



Raymond F. Wheeler

March 20, 2019

Raymond F. Wheeler, of Taunton, passed away on Wednesday, March 20, 2019, at Morton Hospital at the age of 81 (9 over par). Born in Taunton, Raymond was the son of the late Raymond C. and Ann (Goldrick) Wheeler. He was educated in Taunton at St. Mary's Grammar School and Taunton High School and had been a lifelong city resident.

Prior to his retirement in 1995, he was president of Bank of Taunton for 25 years and prior to that was employed by Taunton Cooperative Bank for 11 years. Mr. Wheeler was a veteran of the United States Navy, an honorary director of the Taunton Boys and Girls Club, a member of the board of the Taunton Industrial Development Financing Authority, Taunton Rotary Club, Taunton Lodge of Elks, Morton Hospital Corporation and Segregansett Country Club. He was a New England Patriots season ticket holder since 1971 and a Boston Red Sox season ticket holder for many years. Ray was a "Great father, grandfather and friend...Go Sox, Go Bruins, Go Patriots"

Survivors are a daughter Kimberley A. (Wheeler) Leonard of Taunton and a son: Raymond J. "Chip" Wheeler of Port St. Lucie, Fla. and grandson Jarett G. Leonard of Taunton. He was also the brother of the late Jeffrey M. Wheeler.

Ray's family will receive relatives and friends on Sunday, March 24, 2019, from 1-4pm, in the Crapo-Hathaway Funeral home, 350 Somerset Ave., Taunton. Following cremation burial will be held in the summer at Saint Joseph Cemetery, in Taunton.

Memorial donations in Ray's memory may be made to the Taunton Boys and Girls Club, 31 Court Street, Taunton, MA 02780.

Events

MAR **Visitation** 01:00PM - 04:00PM

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Crapo-Hathaway Funeral Home

350 Somerset Avenue, Taunton, MA, US, 02780

Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Hathaway Family Funeral Homes - March 22, 2019 at 02:53 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with Ray's family. I am sorry I was unable to attend the wake or funeral for Ray,
We warmly remember Ray from his role as President of the Weir Co-Operative Bank. Ray also served on the board of directors for the Co-Operative Central Bank in Boston. Ray was a great community banker and he seem to take great pride in providing savings and mortgage lending services to his many banking customers in the greater Taunton area. Ray was certainly a people's person. When visiting the bank it was not unusual to see Ray out of his office, mixing with employees or customers or going to the drive up window to say hello to a banking customer at the window. He seemed to know and enjoy speaking with everyone.
Ray was a great friend to his fellow bankers, with his great smile and willingness to lend a hand, if someone else needed assistance in some way. Ray was always easy to like!
Ray's love of fishing, golf and baseball is certainly evident in his memorial videos. We, at the Central Bank and Bank Investment Fund were fortunate to share the cost and use of some of those great seats above the first base line at Fenway Park that Ray dearly held for so many years. What wonderful memories. Ray's competitive sport spirit was always fun to watch at the many golf tournaments at banking conventions over the years. Whether he won or lost, his smile and good cheer after the match made everyone in the 19th hole feel a little better.
We will miss Ray and his wonderful (sporadic and spur of the moment) phone calls to check in, get an update or just to say hello The calls to New England from Florida in those winter months would always bring a little extra sunshine to us. It was always good to hear that Ray was having a "good time...no matter where he roamed...",

In fond remembrance,
Bill Casey (retired)

Bill Casey - March 25, 2019 at 06:43 PM



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“ Susan O'Brien lit a candle in memory of Raymond F. Wheeler



Susan O'Brien - March 22, 2019 at 08:34 AM



“ My handsome, blue-eyed cousin who will be missed. Loved by all the family. Love, Sue Wheeler O'Brien.

Susan O'Brien - March 22, 2019 at 08:34 AM



“ Memories of a souped up 50s Mercury with duel pipes that always ended up in the same places we did
Henry's Root Beer Stand:Milk Bottle you name it. We were usually in a 50s Ford 2-door hard top! Our high school days were fun and we made the most of them.
Thanks for the memories Ray.

Sonya Howland - March 21, 2019 at 06:24 PM