



## Raymond Joseph Vecellio

June 25, 1935 - November 11, 2019

Raymond Joseph Vecellio

age 84 of Eden Prairie, passed away on Nov 11. Ray was born on June 25, 1935. Raymundo, Rayzee, Big Al... is now sharing his stellar voice with the angels. Ray's 39-year career in radio broadcasting went from disc jockey to program and music director, sales and sales management. After various radio stations in MN and IA, he moved to WCCO Radio in 1970 and achieved record setting sales awards until his retirement in 1997. Ray was inducted into the MN Broadcasting Hall of Fame in 2011. Ray was also a trustee at St. Joseph's church in Hopkins for 25 years. It didn't matter who you were – a dear friend, caregiver or wait staff for an evening – Ray always took the time to use your name. Strong in his faith, Ray loved music, travel and time with family and friends. He's listening to Sinatra, Scotch in hand and dancing again. He is missed dearly by many. "Hi Pally – until we meet again." Survived by loving wife, Karen Kelsay; family Tony, Chris and Jennifer (Nick and Tess, Ali, Jake, Ben), Mike and Char (Gianna, Dominic, Bella), Fr. Peter, Troy and Dani Kelsay (Bailey and Jacob Lampe, Quinn), Rod and Kim Kelsay, Stephanie and Todd Campbell (Emily); many extended family and friends. Preceded in death by wife Mary (nee Schoenecker), parents Raymond and Ann, in-laws Elmer and Alma Schoenecker, brother Joe. Ray requested a party. Come celebrate his life with a Mass of Christian burial, Mon, 11/18, 11 am at Pax Christi, 12100 Pioneer Trl, Eden Prairie with visitation at church 1

hr prior to Mass. Visitation also Sun, 11/17, 4-7 pm (6:30 pm Rosary) at Washburn McReavy, 7625 Mitchell Rd, Eden Prairie. Interment at Resurrection Cemetery, following luncheon. In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to N.C. Little Hospice, Pavek Museum or Pax Christi Catholic Church.

# Cemetery Details

## Resurrection Cemetery (Mendota Heights)

2101 Lexington Avenue South  
Mendota Heights, MN 55120-1211

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 17. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Eden Prairie Chapel  
7625 Mitchell Road  
Eden Prairie, MN 55344  
(952) 975-0400  
[info@washburn-mcreavy.com](mailto:info@washburn-mcreavy.com)

## Visitation

NOV 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Pax Christi Catholic Church  
12100 Pioneer Trail  
Eden Prairie, MN 55347

## Mass of Christian Burial

NOV 18. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Pax Christi Catholic Church  
12100 Pioneer Trail  
Eden Prairie, MN 55347



# Tribute Wall

PL

“ Ray was a great man. My wife Sandra and I enjoyed meeting you both and time spent with you both in Florida. Karen I will keep you in my thoughts. Be strong and hold those memories near. May God be your comfort, your peace, and your strength as you mourn the loss of your precious husband. Rev 21:4  
“And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes there shall be no more death nor sorrow no crying there shall be no more pain for the former things have passed away.”  
::Many Blessings- Pete Leeds

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**Pete Leeds** - November 16, 2019 at 10:47 PM



“ Heavenly and Harmony was purchased for the family of Raymond Joseph Vecellio.



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November 16, 2019 at 01:57 PM

TF

“ The Stoecker and Maxey Families purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Raymond Joseph Vecellio.



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**The Stoecker and Maxey Families** - November 15, 2019 at 03:21 PM

FF

“ From Bellingham's Lloyd and Schoenecker Families purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Raymond Joseph Vecellio.



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**From Bellingham's Lloyd and Schoenecker Families -**  
November 15, 2019 at 12:03 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Raymond Joseph Vecellio.



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November 14, 2019 at 03:02 PM

SL

“ We met Ray in Florida about 13 years ago. He and Karen became great friends of ours. Ray would arrange our outings --- cruises, horse races, casino, plays and our favorite restaurants to eat in. We had hours of fun with them. Our Florida winters were wonderful because of Rays planning. We will miss him so very much. We will meet again, Ray!

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**Sid and Lois Leeds -** November 13, 2019 at 07:54 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Raymond Joseph Vecellio.



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November 13, 2019 at 02:22 PM

JW

“ I did not know Ray sadly but I know his son Tony ... if Ray was half the man his son is then he was a fantastic person. Tony obviously has a great role model and a loving father.

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**jackie weeks** - November 13, 2019 at 02:03 PM

JE

“ 1 file added to the album Ray's Broadcasting Hall of Fame



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**Jen** - November 13, 2019 at 11:50 AM

JS

*Awesome job Ray, never saw that before. You touched a lot of people with your hard work, integrity and just being yourself, a great man, father and friend.*

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**jeff stassen** - November 13, 2019 at 02:19 PM

JB

*What a wonderful friend, and husband to my cousin Karen. We've shared a lot of laughs and tears together. I was in radio sales for 38 yrs...in Des Moines and Denver...but it sure would've been a great sales experience to be on his sales staff...  
Bottoms Up to ya Ray...(inside joke)*

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**Janet Baird** - November 13, 2019 at 04:40 PM

TV

*This man was more than a consummate professional in the business world, he was my father and best friend. It's very hard to know anyone throughout your lifetime that you hear that nobody had a bad or foul word to say about him. It doesn't surprise me and that in and by itself tells me that I have big shoes to fill. I love you dad, and your memories will never die, but will be talked about for many years ahead. Touché father, you will always be my true hero!!*

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**Tony Vecellio** - November 14, 2019 at 11:38 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Raymond Joseph Vecellio.*



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November 13, 2019 at 11:27 AM