
Raymond B. Tasker

February 20, 1924 - November 18, 2015 A beautiful life ended beautifully when Raymond B. Tasker died of cancer at home in his sleep on November 18, 2015. Ray was born on February 20, 1924, left this world the same sweet, loving and brilliant man he was throughout his life. A long illness never diminished his mind, his dignity, his sense of humor, his generosity, or his love of his wife. Blessed with an extraordinary mind, Ray was accepted into CalTech, where he earned both his Bachelor's and Master's degrees in the field of electrical engineering. He then pursued a fascinating career, consulting on complex technical problems with the leading aerospace firms in the United States, in Sweden, in Israel, in Hungary. His life outside of work was as genuine as his career. He was an incredibly loving husband to his wife Edith, and the loving and beloved patriarch of a large family. He lead by example and in his quiet way instilled all of his values in his family. Those values included modesty, kindness, compassion, generosity, inspiration and wisdom. He lost his oldest son David to the Vietnam war. Ray's memory is cherished by his beloved children Richard (Nancy), Sandra, Yvette, and Aimee, and his grandchildren Brian, Kaitlin, Andrea (Brian), Randy, Gary (Emily), and Michael. Ray was even blessed with great grandchildren Alexis, Evi, Graham and Lila. Ray never took his extraordinary gifts for granted. He worked hard and made time for family and friends. His family and large circle of friends, in turn, showered him with their love and affection. Along the way there was adventure, laughter, support, all the joy life has to offer, and stories to fill volumes. Looking at the richness and variety of Ray's life, one might say that it was a dream come true. In his case, it was a dream that he earned and deserved. There will be a celebration of life at a later date.

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