



Raymond Morris
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"Mr. Stepinac" it is perhaps the only way to describe Ray. The central location of his office in the school is perhaps symbolic of his role to all those that ever met him. Ray taught us the true meaning of being a Catholic gentlemen. Ray's longevity is evidenced in that he was at Stepinac at the beginning of the Cold War and left when Communism was beginning to be taught in the history courses at Stepinac.

Raymond Morris was born to James and Catherine Higgins Morris in the Bronx, on March 26, 1925, The Morris' later moved to Mamaroneck where Ray attended Holy Trinity Grammar School and continued his education at F.E. Bellows School in Rye Neck where he graduated in 1943. Believe it or not, Ray actually had another job before Stepinac, he was the concrete dispatcher at the General Sand and Stone, a construction company in Hartford, Connecticut, but he was forced to leave because he developed rheumatism. ray began working at Stepinac on October 17, 1950, the fall of the first graduating class and was at Stepinac for the next 40 graduations seeing his last in June of 1990, and the whole time in between he was "Workin' like Hell"

Ray received numerous awards and recognition over the years, but perhaps Ray's most cherished honor were the students and friends he made in his years here. Although not officially a member of the teaching faculty, Ray probably educated more students (and faculty) than anyone who ever taught in the classrooms of Stepinac. The influence Ray had on so many students could never be truly measured. He really was a confidante, consoler, listener, counselor but more than anything, Ray was a friend. To quote Ray, "One of the greatest things I've had here over 40 years has been the kids, shooting the breeze over the banister. I'm going to miss that something terrible." Ray, the entire Stepinac family misses you something terrible too!