartfelt condolences on your father's passing.

May God be with you all during this time of great sorrow.

Tom Crothers - January 01, 2020 at 12:25 PM

BH

“ Mike and family,
Please accept my condolences for the passing of your father. Prayers have been said for him and your family. I know you and the family have many wonderful memories that will be fondly recalled for many years.
Bernie Huntebrinker

Bernie Huntebrinker - January 01, 2020 at 10:16 AM

JC

“ *i was saddened to hear about your father's passing. He was a great man, a great father and a friend to many. I have fond memories of the Blessed Sacrament years and the times our families spent together. My condolences to all the Murnen family.*

*Sincerely,
Jim Connor and family*

Jim Connor - December 31, 2019 at 08:16 PM

TS

“ *Dan, Shelly, and family,*

We were so sorry to hear about your dad's passing Dan. He was always so friendly to us through the years as your neighbors on Elmhurst and every time we crossed paths thereafter. We just want you to know we are thinking of all of you and sending our thoughts and prayers your way!

Love, Kevin, Kellie and the Szenderski Family

The Szenderski's - December 31, 2019 at 05:01 PM

MP

“ *Please accept my sympathies for the passing of your father, Ray. I got to know him better through my years of employment at Central Catholic where he and his siblings were not only appreciated but revered. The Murnen and McCarty families have intersected many points throughout our lives journeys. No doubt there is an immense welcoming celebration going on in heaven for Ray. May God rest his soul and comfort all who loved him.*

Mary McCarty Pierce

Mary McCarty Pierce - December 31, 2019 at 12:58 PM

KB

“ *I wanted to share my condolences with everyone in the Murnen family. Ray was an incredible man and was loved by all that knew him. He was a great friend to the Blanchard Family as well. God Bless him and you all during this time of loss.*

Keith Blanchard - December 30, 2019 at 05:32 PM