

# Raymond G. Bodnar

August 8, 1933 ~ April 26, 2020 (age 86)

## Obituary & Services

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## Obituary

Raymond G. Bodnar, passed away peacefully on April 26, 2020, to join his beloved wife of 60 years, Jane, at the age of 86. Ray was an upstanding, kind, and decent man who held a deep love of country and community. For over 53 years, Ray proudly and faithfully served his beloved Munhall community in different elected roles, including borough auditor, council member, and retired as Mayor of Munhall in November of 2017 following 31 years of contiguous elections. During his tenure as Mayor, he was an integral member of a partnership which worked towards local revitalizations, including the Waterfront and main street developments. He was honored by his fellow Munhall council members on February 18, 2016 when it was locally declared "Raymond G. Bodnar Day," and again on November 5, 2017, when Allegheny County Executive, Rich Fitzgerald, extended the same recognition county-wide.

Ray's passion for community service extended to other governing bodies around Allegheny County, including the Steel Rivers Council of Government, of which he was a past President, the Pennsylvania State Mayors' Association, and began a "Kids Mayor for the Day"

program which was later adopted by other surrounding areas. As a Korean War veteran who served in the United States Army, Ray was dedicated to honoring past and present veterans during the annual Munhall Memorial Day parade and Veterans Day program. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus Homestead Council, the Catholic War Veterans, was a former usher at St. Therese of Lisieux Church, and volunteered for many years as a coach and sponsor for the Munhall and Steel Valley baseball teams.

Ray is welcomed home by his beloved late wife, Jane (Bakaysa) Bodnar; parents, George and Anna (Dzunko) Bodnar; and siblings, George, Irene Celovsky, John, and Michael Danscak. He is survived by generations of nieces and nephews; and the residents of the grateful community of Munhall. Private services have been entrusted to the SAVOLSKIS-WASIK-GLENN FUNERAL HOME, INC., 3501 Main Street, Munhall, Pennsylvania 15120. A Memorial Service will be planned for a later date to honor and celebrate Mayor Ray Bodnar. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Therese Church, Munhall. Condolences may be left at [www.swgfuneralhome.com](http://www.swgfuneralhome.com).