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**Raymond Mourad, a man of family and church, and long-standing Big Boy franchisee,  
succumbs Wednesday, September 22**

(Grosse Pointe Shores, Mich.) — September 23, 2004 — Raymond Mourad, 68, of Grosse Pointe Shores, died Wednesday, September 22 at St. Johns Hospital of complications related to bladder cancer. Mourad, along with his brothers Bob and Ed, owned five Big Boy Restaurants. Raymond's son, Norman, will carry on in the operation of the Big Boy Restaurants along with his uncles and cousins.

"Ray could light up any room with his grand smile and his big heart," said Bob Mourad, brother. Ed, another brother, remarked, "He was all about time spent with his family — that was his priority." His three children and 10 grandchildren say he was "the kind of father and grandpa everyone dreams about."

The Mourads opened their first Big Boy in Union Lake in 1973; in the following years they opened additional Big Boy Restaurants in Howell, Marysville, Port Huron and Romeo, all of which are still operating successfully.

"Ray was such an important part of the Big Boy family, he will be missed tremendously," said Tony Michaels, CEO of Big Boy Restaurants. "His smile was contagious and he always had a friendly word for every customer."

Mourad's love for his faith drew him to the church early on where he became a pillar and a leader. Everyone knew when Ray was "in charge" because of his ability to make things happen. As president of the Teen Soyo Youth Group his positive attitude and motivation moved kids to want to become involved. He was Sunday school superintendent and president of the board for years.

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As a long-standing Big Boy franchisee, Mourad was devoted to his restaurants. While most men try not to bring their work home with them, Mourad always made sure he could whip up a famous Big Boy hot fudge cake for friends right on the spot — even at home!

He was a member of Saint Ignatius of Antioch and served for two years in the U.S. Army.

He is survived by his loving wife Florence of 43 years and three children: Diane (Michael) Leoni of Ann Arbor, Michelle (Michael) Giorgio of Grosse Pointe Shores, and Norman (Mary Ann) Mourad of Grosse Pointe Shores and 10 grandchildren.

Visitation will be Friday, September 24, from 2:30 – 9 p.m. at A.H. Peters Funeral Home, 20705 Mack Avenue, Grosse Pointe. Services will be Saturday, September 25 at 10 a.m. at St. George Orthodox Church, 2160 E. Maple Road (Maple and John R), Troy, Michigan.

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