

## Raymond H. Carr Jr.



Raymond H. Carr Jr., 88, of Newport, RI, died Friday February 25, 2011, at Newport Hospital after a short illness. He was the husband of Helen F. Sullivan Carr. Born in Newport on November 1, 1922, he was the son of the late Raymond H. and Irene E. (Diggles) Carr.

Raymond attended Newport's St. Mary's elementary school in his youth before attending DeLaSalle Academy, graduating in 1941, where he was a standout student athlete in both football and basketball, securing all-state honors in basketball as well as being named an MVP of the ESCIT tournament. Upon graduating from high school he enlisted in the US Navy serving in the Pacific theater of operations during World War II, where he participated in the Marianas campaign invasions of Siapan and Tinian Islands and the invasion of Okinawa.

After the war, Ray was awarded a full four year basketball scholarship to Boston College, graduating in 1949, after having served as BC basketball Captain his senior year. He was also a graduate of Bridgewater State College having earned an MA in 1960. Raymond had a long and distinguished career working in the Newport Public Schools for over thirty five years as a Teacher, Guidance Counselor and Social Studies Department Head starting at the John Clarke and Mumford Schools and then at Thompson Jr. High School (now Thompson Middle School). Along with serving as Thompson Varsity Football and Basketball Coach and its 7th/8th grade Baseball teams, Ray additionally coached the Rogers High School Varsity Basketball team as well.

During the early 70's, he ran for and was elected to the Newport City Council serving as Vice Chairman at the time with then-Mayor Harp Donnelly. Ray was well known throughout the Newport area and was seen many years playing tennis with his friends on the Newport courts. He was a former member of the Casino Tennis Club and Wanumetonomy Golf Club where he recorded a hole in one. He was named to the Newport Sports Hall of Fame in 2004 and was a member of the Boston College Varsity Club. Raymond was also a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, RI Retired Teachers Association, and former RINEA and Teacher's Association of Newport. Along with his wife, he is survived by his son, Raymond H.

Carr III of Newport, his daughter, Elizabeth A. Radkovich and her husband Thomas of Enfield, CT, his grandsons Matthew Radkovich and wife Liv of Venice, FL, and Stephan Radkovich and wife Amber, and great-grandsons Austin and Carson Radkovich of Enfield, CT. He also leaves his brother Joseph E. Carr and wife Louise of Middletown and his sister, Dorothy Quinn of Newport.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Mary's Church, Spring St., Newport, Wednesday, March 2, 2011. Burial followed at St. Columba Cemetery in Middletown. Visitation occurred prior to the Mass on Wednesday from 9 in the O'Neill-Hayes Funeral Home 465 Spring St., Newport.

Donations in Ray's memory may be made to the St. Mary's Church Building Committee or the Newport Public Education Foundation.