



## Raymond J. Cotroneo

April 3, 1936 - May 5, 2026

Raymond J. Cotroneo, age 90, passed away peacefully on May 5, 2026. Born on April 3, 1936, in Rochester, New York, Raymond was the son of Anthony and Genevieve Cotroneo, both deceased. He was preceded in death by his brother, Anthony V. Cotroneo Jr., and is survived by his sister, Jean Bertens (Adrian).

Raymond was a devoted uncle to Gregory Bertens (Leah), Matthew Bertens (Anne), and Michelle Parkinson (Chris). He was also a proud great-uncle to eight grandnieces and grandnephews. He shared many years of love and companionship with Mabel Michaels.

Raymond dedicated much of his professional life to education and served as principal of East Evening High School in Rochester, New York, where he was respected for his leadership and commitment to students and learning.

Music and service were both important parts of his life. In his youth, Raymond played the saxophone and performed in bands at local dance venues known as cantines. He later performed in the U.S. Army marching band during his eight years of service in the National Guard Reserves. After the marching band was disbanded, he continued his service as a medic in the National Guard Reserves. He remained a lifelong fan of Dixieland jazz.

Raymond also had a deep love for athletics. A talented left-handed pitcher in high school, he played in several baseball leagues at the same time. Running later became one of his great passions. He earned two silver medals in New York State race competitions, in both the 5K and 10K events, and proudly

competed in the U.S. Senior Olympics. He also made a name for himself at RIT with his 7500 miles and number two placing in the RIT 1000 mile club. Those who knew Raymond will remember him as a loyal friend and brother whose generosity touched many people throughout his life. He was thoughtful in both large and small ways, including faithfully sending birthday cards to loved ones each year. He will be remembered for his kindness, discipline, love of music and sports, and the quiet strength with which he lived his life. Family and friends are invited to his Funeral Service at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 20, 2026, at Leo M. Bean and Sons Funeral Home, 2771 Chili Avenue, Rochester, NY 14624. Interment, Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to a veterans support organization in Raymond's memory.

# Cemetery Details

## Holy Sepulchre Cemetery

2461 Lake Avenue  
Rochester, NY 14612

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

MAY **20**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Leo M Bean and Sons Funeral Home  
2771 Chili Avenue  
Rochester, NY 14624  
(585) 426-7830  
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<http://www.beanandsonsfuneralhome.com/>

# Tribute Wall

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“ *The Veterans Outreach Center extends our deepest sympathy in Raymond's passing.  
We acknowledge and are truly grateful for his service to our country.*

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**Joan Brandenburg** - May 24 at 01:34 PM