



## Robert Ramaker

August 13, 2022

Robert Ramaker, 97, of Wakefield, passed away peacefully Saturday, Aug. 13, 2022. He was the husband of Artemis Blessis Ramaker for 70 years.

Born in South Glastonbury, Conn., the son of the late Rev. John Ramaker and Tena Ramaker, he had lived in Wakefield since 1963. Mr. Ramaker had worked in The Providence Journal's editorial department for 28 years before retiring in 1991. He had been a reporter for several years for the Wall Street Journal, and earlier, a reporter and editorial writer for the Hartford Courant. Mr. Ramaker graduated from Glastonbury High School, class of 1942, and attended Yale University before enlisting in the Air Force. He was a graduate of Trinity College, class of 1948.

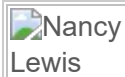
During World War II, Mr. Ramaker served as a B-17 combat pilot with the 15th Air Force in Italy. He was a past president of the South Kingstown Lions Club; a board member of the Peace Dale Estates housing complex; a member of the Peace Dale Congregational Church; and a member of the Providence Newspaper Guild, CWA, Local 41.

A gentleman and life-long learner, Mr. Ramaker taught English in Turkey after college, studied multiple languages and learned the art of bookbinding. He was an avid tennis player and cyclist, completing several 100-mile century rides.

Besides his wife, he leaves a son, Samuel Ramaker and his wife Laurie of Richmond, R.I., a daughter, Martha Hazard, of South Kingstown, R.I., five grandchildren – Anastasia Manning, Danielle Graham, Elena Manchette, Nicole Ramaker, and Isaiah Hazard – and eight great-grandchildren. He is pre-deceased by brothers Donald, Judson and John Ramaker.

Burial will be private. A memorial celebration is set for Oct. 9, 2022. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to benefit the Dinner Table Mission at Peace Dale Congregational Church at 261 Columbia Street, Peace Dale, RI 02883-2491. For guest book and condolences, please go to [csori.com](http://csori.com).

# Tribute Wall

 Nancy Lewis

“ So sorry to hear of Bob's passing. My condolences to the family. It was a pleasure to be a neighbor of the Ramakers growing up. We had a lot of good memories between the Tullys and Ramakers.

Nancy "Tully" Lewis

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**Nancy Lewis** - August 27, 2022 at 06:55 PM

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“ Our very deepest condolences go to Artie, Sam, Laurie, Martha and all others in the family. Bob was a kind and truly wonderful neighbor for us. His gentle and good-natured presence will not leave our memories.

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**Michel-André and Kathy Bossy** - August 25, 2022 at 04:10 PM

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“ My sincere condolences to Arti Martha and Samuel. Bob was a kind, gentle unpretentious person who I remember so fondly even after 57 year since I last saw him at the Journal. He cared so much for the environment even before others took notice. He wrote about the landfill and its potential to be filled even before environmental measures took place. He was so devoted to and proud of his family. I very recently thought of him and hoped he was still with us. He inspired me with his thirst for knowledge through his daily full page study of consecutive pages of the editorial department's dictionary. Safe travels Bob so happy you were in my life. Helen Rossi Arruda



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**Helen Arruda** - August 21, 2022 at 04:25 PM

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“ Please accept my condolences. Bob was one of those who made me proud to say I worked at the Providence Journal. In every way, he was a class act.

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**Gerry Goldstein** - August 21, 2022 at 10:08 AM

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“ Sam, Laurie and Family: I am so sorry to hear of your loss. You will be in my thoughts and prayers. Marianne Mernick

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**Marianne Mernick-Sullivan** - August 21, 2022 at 08:09 AM

CA

“ Spending my childhood growing up in his house which memory do you choose! The blizzard of 1978 he was my family's godsent as I was stuck in Providence and he took me under his wing as we made our way to the train station and paid my way. I remember being in his kitchen many times and learning different things-I loved going to the Rainmakers house growing up! Mrs Rainmaker, Sam Laurie and Martha you are all in my prayers! Cynthia(Hamilton) Allen.

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**Cynthia Allen** - August 16, 2022 at 04:40 PM