



## Dr. John Charles (Chuck) Ramsay

March 2, 1927 - April 17, 2021

Ramsay, Dr. John Charles (Chuck)

Of North Tonawanda, NY, entered into rest, after an active life, on April 17, 2021 at the age of 94. Beloved husband of Dianne Ramsay (nee Lebrenz) for 68 years; Loving father of Amy (Anthony) Ramsay, Susan (Daniel) Ramsay, Jack (Kathy) Ramsay, and the late Matthew (Rosemarie) Ramsay. He was also blessed with five grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. A lifetime native of North Tonawanda, Mr. Ramsay was the son of William L. (Pop) and Mildred Ramsay (nee Zimmerman). He was the brother of Mary (Kenneth) Hering, William (Geraldine) Ramsay, Vera (James) Oldenburg and Elizabeth (John) Wactawski.

Mr. Ramsay was a WWII Navy veteran, who was stationed in China and helped to protect the country from Japanese and the Chinese communist invasions. At the end of the war, Mr. Ramsay attended Buffalo State College on the GI Bill. He captained the Bengals basketball team and earned a doctorate in Art Education. He was nationally recognized as a Teacher of Excellence for bringing the art experience to his students through unique projects which included science, nature and the outdoors.

Mr. Ramsay also brought innovation and success to the gridiron, having coached varsity football for Tonawanda, Bishop Gibbons and North Tonawanda High Schools. His dedication to the youth of the Twin Cities spanned three decades and his legacy was honored in September 2016 by the North Tonawanda Football Hall of Fame.

A member of the First United Methodist Church, Mr. Ramsay treasured a life that included his family, the arts, sports, nature and the contemplation of new ideas. Nothing thrilled him more than being the first youth to jump into the Erie Canal, going fishing on the Niagara River, perfecting his study of the human figure in pen and ink, golfing with his buddies from The Third Warders Social Club or cooking up Chuck's Chowder (a secret recipe, of course!) for the annual family Fourth of July picnic.

Relatives and friends may visit Wattengel Funeral Home, 533 Meadow Drive in North Tonawanda, NY on Thursday, April 22nd between 2-4 PM and 6-8 PM. A private interment at Acacia Cemetery will be held on Friday, April 23rd. If you wish, donations in J. Charles Ramsay's honor may be made to [riverkeepers.org](http://riverkeepers.org). to assist in maintaining the ecological wellbeing and beauty of the Niagara River.

# Cemetery Details

## Acacia Park Cemetery

4215 Tonawanda Creek Rd N.  
North Tonawanda, NY

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **22**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Wattengel Funeral Home (Meadow Drive)  
533 Meadow Drive  
North Tonawanda, NY 14120  
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## Second Visitation

APR **22**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Wattengel Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Dr. John Charles (Chuck) Ramsay*



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**Wattengel Funeral Home** - April 22, 2021 at 02:03 PM



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**Wattengel Funeral Home** - April 29, 2021 at 04:03 PM

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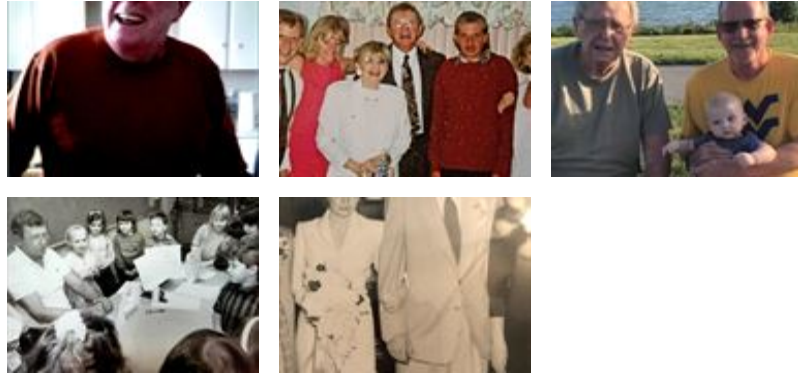


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Wattengel Funeral Home - April 21, 2021 at 08:43 PM

JB

“ *I just want to thank Mr. Ramsay for helping me so much when I was young and scared. Mr. Ramsay as my art teacher in elementary school in Tonwanda. My family moved a lot, so I was very scared and shy each time I went to a new school. Mr. Ramsay noticed how shy I was and told me something that sticks with me to this day. He told me "When you are scared or nervous, think of good things like butterflies and rainbows, and not the bad things" As a little girl, I would think of butterflies and rainbows a lot and it seemed to make me less nervous. I even taught "butterflies and rainbows" to my own children .*

*Mr. Ramsay was my favorite teacher because his art class was so much fun. But mostly I just really liked Mr. Ramsay because he was an adult who cared about kids , even a scrawny, scared little bird like me. God bless you and you family Mr. Ramsay. Jan Bryan*

Jan Bryan - April 21, 2021 at 06:57 PM

SR

“ Sue, Amy and the entire family. My deepest condolences. I remember him so .well....and every time I go by your house I think of all the great times we had. You have been blessed to have him so long...may all the memories fill the emptiness in your heart. Love Shelley (Kramer) Rohauer

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**Shelley Kramer Rohauer** - April 21, 2021 at 05:11 PM

MF

“ People can measure success in different ways. One truly important way is how a person affects those around them. As both an educator and coach I'm sure Coach Ramsay's effect on those within his sphere has been immeasurable. I was proud to have known him as a player on the field and as a man off the field. Though our paths did not cross often, when they did it was nothing but positive. With the passing of Coach Ramsay and Coach Burke recently, it makes me reflect on how lucky I have been to have people of such integrity make a difference in my own life. My thoughts are with the Ramsay family as they navigate thru this reflective time in their lives.

*Mike Fronczak*

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**MIKE FRONCZAK** - April 21, 2021 at 03:18 PM

SR

“ Coach always had a smile on his face and a great love of the game. I was honored to call him coach since winning the section 6 title in 1973 along side Eggy Skovinski, Joey Ogiba, Rick Kania, Jerry Frys, John Laper, Greg Webb, Scotty Whitmore, Jack Bors, John Montesanti, Bob Weichec, Jim Weber, Jeff Brock, Pete Sarratori, Billy Janowsky, Duey Pusch, Jerry Tylec, Dave Meisnor, John Rossi, Jeff Konstanty, John Greth, Mike Suromi and all my other co players and coaches including our highly regarded coach and motivator, Mr. Charlie Schaffer. I can remember every TNT Game , as the team bus stopped, Coach Ramsay Would say in a loud proud voice, " OK CHARLIE, LEAD US OUT". I get goosebumps on how the pride and hard work he instilled in us, taught us so many valuable life lessons we still use today. Prayers to you, your family and friends, Enjoy Your rest,  
Stan Rusin

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**Stan Rusin** - April 21, 2021 at 03:13 AM

JB

“ I was part of the transition group in 1971...moving from Gibbons to NT for my senior year. I played varsity football at Gibbons but convinced myself not to try out for the NT team thinking I would not be good enough to make the public school team. Coach Ramsay stopped by the house, talked with me and and convinced me to try out for the team. I started at offensive tackle (I was a little too slow to play defense) and made some great friends on that team. Coach Ramsay helped make the school transition easy and I really enjoyed my last year at NT. And it was a great experience playing in the TNT game in 1971 never dreaming the year before when I went watch the big game as a spectator that I would get the opportunity to play in that game. Thanks Coach! - John Batt

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**John F Batt** - April 20, 2021 at 09:59 AM