



Raymond L. Sala

December 16, 1949 - December 30, 2019

Raymond Leigh Sala, 70, of New Britain, passed away peacefully at the Hospital of Central Connecticut on Monday, December 30, 2019, after a long illness. Beloved only child of Raymond Peter and Winnifred (Stairs) Sala, Raymond was born in Hartford on December 16, 1949, and was two years old when he moved to New Britain, where he graduated from Pulaski High School in 1968. He went on to attend classes at Northwestern Community College and then Central Connecticut State College, where he majored in history. In his later years he earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Charter Oak State College. He married Gloria (Salvatore) Sala on June 20, 1971. He was employed at Cunningham Reporting Service as an office manager and was later self-employed with his wife, sub-contracting for the Niziankiewicz and Miller court reporting service.

Raymond was a faithful and humble member of the Berlin congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses. Baptized at age 20, he devoted the majority of his life to the preaching and teaching work, visiting local homes and sharing the good news of Jehovah's kingdom with residents. In his capacity as coordinator of the body of elders, he was untiring in his management of many tasks, giving talks, saying prayers, leading elders' meetings, and comforting the afflicted. He helped countless members of his local congregation and was turned to for guidance by many. He also served for many years on the Hospital Liaison Committee, educating and improving communication with doctors concerning bloodless surgery.

Raymond's interests included world events and sports. He was an avid Yankees, Giants, and UCONN basketball fan who attended games at the old Yankee stadium each year with his sons. His favorite travel destination was Prince Edward Island, Canada, where he vacationed with his family, staying in a cottage, grilling, walking on the beach, making bonfires, and taking in the beautiful sights. Most of all, Raymond will be remembered for his spirituality, his kind and mild personality, his practical intelligence, his work ethic, and his sense of humor. He was a gentle and caring husband, father, and grandfather. He will be dearly missed.

Raymond is survived by his beloved wife of over 48 years, Gloria Sala; his son, Timothy Raymond Sala and his wife, Lizabeth (Jackowitz) Sala; his son, Jonathan Leigh Sala; his grandson, Holden Williams-Sala; his uncle, Ronald Stairs and his wife, Nancy Stairs, along with many other relatives in Canada and Maine. Raymond was predeceased by a brother-in-law, Anthony Valentine Salvatore.

A memorial service will be held on January 11, 2020, at 1:30 PM at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 234 Farmington Avenue, Berlin, CT. Please share a memory or note of sympathy at www.carlsonfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 11. 1:30 PM (ET)

Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses
234 Farmington Avenue
Berlin, CT 06037

Tribute Wall

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“ There are no words to describe how much we will miss Ray. He was an amazing man who inspired others and gave so much of himself. Ray spent many summer vacations in a small Canadian community with his maternal grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins. He was especially close to me growing up and I couldn't wait for his family's visit. He was like a little brother to me and throughout the years we shared many wonderful moments. Ray and I shared many conversations and his counsel was always thoughtful, measured and wise. He was a man who cared deeply about his family, his Church and community. We enjoyed many visits with Ray and his family over the years and are grateful for the time he took to stay connected with us. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family. We loved Ray and he will be forever missed. With love, Ron and Nancy Stairs

Ron Stairs - January 10, 2020 at 08:03 AM

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“ We knew Ray in the late 60s and early 70s. He truly exhibited the fruits of the spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faith, mildness, and self-control. Condolences and best wishes to Gloria and their children.

Bill and Diane Marut - January 08, 2020 at 08:38 PM

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I knew Raymond and his wife Gloria. Mostly Gloria. I had moved from Massachusetts to New Britain, Connecticut and only 19. Gloria took me under her wing. Though she was my age, she knew that I needed help showing me around. Mostly she helped me spiritually. I am so grateful for help. Many, many years later I would like to thank her. Perhaps at some time I would be able to do so. She would know me as Charlene Herritt.

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Charlene Anthony - March 12, 2025 at 08:10 PM

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“*Raymond was a true child hood friend who lived two houses away from me. Every day as kids we use to play together This was 60 years ago. We went to the same schools and his parents and my parents were great friends. Raymond and I talked a few years ago by phone and shared some email messages. Best of wishes to Ray's wife Gloria and his Children and grandchildren. May he rest-in -peace. Cliff Azarigian*

Cliff Azarigian - January 07, 2020 at 07:46 PM

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“*We have known Ray for many years. He was a gentleman and kind. He will be missed.*

David and Judy Kimball - January 06, 2020 at 01:46 PM