



## George F. Raymond

March 12, 1937 - June 19, 2016

George F. Raymond 79, of Bonita Springs, FL died Sunday, June 19, 2016. He was born March 12, 1937 in Fitchburg, MA the only child of the late George R. and Fannie E. (Louma) Raymond. He was the first in the family to go to college, attending the University of Massachusetts and majoring in accounting. He graduated in 1959.

After graduation, he worked in the Accounting Department at Sealtest Dairy in Philadelphia, PA. He worked in public accounting and acquired his CPA certificate in 1965. He left public accounting that year to establish Computer Services, Inc. to provide specialized needs to small businesses. CSI was acquired in 1969 by Management Data Corporation.

In 1971, he founded Automatic Business Centers to do payroll processing and employee management services for businesses in the South Jersey area. Over the course of twenty years, he grew this company from one small office to over twenty offices and covering territory from New York to Delaware and on into Western Pennsylvania. He felt fortunate to be able to employ over 200 people, many of who were the breadwinners in their families. He was a thoughtful and giving employer who enjoyed training his sales team and mentoring his administrative team. Always one to find a creative business deal, George undertook to sell and repurchase the company three times, once from Safeguard Scientific in 1979, once from INA-CIGNA Insurance Company

in 1981, and lastly to Automatic Data Processing in 1989, when he retired. George was admired by many for his entrepreneurial spirit, business acumen and deal-making ability.

He served many years with ADAPSO, the computer industry trade association, contributing as the treasure, then vice-chairman and finally as chairman from 1998-99. George held many positions on some thirty boards, both for-profit and non-profit including, BMC Software, Heartland Payment Systems, Concord EFS, First Fidelity Bank, Burlington County College among many others. He took this board work very seriously and always strived to be a valuable contributor and effective advisor to each organization.

George was happily married for fifty-six wonderful years to his college sweetheart, Mary Ellen “Mimi” Raymond. She always referred to him as “Gig.” The two met at UMass and shared laughs and love through the ups and downs of penniless years as a new married couple, through child-rearing and building a family in Moorestown, NJ, to retirement in Florida. As a father, he was highlighted his athletic acumen as a patient little league coach and enthusiastic women’s lacrosse and field hockey fan. Mimi and George traveled the world together over those five decades, enjoying adventures covering six of the seven continents.

George was an avid golfer and a long-time member of Pine Valley Golf Club and Riverton Country Club. Once they moved to Florida, he became a member of the Bonita Bay Golf Club where he not only played golf on a daily basis, but he was also proudly the “Commissioner” of the Men’s Gin Club. George was an American patriot and a champion for entrepreneurialism and our capitalist markets. He enjoyed politics and was never shy about offering his opinions on current events and national news.

George was a loving, dedicated and gifted father of three children: Stephen

Rockwell (Pam) Raymond of Moorestown, NJ, Katherine Raymond (Harlan) Crow of Dallas, TX and Margaret Raymond (Ed) Roach of Berwyn, PA; and nine grandchildren, Bailey and Bethany Raymond; Jack, Rob and Sarah Crow; and Teddy, Jane, Luke and Ellie Roach. With each of these grandchildren, George organized and hosted the trip of their dreams, taking them all when they were 10-years old wherever they wanted to go. George loved his family with all his heart and showered them with his attention until his last days.

A Memorial Mass to celebrate his life will be held Thursday, June 23, 2016 at 11:00 AM at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church 28290 Beaumont Rd., Bonita Springs, FL. A reception for family and friends will follow the Mass at the family residence.

Please no flowers, instead a memorial in George's name can be made to Joanne's House at Hope Hospice 27100 Imperial Parkway, Bonita Springs, FL 34135 or to the Liberty Youth Ranch 24900 Liberty Youth Ranch Way, Bonita Springs, FL 34135.

Online condolences may be offered by visiting [www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com](http://www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com).

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Mass

JUN **23**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Leo the Great Catholic Church  
28290 Beaumont Road  
Bonita Springs, FL 34134

# Tribute Wall



“ *George F. Raymond*

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October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *So sorry to learn just recently of George's passing. I knew him long ago in Fitchburg, MA the summer before he left for college and I left for the Philly area for a small women's college. He worked for my Dad at a division of Fitchburg Paper, Decotone Products. Neither his extraordinary success in business nor his wonderful family surprised me because he was just an incredibly nice person.*

*Sncerely,  
Sally (Kontio) Lindberg  
Vermont*

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**Sally Lindberg** - June 27, 2017 at 02:48 PM



“ *Mimi,*

*Mary and I (and Carol too) were saddened to learn of George's death. In business he was smart and savvy and entrepreneurial and impatient with nonsense. In the rest of his life he was generous of spirit and fun to be around. We remember him and you best at Adapso meetings. You enjoyed 56 happy and productive years together. We extend our condolences in your loss.*

*John Ryan*

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**John Ryan** - June 24, 2016 at 02:22 PM

TS

“ Mimi and family, It was with great sadness that I learned of George's passing. So many happy memories flashed through my mind when I thought of all the good times we had together over the years. And, while those years may have parted us... they haven't dimmed the memory of what a great guy George was. He will be forever etched in my mind. With our deepest sympathy, Thom and Helen Sweeney

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**Thom Sweeney** - June 23, 2016 at 11:01 AM

RW

“ Dear Mimi and family,

*I am so sorry to hear of the passing of George. I enjoyed the years we spent together on the Burlington County College Board of Trustees. His outlook on life, and caring for people was one to be admired. Sending prayers and blessings to you during this difficult time.*

*Ron Winthers*

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**Ronald Winthers** - June 23, 2016 at 07:25 AM

BD

“ We were so sorry to hear of George's death. He was a good man. With sincere sympathy, Betty and Jim Delaney and family

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**Betty Delaney** - June 22, 2016 at 12:34 PM

SM

“ Steve and Monika purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of George F. Raymond.



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**Steve and Monika** - June 22, 2016 at 11:43 AM

DT

“ Mimi- George was one of the leading pioneers in the IT Services Industry. He accomplished much on behalf of those of us in the industry. The best to you and your family. Regards, Dick Thatcher

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**Dick Thatcher** - June 22, 2016 at 07:49 AM

JR

“ Dear Mimi and Family,  
Connie and I have some many wonderful memories of our time together at UMass, QTV, and Chi O. I remember the four of us trying to learn how to play bridge. Many double dates. Visiting you in your first home in New Jersey, playing golf in tournaments in Florida.  
A cherished, caring friend, husband, and father who will live in our hearts and minds forever.  
Judy and Conrad Rousseau

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**Judy Rousseau** - June 22, 2016 at 07:06 AM

KL

“ Dear Mimi and family,

Sorry to hear of your loss. We will miss this lovely man.

He called to speak to Ken directly to tell him, "thank you for the years of service".  
While disheartened to learn of his illness, It was a lovely tribute to their relationship.

Thank you for sharing him with us.

Sincerely,

Schelley and Ken Laudenbach

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**Ken and Schelley Laudenbach** - June 22, 2016 at 07:04 AM

GT

“ Mimi, Kathy and all those in your great family - We are so saddened by this loss and the path you and your family have been on with this. Clarence and I hold you up in prayer and join you in celebrating the life of a great, great man in so many lives...mostly yours! It was an honor to know George. Our deepest condolences. - Ginni and Clarence

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**Ginni Thomas** - June 22, 2016 at 06:37 AM

JF

“ Dear Raymond family:

*I wish to convey my sincerest condolences to your entire family. Losing a loved one in death is one of the hardest things that anyone will ever have to deal with. There is a great hope held out to us for the future because God promises to bring those we lost back to life by means of a resurrection to a paradise earth, where sickness and death will be no more. I hope this brief message will bring you a measure of comfort in this difficult time.*

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**Johnson family** - June 21, 2016 at 08:48 PM

EE

“ To the Raymond Family,  
*I am sorry to hear of your loss. I have fond memories of George and the entire family.  
You all made a very strong impact to my life and business. I will keep George and the family in my prayers.  
Ed Ebert*

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**Edward Ebert** - June 21, 2016 at 03:55 PM

TB

“Gig was my roommate at UMass and encouraged me to join him in QTV Fraternity, one of the best decisions of my college years. We were out of touch for 50 years after graduation but made contact again via the Internet in 2009. Gig was the kind of friend you never forget, a warm personality who brought joy to the hearts of the people he met, a friend for a lifetime. - Tom Brennan, Anchorage

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**Tom Brennan** - June 21, 2016 at 12:59 PM

SR

“11 files added to the album New Album Name



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**Steve Raymond** - June 21, 2016 at 07:06 AM

RS

“Mimi, Steve, Kathy and Peggy, I have such fond memories of George, as he was such a kind and generous man. I'm sorry for your loss and wish you some comfort at this time.

*Randy Van Sickle*

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**Randy Van Sickle** - June 21, 2016 at 05:03 AM

KL

“ To the family of George F. Raymond,  
I am sorry for your loss. May you find comfort in knowing that  
"Jehovah is close to the brokenhearted; He saves those who are  
crushed in spirit." (Psalm 34:18) With sympathy,

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**kelsey lee** - June 20, 2016 at 09:52 PM

RL

“ Gig was a great fraternity brother and always fun to be around.  
Played lots of poker with gig & he was a worthy but pretty cadgey  
opponent. I am sure he will be missed by many but not forgotten  
Sincere condolences to you Midge. Bob Loring

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**robert d loring** - June 20, 2016 at 03:23 PM

HK

“ GEORGE WAS A GREAT FRIEND, MENTOR AND PARTNER. HE  
TAUGHT ME SO MUCH AND WAS ALWAYS THERE WHEN  
NEEDED. SO MUCH OF OUR SUCCESS WAS BECAUSE OF  
GEORGE. THE ONLY THING BETTER THAN GEORGE WAS  
BEING WITH HE AND MIMI WHO WE RESPECT WITH ALL OUR  
HEARTS. THE KIMMELS.

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**HARVEY KIMMEL** - June 20, 2016 at 03:20 PM