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Raymond J. Haddad passed away peacefully surrounded by loved ones at his home on Saturday, February 21, 2015. He was 82 years old. Born August 7, 1932, in Cambridge Massachusetts to parents Amin Kabalan and Emily Maria Haddad, Ray is survived by siblings Margarite Berenice Haddad Beaton and her 7 children, Celeste Beaton (Leah, Matthew, Sarah), Keith Beaton, Neil Beaton (Luke, Alana, Emily), Dean Beaton (Philip, Bryan, Stephanie), Janice B. Coronel Zegarra, Colleen Beaton, and Collette Beaton (Joseph Howard Dillon). Preceded in death by both his brother Albert George Haddad and his nephew, Albert Haddad Jr. Surviving nieces are Karin H. Tanaka (Maya), Mary Haddad and Beverly Blosser (Emily, Daniel). Ray was wed for 42 years to Nina Adele Erichson Haddad. Through this happy marriage, he gained 22 nieces and nephews and a multitude of great nieces and nephews. Raymond is remembered by many treasured, lifelong friends from his birthplace to homes in New York, Florida, Texas, and to his place of rest in Covington, Louisiana. A lifelong scholar, Ray graduated from St. John the Evangelist High School and Providence College in Rhode Island and a member of Phi Delta Kappa Fraternity. He graduated with Master Degrees in Philosophy and Public Administration and a doctorate in Education. He was a passionate educator and minister. He served in positions as academic counselor, professor of business and philosophy, and ten years as a Dominican priest. He was assistant pastor of St. Joseph's Church, Ponchatoula, Louisiana. Father Ray Haddad was Founder and Director of the St. Albert Chapel and Catholic Student Center, Southeastern Louisiana University. He was also a Federal Housing Specialist and Public Administrator for the Federal Housing Administration. He was sociable, thoughtful, and generous. He enjoyed fishing, cooking, and hosting dinners uniting family and friends. He was a great storyteller and a compassionate listener. He had an appreciation for nature and the outdoors, enjoying gardening, fishing, and outdoor sightseeing. He was quiet, contemplative and liked reading,



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learning, and discussion. Throughout his life, Ray gave generously to individuals and charitable causes. He kept in regular touch through visits, phone calls and writing to family and friends, who will always remember him as caring, supportive, and nurturing.

Visitation will be Thursday, February 26, 2015, 8-10 AM at St. Albert's Chapel and Catholic Student Center, 409 Dakota St. Hammond. LA 70401 (Southeastern Louisiana University campus) followed by a Funeral Mass at 10 AM. Burial will follow at Pinecrest Memorial Gardens (adjacent to E.J. Fielding Funeral Home), 2280 West 21st Ave, Covington, LA 70433. Family and friends are invited to return at 1:30 PM to the St. Albert Student Center for food and refreshments.

All are welcome to attend any part of the celebration of life and farewell to Ray. The family would like to extend special thanks Donna Clark and Beverly Jacob for their loving care and assistance.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Jude Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105 (www.stjude.org).

E.J. Fielding Funeral Home entrusted with the arrangements. Share a memory on the tribute wall at ejfieldingfh.com.



Events

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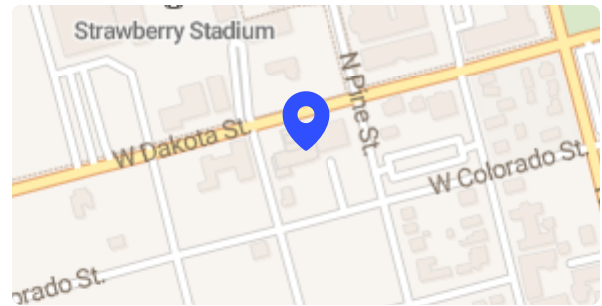
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Visitation

Thursday, February 26, 2015

8:00 AM - 10:00 AM CT

St. Albert the Great Catholic Student Center
409 West Dakota St., Hammond LA 70401

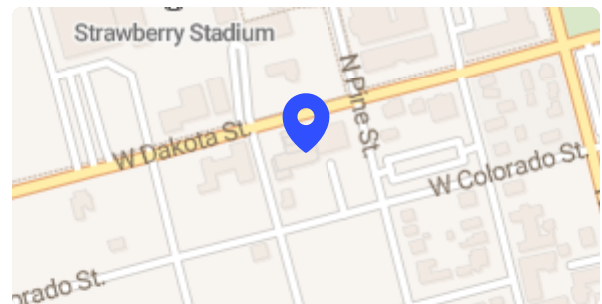


Funeral Mass

Thursday, February 26, 2015

10:00 AM CT

St. Albert the Great Catholic Student Center
409 West Dakota St., Hammond LA 70401

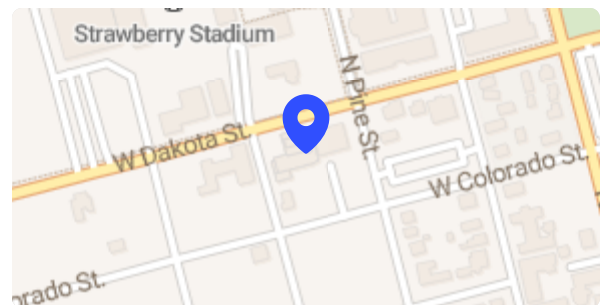


Reception

Thursday, February 26, 2015

1:30 PM CT

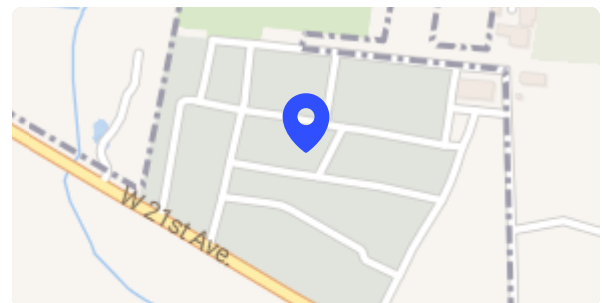
St. Albert the Great Catholic Student Center
409 West Dakota St., Hammond LA 70401



Cemetery Details

Pinecrest Memorial Gardens & Crematory
2280 W 21st Ave, Covington LA 70433

(985) 892-5007





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E.J. Fielding Funeral Home & Cremation Services shared a **Tribute Video**.



February 24 at 3:48 AM



Barbara McGehee posted:

I knew Ray when I was a Catholic University grad student classmate of Ninas. Their home was a welcoming place. They had a chair with a big round seat I liked.They were generous with sharing their West Virginia cabin. Ray was so warm and sweet. He and Nina made it clear they thought the other was the most, wonderful , beautiful spouse ever.Nina and I spent time in Boston with beloved Emily. I remember her calling Ray "Baby Ray."Barbara Fahlberg McGeheeBrooklyn Park, MN

February 3 at 1:41 PM



Paula S. Porter posted:

I first meet Ray when I was a freshman student in Hammond at Southeastern. As he said that first time we students meet at St. Albert, there are three sets of freshman here today-you college freshmen, At. Albert's, and myself. He helped me through two very difficult times.Once as a student and once after I graduated. He always seem to have a solution for every problem. I knew him him from 1961 until the day he died in 2015. Not a day goes by that I do not remember him and all his kindness, generosity and counsel. His passing left a void, I am sure in everyones life, that knew him.Paula Schoenfeld Porter

February 17 at 9:43 AM



Bernadette (Bunny) Doty Dvorak posted:

So sorry to hear of your loss. My mother, Anne, (d. 9/2012) would tell childhood stories of her first cousins Ray, Al and Margo. I hope your many loving memories will bring you solace in the days ahead.

July 28 at 5:37 AM



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Susan posted:

We will miss you ,So glad to have had you and Aunt Nina in our lives,Thank you guys for always remembering to buy me a Cat Calendar at Christmas,I am very glad you guys moved to Louisiana and Our Children had the pleasure of growing up knowing "YALL"Say Hi and Kiss Aunt Nina for usWith Love From The Rehages. Ray,Suzy,Nick and Cyndi

March 10 at 9:21 PM



Jay Halcrow posted:

Ray,what a charming,intelligent man. I never forgot the great discussions we had when we were in our twenties and they continued for the past few years...what a wonderful guy!! feel honored that we had our last loving talk on Friday, before he went to his beloved home. Ray gave me a blessing for his brother Al's son David, another of his special nieces and nephews.He epitomized kindness and accepted all his family and friends with gentle humor. The Haddad family have always been in my heart.Jay Halcrow

February 27 at 7:16 AM



Collette Beaton posted:

My Uncle Ray made this world a better place! I am a better person because of his love, guidance, caring, and he always seemed to have time to listen. It was an honor to have Uncle Ray in my life, and to know that he loved me, as much as I loved him, unconditionally!! started my phone call, "Hi Handsome, this is Your Favorite Niece", you could feel his smile through the phone, and every call he would end with "Remember to Take Care of Yourself".Every day I will miss him, but I will remember that I was one of the lucky ones in life to have him as My Uncle.Uncle Ray, you will always have a place in my heart,Your Favorite Niece, Collette

February 25 at 6:17 PM



Anonymous sent an Arrive in Style to the Haddad family.



February 25 at 5:26 AM



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MA

Marjorie posted:

Ray It was such a pleasure meeting you and your beloved Miss Nina! You both were wonderful people! The best neighbors and friends one could have! You helped Myriam and I so much when Tio Chuck and Tia Ines passed away! We will never forget that. I am glad I got to meet you and share time with you both here in Virginia! I am sure you are happy to be reunited with Tia Nina! Rest in peace Tio Ray! You will always be in my heart! Love always, Marjorie

February 24 at 5:08 PM

TB

The Byers posted:

We join with Ray's family and friends in prayer and thanksgiving for the life of a magnificent person and the life and partnership of his beloved, Nina – both our friends. While building our cabins and thereafter we spent many hours together and over the years had some fun adventures in West Virginia, Virginia, DC, New York, and Louisiana. And Paul was fortunate later to work with Ray and Nina at Marymount University. We look now at his Mother's afghan and remember when they all came to New York and she taught us the "correct" way to play scrabble and make baklava. Ray is our son Paul's Confirmation sponsor, which was a wonderful gift of faith. At the time, he showed Paul his beautiful chalice. We know that he gave this as a gift to the chapel that he built and where his final Mass will be held. Ray was generous in spirit, in love, in guidance, and in friendship. Few people bear witness in this world as Ray did. Few people came make you understand God's love as Ray did. We grieve for our loss but know he would want us to rejoice in his peaceful return to the Lord and to his "Miss Nina." Paul, Fran, and Paul Byers

February 24 at 4:26 PM



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MB

Margo Beaton posted:

My dearest and sweetest brother, I was soooooo blessed to have you in my life. Although we were miles apart, you were always in my heart. Our daily chats gave us both some laughs, and I will certainly miss them. It was like a good morning or good night medicine. You always made my day. I want to thank you for your loving and caring ways that you showed me each and every time we talked. You shared my concerns over my son Keith's health, You called me everyday, sometimes twice a day to ask about him. You would calm me by saying " take one day at a time and pray. That is all you can do". And " do" I did. Your baby sister always listened to you. haha. You never let on to me how you were suffering with that ankle or any other ailment. You spared me all of that through your kindness and unselfish ways. Ray, all of my 7 children not only loved you but admired and respected you. They all feel a great loss. Remember what I told you when I was holding your hand and praying with you in your last hours? I told you to save a place for me next to Dad, Mom, our brother Albert and of course your beloved Nina. I will be forever grateful to God to have blessed me with that time alone with you as we shared our thoughts and prayers. I know you smiled at me just a tiny bit before you said goodbye. Thank you for that. Well my darling Ray, I will say goodnight to you but you will still be in my thoughts, my prayers and my heart. Thank you for being my brother. I will feel very lonesome without you. As they say I am the last of the Mohican's. Please pray for me till we meet again and may you rest in peace in the arms of God. I love you Your loving "baby" sister, Margo

February 23 at 6:37 PM

LR

Lori Rehage posted:

I had the privilege of having Uncle Ray in my life ever since he and Aunt Nina got married. He and Aunt Nina gave me the opportunity to travel by air when I was 16 and went to visit them in D.C. It was a fun week. Rest in Peace Uncle Ray! I know that the love of your life as well as all of the friends and family that have left this life were waiting at the "Pearly Gates" to greet you. I will ALWAYS fondly remember you correcting my N'Awlins accent any time I used the word ask and pronounced it "ax". You always wanted to know who I was going to take an ax to. I will always love and remember you in my heart. Love, Lori Rehage (daughter of Sandra O'Callaghan Goff)

February 23 at 1:50 PM

MA

Miriam August posted:

We will miss you Tio Ray we know you are now with Tia Nina thank you for all your beautiful memories that you left us you always will be in our hearts Rest on peace we love you John, Miriam and Mat August.

February 23 at 11:29 AM



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Renee Grow posted:

Dr. Haddad was such a dear and caring person. Personally and professionally. I took several human resources classes when he was at Tulane. Rest in peace. My deepest sympathy to the family. Renee Grow

February 23 at 7:11 AM



Media

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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Raymond by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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