



## Raymond J Boelke Jr

February 9, 1935 - November 21, 2017

Pawleys Island...Raymond J. Boelke, Jr.

Raymond J. Boelke, Jr., died peacefully Tuesday, November 21, 2017 at his residence.

Born in Evanston, IL, he was a son of the late Elizabeth Britz Boelke and Raymond J. Boelke, Sr. Raymond served his country proudly in the Army National Guard Reserves of Illinois. He spent his entire career with General Motors, graduating from GMI, managing Field Service Engineering in many US regions, and ultimately managing the Chevrolet-Pontiac-Canada Division's Service Technology Group in Detroit MI, retiring in 1992 to Pawleys Island, SC. Ray was a member of the 4th Degree Knights of Columbus town council #3067 of Georgetown SC, and was a member of St. Mary's Lady of Ransom Catholic Church. He enjoyed his Church Family and singing in the choir. He loved and collected music, especially Dixieland jazz and gospel. He enjoyed playing the organ, golf, and was an avid car enthusiast. His hobbies included making stained glass artwork and golf clubs for Arjay Golf. Raymond enjoyed life filled with laughter and people. His most precious accomplishment was his family.

Survivors include his loving wife of 60 years, Mary A. Schwarz Boelke; children, Gregory Boelke (Barbara); Lisa Unger (Bill), Gary Boelke (Darlene), Krista Greco (Barry); grandchildren Joe Boelke (Sonia); Renee Stoeckman (Dave), Blake Boelke (Patricia), Bridget Boelke, Austin Greco, Jack Greco; great-grandchildren Nora Boelke, Charley Boelke and Haylea Stoeckman; a

sister, Marilyn Boelke Milewski (Ron) and brother Robert Boelke (Janita).  
A funeral mass will be held at St James Parish, in Arlington Heights, Illinois,  
on December 16, 2017, at 10:00 AM.

A memorial mass will be held at St. Mary's Lady of Ransom Catholic Church  
in Georgetown, SC on Saturday, January 6, 2018 at 11:00 AM. A Repast will  
be held after mass.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Tidelands Hospice,  
[www.tidelandshospice.org](http://www.tidelandshospice.org) or to the Prostate Cancer Foundation, [www.pcf.org](http://www.pcf.org)  
Sign an online guestbook at [www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com](http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com)

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is in charge of the arrangements

# Tribute Wall

KC

“ Ray was a good man, and I know we shall all miss him. Our love and prayers go to his wife, Mary, and his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

*Mike and Karen Cafaro*



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**Karen Cafaro** - December 14, 2017 at 03:51 PM

CP

“ What we will remember forever is Ray Being the D. J . as we shagged in St. Mary's parish hall.  
May you always be in peace.  
Much love from Colin and Sandy Peterson.

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**Colin Peterson** - November 30, 2017 at 11:50 AM

RJ

“ The old days of Dempster & Dewey--so many, many cherished memories of boys growing up together. We are greatly saddened at the news of Ray's death. We always enjoyed times spent with all the Boelkes.

*Robie & Don Johanson*

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**Robie & Don Johanson** - November 29, 2017 at 10:53 PM

GS

“ Ray was a fine man we were happy to know as a friend. We met Ray & Mary at St. Mary's & then discovered both Gene and Ray were GM retirees & we had lived in the same area in Michigan. While Ray & Gene enjoyed talking cars, Mary & Mary enjoyed talking gardening. We will miss Ray, but he has earned his heaven. Rest well, friend. God bless his family; y

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**Gene & Mary Sturm** - November 29, 2017 at 05:10 PM

DS

“ Words are hard to find. I loved Uncle Ray very much. About 10 years ago, on a trip to watch Masters Golf In Augusta, I had the good fortune of sharing a hotel room with him. It had been years since we had been able to talk about life. He was always interested in hearing about you. How is your family? What are your kids up to? Just a fabulous loving Uncle. I will miss him every day. Rest In Peace Uncle- I Love you. God Bless the entire Boelke Family. Love to all of you as well.

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**Dan Schwarz** - November 29, 2017 at 04:43 PM