



# Railsplitter Obituary



## **Raymond T. Franecki**

Born to Eternal Life on Tuesday, January 26, 2021, age 87 years. Beloved husband and best friend for over 66 years of Patricia (nee Kowalski). Cherished dad of Thomas Franecki (Susan Richard-Danny, Holly, Jenna and Ava), Nancy (Thomas) Schuller and Mary Sue (Randall) Ryskoski. Treasured and adored grandpa of Lauren (Josh), Caitlin (Matt) and Megan (Donnie); Andrea (Doug); Theresa (Fiance Joshua) and Vincent. Loving great-grandpa of Auden and Asher; Traeger and King. Further survived by nieces, nephews, other family members and many lifelong dear friends.

Visitation Friday, February 5, 2021 from 10AM – 12 Noon at St. Charles Borromeo Church, 3100 W. Parnell Ave. Milwaukee. Mass of Christian Burial at 12 Noon. Please [click here](#) to view a livestream of the Funeral Mass. Entombment and Military Honors to follow at St. Adalbert Cemetery.



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Raymond proudly served his country for nearly 30 years in the U.S. Army both active duty and in the Reserve. He also served his community as a member of the Milwaukee Police Department for over 30 years. Ray was also a longtime, faithful and active member of St. Charles Borromeo Church. He was especially proud of his Polish heritage, even referring to his high school sweetheart and bride Patricia as his "Polish Princess". Ray loved to keep in touch with his friends from church, the police department, military and high school. He counted his blessings every day and cherished every minute he spent with his family. In lieu of flowers, memorials in Ray's name may be made to St. Charles Borromeo, The Xaverian Missionary Fathers or to the veteran's charity of your choice.

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Ray served on the Railsplitters Alumni Board for many years. He was there from the early years and he helped form the direction the organization has taken. He has served all the presidents to include Col John Allen, Col Rusty Armstrong, Col Bill McKeown, Col Dean Orley, and Col Skip Pochowski. He left the board before Goldie Schuh took office but he has been a volunteer at every function and even joined the members for the Annual Board Dinner just 2 weeks ago. The ceiling of the association is dipping today because we lost one of the pillars.

Ray and his wife Pat have been active members of all functions for the association and the Division. They put their hearts and souls into everything Army.

Years ago there was a bakery commercial: "Nobody doesn't like Sara Lee." What kind of guy was Ray? Nobody didn't like Ray Franecki. Nobody.

Rest in peace, Ray.