



## Raymond Francis Vandette

October 2, 2021

February 23, 1936 – October 2, 2021

“Empty space is good design.”

Raymond Francis Vandette, a devoted and loving husband, father and grandfather, passed away at home at the age of 85 following a battle with leukemia on Saturday, October 2, 2021. He is predeceased by his parents Margaret and Isadore Vandette, sisters Irene, Ruth and Mabel and brother Gary Boucher. Raymond is the caring and loving father to Kelly, Vanessa and Justin and proud grandfather to Skylar, Connor, Quincey, Paige and Shelby. Also, he is survived by his brother Jim Boucher of Kapuskasing.

He was born in Matheson, raised in Hearst and moved to the City of Toronto in 1944. He was a proud student at Our Lady of Lourdes and Buchanan Business College while competing in junior hockey. On September 11, 1970 he married his loving girlfriend Jean where the two remained happily married for over 51 years.

Raymond was widely known for his love for animals and as an advocate for their well-being. He was proud to have been a long-time real estate speculator and was passionate about interior design where he was the recipient of three awards. Throughout his adult life he always preached about “empty space is

good design.” He also imported distinct design furniture while enjoying his many hobbies including his love for cars.

The Vandette family would like to extend their sincere appreciation and gratitude for the outstanding care received from Dr. Arenson, Nurse Hillary Surma and the palliative care team. We also thank the many family friends who visited him regularly. Donations in his memory can be made to the Toronto Humane Society.

A private interment will be held at Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

# Tribute Wall

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**Justin Van Dette** - November 14, 2021 at 10:39 AM

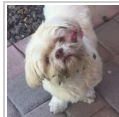
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**Justin V** - November 13, 2021 at 07:32 AM



*Raymond was a very dear friend. We spent many a time reminiscing of days gone by and sharing a lot of laughs. He was always up for a visit, gracious, kind & loving. The only visitors Ray enjoyed more heartedly were the deer, raccoons, chipmunks, squirrels and stray cats that found his way to his door whom he loved and kept well fed. To Jean and her lovely family we extend our sincere and profound sympathy.*

*Donny & Marie xo*

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**Brenda McCallen** - December 11, 2021 at 01:51 PM

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“ Miss my Dad - Raymond Francis Vandette - everyday! He was a fighter who always overcame the odds. The thought of losing someone you love is very hard.

*My parents have always been there for me. From the early days of my life, my father showed his true love for me.*

*He built backyard rinks for me and my friends to play hockey in the winter and we played catch in the summer. He taught me how to paint and I taught him how to play Super Mario Bros. on the Nintendo in the 1980's. He got me obsessed and helped grow my sports jersey collection in the 1990's. I got him his first computer in 2007 and taught him how to use the internet. He has since been consumed with YouTube and watching old clips and things from his childhood.*

*He did real estate and interior decorating. I went into politics so I didn't take after him on that.*

*I'm normally very private about family matters, but the hurt has been very tough*

*The one thing that made him very happy (and over the moon) was the surprise visit he recently received from Premier Doug Ford who came by and spent time with him for almost an hour. My mom and I were also overjoyed by Premier Ford's thoughtful and caring check in. My Dad been talking about that visit every day and telling everyone.*

*The great people at Global News sent over a swag bag for him, Tridel and friends like Ron Chamberlain and Mike Pasquale have been kind as well checking in. Many of his friends have been visiting often to keep his spirits high.*

*This has been a very hard and emotional challenge for us -- especially me. I'm grateful to have so many great friends help me get through this. Love u Dad, Miss u!!!*

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Justin V - November 13, 2021 at 07:30 AM

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