



## Raymond A. Ruta

May 25, 1931 - September 15, 2021

Raymond Alexander Ruta, affectionately known as "Ray" and "Papa", of Kensington, passed away at the age of 90 on Wednesday (September 15, 2021) after a brief illness. He was the loving, devoted husband of Cynthia (Johnson) Ruta for the past 52 years. Born in New Britain, he graduated from New Britain High School with the Class of 1950 and regularly attended class reunions. Ray, the son of first generation Polish immigrants, graduated from the University of Connecticut in 1954, the first in his family to achieve a college degree. He was a proud veteran of the US Air Force and Reserve.

He has been a Kensington resident since 1971 where he and Cynthia proudly built the same home they lived at for nearly 50 years, raising their four children there. He was employed as a stock broker and financial adviser at Advest and several other investment firms for 46 years, retiring in 2003. Ray was a member of the St. Paul Church in Kensington; former Board Member of the New Britain YMCA & Salvation Army; was Past President of the New Britain Kiwanis Club; was a former member of the Berlin Board of Finance & Assessment; and a member of the Republican Town Committee.

An avid sports fan, Ray joyfully watched his alma mater women's basketball team win championship after championship, held season tickets for UCONN football games and enjoyed watching the Boston Red Sox. Ray devoured every notable financial newspaper and read the local newspapers cover to

cover every day. He loved animals, nature, and long walks, having many pets along the way while enjoying bird watching and amassing a large flower garden in his yard.

Most of all, he enjoyed spending time with his family, making countless trips with his wife to visit their children and grandchildren in Southern California, North Carolina, and Boston. His now adult children will fondly remember a devoted and fun Dad who actively participated in their childhood leaving them lifelong memories spoiling them with love, laughter and fun.

Besides his wife Cynthia, Ray leaves two sons, Donald Ruta of Plainville; and Robert "Bobby" Ruta and his wife Jennifer of Durham, NC; two daughters, Mary Fiske and her husband Craig of Laguna Niguel, CA; and Robin Rubin and her husband Jeffrey of Essex, MA; seven grandchildren, Craig Jr. (CJ), Simon Raymond, Kayleigh, Satchel, Jillian, Noah, and Dustin; and a great grandchild, Austin. Ray was predeceased by a sister, Sophie Ruta and a brother, Edward Ruta.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Wednesday (Sept 22, 2021) 11:30 AM DIRECTLY at St. Paul Church, Alling Street, Kensington. Burial with military honors will follow in Sacred Heart Cemetery, New Britain. Calling hours will be held Tuesday (Sept 21, 2021) 4 to 6 PM at Carlson Funeral Home, 45 Franklin Square, New Britain. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the Salvation Army or a charity of your choice. Please share a memory or note of sympathy at [www.carlsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.carlsonfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Sacred Heart Cemetery

662 Burritt Street  
New Britain, CT 06053

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

SEP **21**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Carlson Funeral Home  
45 Franklin Square  
New Britain, CT 06051  
(860) 225-6361  
carlsonfh@aol.com  
<https://www.carlsonfuneralhome.com/>

## Mass of Christian Burial

SEP **22**. 11:30 AM (ET)

St. Paul Church  
485 Alling Street  
CT 06037

# Tribute Wall



Beth  
Barrett

“ *Our hearts and prayers go out to the Ruta family, we are so sorry for your loss. Ray was a wonderful person. Enjoyed family time with him, he'll be fondly remembered.*

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**Beth Barrett** - September 21, 2021 at 10:52 AM



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“ *Bruno and I are very sorry to hear about your loss and our prayers go out to you and your family. May the happy memories carry you through this difficult time. God Bless, your neighbors Bruno and Lynn Zavarella*

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**Lynn Zavarella** - September 19, 2021 at 08:02 AM



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“ *I remember when my mom wanted to invest in a good investment. He took the time to advise my mom about which investment were and available and was very kind and patient to help her with her selection.*  
*She was so proud that she had chosen her investment 'herself' .*  
*Ray was a truly good man.*

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**Pat Brown** - September 17, 2021 at 07:04 PM