



Raymond Leslie Burnett

January 19, 1919 - July 4, 2011

Raymond Leslie Burnett, age 92, of Wilmington, died peacefully on Monday, July 4, 2011. Ray was born on January 19, 1919 in Providence, RI. He moved with his family to Delaware in 1928 settling in Newark. Ray graduated from Newark High School and the University of Delaware with a degree in Chemistry. He enlisted in the U. S. Marines and was sent to Quantico for officer training. He served 26 months in the South Pacific landing on many islands with Marine Coast Artillery. When he returned home, he joined the DuPont Co. in the Organic Chemistry Dept. where he spent his entire career in paper dyes. He retired in 1980, and then worked five years as a part-time consultant with the Bayer Co. after they purchased the dye business.

Ray was always actively interested in sports. He was an ardent golfer, skier, and sailor into his 80's. He was always a great fan of all the Philadelphia teams and had season tickets for many years.

Raymond is survived by his wife, Eddie; his daughter, Kathleen Gutmann and husband Steve of San Clemente, CA, and their children: Justin, Josh and Zoe; he is also survived by step-children: Mark Hedley and wife Patti of San Francisco; Sue Hedley Dubia and her husband Rocky, and her children: Katy, Melissa and TJ McGrath of Wilmington; his daughter-in-law, Rhonda Burnett and her children: Chelsea, Ursula and Raes; and grandson, Robert Hedley. He is preceded in death by his son, Raymond; and his stepsons, John and

Scott Hedley.

A Memorial Service to celebrate Ray's life will be held on Tuesday, July 12, 2011 at Brandywine Valley Baptist Church, 7 Mount Lebanon Road, Wilmington, DE 19803 at 6:30pm. The family requests that in lieu of flowers memorials be sent to BVBC (Brandywine Valley Baptist Church) Bldg. Fund. To express an online condolence, visit www.strano-feeley.com.

Strano & Feeley
Family Funeral Home
302-731-5459

Cemetery Details

Private

Tribute Wall

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“ To the whole Burnett family: condolences to all at the death of Ray. During the last 20 years , maybe longer, my late wife Bette and I were very close to the Burnetts. We travelled to China in 2001. We had dinner together weekly at all the restaurants in the area and at one time in Florida. Ray was always so knowledgeable on any subject that arose.. We discussed sports a lot; Ray was up-to-date on it all. The family will miss Ray, as I will and have missed seeing him in recent times. Eddie and Ray were, and Eddie still is, great friends to be with. Whatever was discussed, travel, politics, religion, sports, you name it, they were able to talk about it. So, my sympathy is with you all, and you will be in my prayers as you mourn the loss of a really good guy.

Sincerely
Jim Brady

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James (Jim) D. Brady - July 08, 2011 at 08:15 AM

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So many good memories gramps at all those Eagles games,the kids down Betheny beach Christmas eve at your house ,skying thanks for your goodness to me and my children!! RIP THOMAS MCGRATH

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