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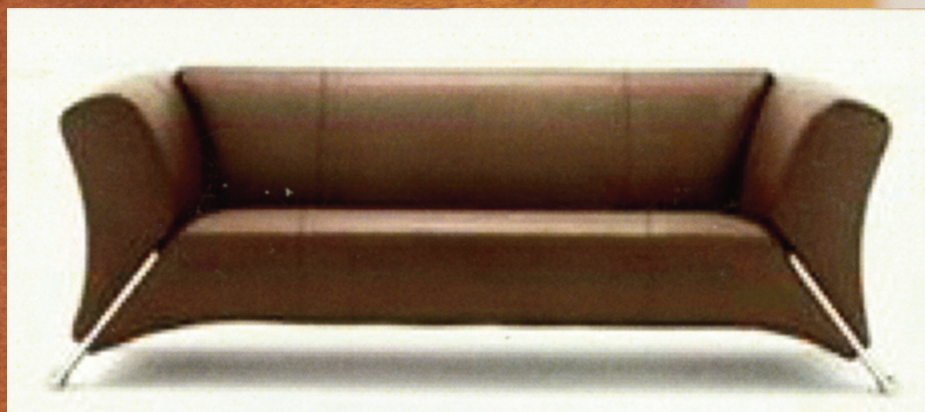
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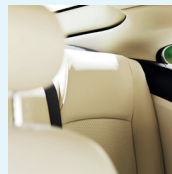


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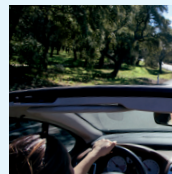
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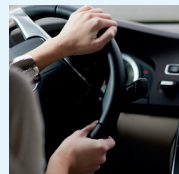
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Raymond Anthony Hart Jr. passed away March 30, 2021 at Kaplan Family Hospice House in Danvers, Massachusetts. He was 86 years old.

Born in Swampscott, Massachusetts on March 19, 1935, he grew up in Massachusetts and North Carolina, the son of Raymond and Margaret (Reppucci) Hart. He attended Lynn English High School, and after graduation he joined the Army. He served six years in the USAR as a Combat Engineer, rising to Sergeant.

Raymond studied chemistry at Tufts University, graduating in 1956 to pursue a career in the leather industry, following in his father's footsteps. As a Leather Chemist he worked for A.C. Lawrence, Ciba Geigy, John Flynn and Sons, and Ciba of Switzerland, developing modern tanning processes in the US, Canada, and Europe. He joined The American Leather Chemists Association in 1965 and became a life member in 2006. He served the Association as a member of the Alsop Selection Committee in 1993.

Raymond married Barbara Frances Schmermond of Pine Orchard, Connecticut in 1959. They raised their family in Marblehead, Massachusetts, spending summers in Tuftonboro, NH. Raymond enjoyed coaching Marblehead Youth Basketball and Football, and CYO Basketball at Star of the Sea Church.

Upon his retirement, he and Bobi moved to their favorite spot in Tuftonboro, making new friends at the Rotary Club and Katharine

Drexel Parish. They traveled the world, hosted family gatherings, and spent time volunteering. Ray took great pleasure in teaching the art of fly-tying at summer camps, delivering Meals on Wheels, and supporting the 48 Hours of Food program in Carroll County. You could usually find Ray fishing, tying flies, listening to old jazz, and talking with friends on the dock. Despite losing his eyesight later in life, he continued to pursue his love of fly fishing with his family and friends.

Raymond was predeceased by his wife, Bobi, the love of his life, in 2019. They were married 60 years.

Raymond leaves two sons, Raymond A. Hart III of Merrimack, NH, and Patrick M. Hart and his wife, Leah of Marblehead, MA. He leaves one grandson, Raymond A. Hart IV and his wife, Jessica of Hooksett, NH, a granddaughter Claudia Hart, two great-grandsons, Ethan Douglas and Whittaker Steele, and his dog Raegan.

The family wishes to thank everyone who reached out to bring joy into Ray's life, especially the Friendly Visitors from St. Katharine Drexel Parish in Alton, NH, his friends from Lakeside, and the Central NH VNA. Donations in Ray's name may be made to St. Katharine Drexel Parish, PO Box 180, Wolfeboro NH 03894.

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