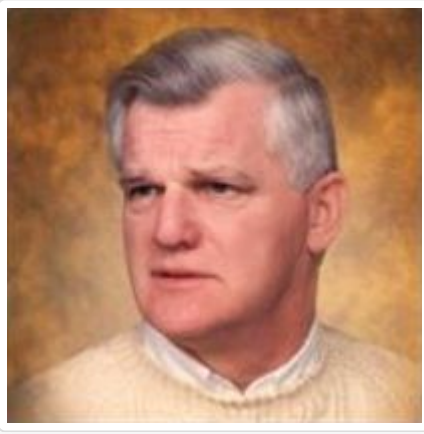




Raymond C. "Champ" Duncan

March 13, 1938 - January 2, 2016

Raymond C. "Champ" Duncan, 77, of Bristol, beloved husband of Mary (Kendall) Duncan, died on Saturday (January 2, 2016) at Bristol Hospital. Champ was born in Hartford on March 13, 1938 and was one of three children of the late Lewis R. and Augustine (Kirouac) Duncan. A lifelong Bristol resident, he graduated from St. Ann School and Bristol High School where he competed on the swim team. He worked in circulation for The Hartford Courant and then The Bristol Press before retiring. He also tended bar for many years at local places including Hamps, Chippanee, Sportsman's Café "Sportys", the Polish Club and at various banquets. Champ was a 47 year member of the Older Member's Association of the Bristol Boys and Girls Club and was a cast member of the annual OM show since 1953. He was a longtime member of the Italian Social Club and was a parishioner of St. Gregory Church, Bristol. Champ loved to follow sports especially UCONN basketball and the Cleveland Browns. He enjoyed his trips to the Connecticut and Rhode Island beaches with his family over the years and vacationing with close friends to the Caribbean. "Let the Good Times Roll!". In addition to his wife of 59 years, Champ is survived by five children: Jonathan Duncan of Townsend, MT, Debbie Martin and her husband, Bernie, of Bristol, Jennifer Duncan of Fort Mill, SC, Elizabeth "Liz" Gonsalves and her husband, Skip, of Amston, and Caroline Duncan of Enfield; his two sisters: Aline Wagner of Bristol, and Doris Roberts and her husband, Bill, of Fairfield; ten grandchildren: Seth Hayes and his wife, Lauren, Monica and Shelly Hayes, Nathan Gould and his wife, Lora and Jolene Duncan Gould, Will Gonsalves and Jan Higgins, Jonathan and Laura Gonsalves, and Jordan and Angela Trudel; six great-grandchildren: Jackson and Dash Hayes, Nolan and Leah Gould, Carson Higgins, and Jaxson Gonsalves; and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by a brother-in-law, Paul Wagner, and a nephew, James Wagner. Funeral services will be held on Thursday (January 7, 2016) at 10 AM from Funk Funeral Home, 35 Bellevue Ave., Bristol, to St. Gregory Church, 235 Maltby St, Bristol, for celebration of Mass of Christian Burial at 11 AM. Burial will be at the convenience of the family. Relatives and friends may call at Funk Funeral Home on Wednesday between 5 and 8 PM. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the Bristol Boys and Girls Club, 255 West St., Bristol, CT 06010, or to the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, 18 North Main St. 3rd Floor, West Hartford, CT 06107. Please visit

Champ's memorial web-site at www.FUNKFUNERALHOME.com

Events

JAN 6 Visitation 05:00PM - 08:00PM

Funk Funeral Home
35 Bellevue Ave., Bristol, CT, US, 06010

JAN 7 Service 11:00AM

St. Gregory Church
235 Maltby St., Bristol, CT, US, 06010

Comments



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time of your loss.



Eric Beebe - January 12 at 08:40 AM



“ Ray Duncan, Champ.....wow! I, and my wife (to be) first met Ray in 1966, while working at Hartford Courant. Right from the beginning, what an impression Ray made on us....all smiles! I truly believe Ray significantly contributed to who we wish to be and hopefully who we are today. From 1966-1970, we worked with Ray while we had part-time jobs at the Courant. Ray, was always energetic in all that he did and how he would interact with us.....lot's of bantering, laughter and smiles. Just a true Guy! In the biggest sense. Our biggest moment at the Courant is when my direct boss, Fred Woltersdorf. died. My wife and I were just 22 years old when Fred's death occurred, and he really was the first significant, loved one in our life to die. When we went to the funeral and at the closing rituals at the cemetery we just "lost it emotionally". We loved Fred dearly. But here's the message: who came to us, to console us, to hold us, while we wept for a Loved One? It was "Champ". That moment, with "Champ", has never left us. While he made us laugh often, he also loved us. While we live, our "moments" with Champ will always be in our hearts.....never to be forgotten.....all because of his loving kindness when we needed someone to hold us. Thus, Ray Duncan, will always be "Champ" to us.

All our Love to all those who Love Champ.

Tom & Dee Chauvin

Canton, Ct.

Thomas Chauvin - January 09 at 10:54 AM



“ Al Giovannelli lit a candle in memory of Raymond C. "Champ" Duncan





“ Very sorry to hear the news, our thoughts and prayers are with you and the entire family.



Michael And Nancy Ginnerty - January 08 at 06:23 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you Deb Martin and all of your family during your time of great loss. May the loving memories of family times spent with your dad carry you through this difficult time and bring you strength and courage in the days ahead. In deepest sympathy, Terry Kennedy



Terry J Kennedy - January 07 at 08:11 AM



“ My prayers. Are with you always Champ. Was great friend but more he was. was a wonderful gentlemen who will be missed by anyone who came in contact with him May God bless you

tom nigro - January 06 at 09:21 PM



“ Heidi lit a candle in memory of Raymond C. "Champ" Duncan



Heidi - January 06 at 03:57 PM



“ My deepest sympathy Mary to you and your family -- you are in my thoughts and prayers ... Jan Corbin

Jan Corbin - January 06 at 12:06 PM



“ Mike DellaBianca lit a candle in memory of Raymond C. "Champ" Duncan



Mike DellaBianca - January 06 at 11:06 AM



“ Susan and Jerry Wolfson purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Raymond C. "Champ" Duncan.



Susan and Jerry Wolfson - January 06 at 08:10 AM



“ I had the utmost pleasure spending time with Champ and Mary at various BBGC events. His devotion to the Club was amazing. His smile and the twinkle in his eyes were always welcomed and his passion for life, inspirational. To his family, may the love and laughter he brought you in life, sustain you in the days and weeks ahead! RIP Champ! There will never be another like you again!





“ So sorry for your loss Mary. He was a wonderful, fun person.

cindy macdonald - January 05 at 05:29 PM



“ Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Raymond C. "Champ" Duncan.



January 05 at 02:37 PM



“ Ron & Emilie Duhaime lit a candle in memory of Raymond C. "Champ" Duncan



Ron & Emilie Duhaime - January 05 at 11:49 AM



“ Kathleen McCarthy lit a candle in memory of Raymond C. "Champ" Duncan



Kathleen McCarthy - January 05 at 11:42 AM



“ Jim and Mindy Greenleaf purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Raymond C. "Champ" Duncan.



Jim and Mindy Greenleaf - January 05 at 10:25 AM



“ Debbie,
Prince Tech is thinking of you & we are so sorry for the loss of your dad. May the wonderful memories with him comfort you at this time and always.
My deepest condolences,
Ashley Sharkevich

Ashley Sharkevich - January 05 at 09:25 AM



“ Jeffrey and Flora Wagner purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Raymond C. "Champ" Duncan.



Flordeliza Wagner - January 04 at 10:15 AM



“ Gary And Denise McCarthy lit a candle in memory of Raymond C. "Champ" Duncan



Gary and Denise McCarthy - January 04 at 07:35 AM



“ We are so sadden by the death of Champ. I have known Champ since I was around 14 years old when I went to the Boys Club Dances and Champ would be working there along with his side kicks Rex. Norm, etc. My husband Bob played ball with Champ.
we send our deepest condolence to Mary and all his children and Grandchildren.
Champ will be greatly missed.
Love and Friendship
Bob and JoAnn Calcinari

JoAnn Calcinari - January 03 at 06:19 PM



“ Dear Mary and Family: No words can adequately express my deepest sympathy. Cathy Toscano

Cathy Toscano - January 05 at 01:11 PM



“ Mary, Jonathan, Debbie Jen, Liz, Caroline & Your Families. My Thoughts & Prayers are with All of You at this Difficult Time in You're Lives. Growing up with all of You & Champ (Dad) as a kid was a Wonderful & Memorable time in My Life, and as an Adult W/ "Champ" who Would let Me call Him Raymond? will Be Forever etched in My Mind. All the Great Times We shared at The BBC, & the I.S.C., And the get together's with My Dad & Siblings at You're house in the Summertime !! Champ was a one of a kind, Kind Gentleman & Idol to a lot of us Boy's who were so Lucky to Have "Champ" in our Lives, & a Smile & Personality Like no other. May You All have Peace in knowing Your Husband, Father, Grandfather, Had an impact on others other than His Own immediate Family! May You Rest in Peace now "Champ", You will definitely Be Missed, But Never Forgotten !! With My Deepest Sympathy Stevie Venturo (the son) & The Whole Venturo Clan.....AMEN

Stevie Venturo - January 05 at 10:03 PM



“ Mary - Champ was such a good guy. Our sympathy to you and your family. We're sure you have wonderful memories of times you shared. He'll be missed by many. Claudia and Dick Peterson.

Claudia Peterson - January 06 at 03:43 PM



“ Deb - My prayers and thoughts are with you at this very difficult time. Sarah Curry - Prince Tech

Sarah Curry - January 07 at 08:34 AM



“ Jennifer, I am not physically able to attend the service but I am with you in spirit. Please know that your friendship is held in a special place in my heart and that my thoughts are with you as you deal with this loss. My sympathies to your mom, your siblings and extended family. Looking at each of the tributes, your father has clearly made a mark in the community and will be missed by many. My parents, George and Dorothy, also wish to extend their condolences to everyone-especially to Mary.

Liane Simpson Walker

Liane Walker - January 07 at 09:15 AM