



## Raymond F. Bean

November 4, 1930 - November 21, 2021

Raymond Bean, age 91, passed away on November 21, 2021. Ray was born in 1930, in Detroit to Wallace Bean and Myrtle (Cook) Bean. In 1954, he married Patricia Green, the love of his life, at Holy Redeemer Church in Detroit. The couple made their home in Royal Oak for many years and were very active members at National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica.

Ray was a humble servant of his church, community and country, and cherished as a husband, father, wise counselor, mentor, and leader. In his youth, Ray enjoyed playing with friends and his dog in the wide-open spaces of Royal Oak in the 1930s. He was a Boy Scout and athlete, excelling at tennis, basketball, and football. A graduate of Shrine High School and the University of Detroit, Ray was a talented architectural engineer. After sharing those talents in the Naval Construction Corp, Ray joined the architectural firm of Eero Saarinen. He was on the team designing buildings and monuments on the Yale University campus, the TWA terminal at JFK airport, the US Embassy in London, and the Gateway Arch in St Louis, and the US Embassy in London. As an architect and construction manager at General Motors Argonaut, Ray planned and built assembly plants, offices, and research facilities globally. Throughout all, Ray was known for his professionalism, honesty, integrity, and understanding the “big picture” when making decisions.

Ray was involved in many aspects of Shrine of the Little Flower Parish

throughout his life, including Acolyte, Facilities Advisor, Boy Scout Committee Chair, Usher, Docent and St. Vincent DePaul volunteer. He also served on the Royal Oak Library board.

Along with his dear wife, Patty, Ray loved his 7 children, He instilled in us a love of the outdoors, leading the family on camping adventures across the USA and into Canada. Ray always had a chore list at home, fixing, painting, and gardening in the old home on Sunset Blvd, teaching the family along the way. In retirement years, Patty and Ray loved spending time with grandchildren and their annual relaxing weeks at Interlochen State Park, enjoying the musical performances at the Interlochen Arts Camp. Ray and Patty's door was always open to neighbors, friends, and those in need. All were welcome there.

Beloved husband of the late Patricia Bean. Loving father of Michael (Colleen) Bean, Catherine (Randall) Foss, David (Mary Kay) Bean, Lawrence (Catherine) Bean, James (Wendy) Bean, Ann Marie (Michael) Wattai and Stephen (Marci) Bean. Proud grandfather of Alexander, Amanda, Andrew, Christopher, Danielle, Erin, Elizabeth, Jasper, Matthew, Meghan, Michelle, and Patrick and of ten great-grandchildren: Asher, Caleb, Emerson, Gideon, Harrison, Ivy, James, Rosalind, Silas and Soren.

Dear brother of the late John Bean, Thomas Bean, and James Bean.

Our heartfelt appreciation goes to the staff of Mendelson Assisted Living and the Lourdes Senior Community for their kind and loving care of Raymond.

The funeral Mass will be at The National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica and live streamed at 9:55 am, Tuesday, November 30, 2021. Limited visitation will start at 9:30 am in the St. Therese Chapel at Shrine. Masks and social distancing are requested by the family. Please follow Covid prevention best

practices. To access the livestreaming funeral, go to <<https://shrinechurch.com/>> and scroll down to the Livestream button.

Memorial contributions to Right to Life-Lifespan, St. Vincent dePaul Society at National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica, or Lourdes Senior Community are appreciated. Links and addresses below. Share your memories at Sullivan Funeral Directors.com

St Vincent DePaul Society c/o  
The National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica  
2100 W. 12 Mile Road  
Royal Oak, MI 48073-3910

Lourdes Senior Community  
2300 Watkins Lake Road  
Waterford MI 48328  
<<https://lourdesseniorcommunity.networkforgood.com/projects/60777-ensuring-our-legacy-for-future-generations>>

Right to Life - LIFESPAN  
32540 Schoolcraft Road, Suite 100  
Livonia, MI 48150-4305  
<<http://milifespan.org/donate/>>

# Previous Events

## In State at Church

NOV **30**. 9:30 AM - 9:55 AM (ET)

National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica  
2100 Twelve Mile Rd  
Royal Oak, MI 48073-3910  
(248) 541-4122

## Funeral Mass

NOV **30**. 9:55 AM (ET)

National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica  
2100 W. 12 Mile Road  
Royal Oak, MI 48073

# Tribute Wall

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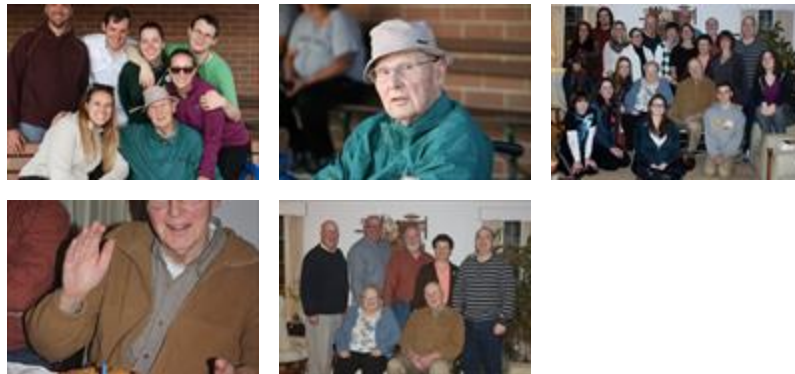
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Mike Bean - November 28, 2021 at 12:07 PM

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“ 25 files added to the album Ray Bean photos



Mike Bean - November 27, 2021 at 05:33 PM

MK

“ Ray Bean was a wonderful man whom I knew when I was a teenager. He walked me home late at night after babysitting. All the hours of babysitting the Bean children helped fund my summers at Interlochen. My prayers to all of you. I live in virginia so I cant attend the service but I will be with in my heart  
Mary Kelly (now Krenytzky)

Mary Krenytzky - November 27, 2021 at 11:09 AM

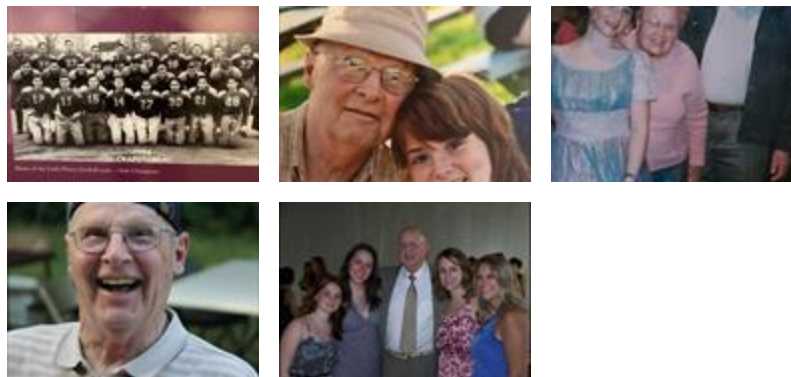
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Hi Mary, Great to hear from you. If you like, please pull up the live stream of Dad's funeral at: [www.shrinechurch.com/livestream](http://www.shrinechurch.com/livestream).  
Regards,  
Mike

Mike Bean - November 28, 2021 at 12:20 PM

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Mike Bean - November 26, 2021 at 09:01 PM

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Mike Bean - November 26, 2021 at 07:59 PM

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Mike Bean - November 26, 2021 at 11:38 AM

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Mike Bean - November 26, 2021 at 10:27 AM

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**Mike Bean** - November 26, 2021 at 10:22 AM

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“ Love, Sue McCormick and Family purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of Raymond F. Bean.



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**Love, Sue McCormick and Family** - November 26, 2021 at 06:34 AM

GT

“ General Motors BEV PVE team purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Raymond F. Bean.



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**General Motors BEV PVE team** - November 24, 2021 at 08:07 PM

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“ *The Beans were always a big presence in our lives, and the entire Messing crew has very fond memories with them. Ray will be greatly missed, just like his wife Patti. May they be re-united in heaven with Pat and Maryann Messing .*



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**Rebecca Messing (Pitz)** - November 24, 2021 at 06:29 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Raymond F. Bean.*



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November 24, 2021 at 05:59 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Raymond F. Bean.*



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November 23, 2021 at 09:39 PM

EF

“ Jack and I are so sorry to hear this sad news. Ray and Patti were good friends and great neighbors. They were so welcoming when we moved to Sunset Blvd. Almost 38 years ago. And Ray was our “ unpaid “ consultant when building a new garage. He actually built a “ to scale “ model of Jack’s original plan and averted an architectural mistake. We miss Ray and Patti more than words can say . Our love to all of the Bean family.  
Jack and Elaine Finn

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**Elaine Finn** - November 23, 2021 at 11:56 AM