



Mr. Raymond F. "Ray" Cardinale

June 1, 1926 - September 26, 2025

UTICA – Raymond Cardinale, age 99, of Utica, New York, passed away peacefully with his loving family by his side on Friday, September 26, 2025.

Born on June 1, 1926, in Utica, he was the son of the late Pasquale and Maria Cardinale. A lifelong learner, he graduated from T.R. Proctor High School in 1943, earned degrees from Mohawk Valley Community College, and later from Utica College.

At just 17 years old, Raymond proudly answered the call to serve his country in World War II. He joined the U.S. Navy and served with honor aboard the destroyer escort USS Day in the Pacific. His service remained one of his proudest achievements throughout his life.

On September 6, 1947, Raymond married the love of his life, Theresa (Chiffy). Together they shared 57 wonderful years until her passing.

Raymond built a long career with Bendix, where he worked for more than 30 years before retiring and beginning a successful second career in real estate.

He was also deeply committed to public service, serving the New Hartford community as a respected county legislator for ten years.

He was active in many organizations that reflected his faith, patriotism, and heritage, including the Knights of Columbus, the Knights of St. John, American Legion Post 1376, the Sons of Italy, and as a longtime trustee of the MVCC Board.

In his spare time, Raymond enjoyed woodworking, often crafting unique birdhouses and personalized mailboxes. He had a lifelong love of cars and delighted in sharing that passion with his family and friends.

Above all, Raymond cherished his family. He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Dr. Patrick and Patricia Cardinale; his daughters and sons-in-law, Marilyn and William Montesano, and Eve and Robert Calli. He also leaves behind eight beloved grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren, who brought him endless pride and joy. He was predeceased by his devoted wife Theresa and his three sisters, Theresa Moccaldi, Rose Jalowiec, and Carmella "Cookie" Biasi, who always spoiled him with love.

Raymond will also be deeply missed by his many dear friends, especially those at Acacia Village, who became like family in his later years.

The family wishes to extend heartfelt appreciation to those who supported and cared for Raymond with compassion, especially CNA's Lujanna and Natasha, Dr. Thomas John, and Father Joe Salerno for his spiritual guidance.

In keeping with the family's wishes, there will be no public visitation. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at the convenience of the family, with entombment to follow at St. Agnes Cemetery. Full military honors will be accorded.

This obituary was lovingly written by Ray's family.

Cemetery Details

St. Agnes Cemetery

601 Arthur Street
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 732-8588

Tribute Wall

CK

“ I'm so so sorry to hear about the passing of Uncle Ray, I will always remember him and how special he was to me. Rest in peace Uncle Ray! Love, Cheryl Marie

Cheryl King - October 14, 2025 at 11:55 PM

LB

“ Eve, So sorry to hear about the passing of your Dad. May the fond memories carry you through these difficult days ahead. Never far away when he is in your heart. RIP

Lisa Mattison Bates - October 11, 2025 at 06:54 PM

TF

“ Pat, Marilyn, Eve & family,

We are so sad about Ray's passing. Your father was such a big part of our parents life at Acacia Village. Ray and our dad were great friends and had so many wonderful times together. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

With our deepest condolences,
Dina and David Lerman on behalf of our parents, Spike and Louise

The Lerman Family - October 04, 2025 at 08:36 AM

RH

“ Pat,Patty and family
So very sorry for the loss of your dad. May your memories bring you comfort. May he Rest peacefully with your mom.
Joe and Rosanne Hebert



Rosanne Hebert - October 04, 2025 at 08:06 AM

SM

“ When we lived at the Neighborhood at Acacia Village several years ago, we met Ray. He and his sidekick Spike would be riding their scooters and stop to visit when we were sitting outside. We had great conversations and laughs , which we'll never forget. Once Ray learned I was in politics too, that was it ! We did a job being a Republican and Democrat . Ray was a real gentleman who lived a good life, RIP Ray !

Steve and Phyllis Madrak - October 01, 2025 at 11:41 AM

RS

“ My condolences to Mr Cardinale's family



Roseann Simmons - October 01, 2025 at 09:12 AM

FC

“ From Will and Connor purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Raymond F. "Ray" Cardinale.



From Will and Connor - September 30, 2025 at 11:34 PM

NP

“ *Cardinale Family,*
I first met Ray in 1967 upon my return from Vietnam as a young 23 year old while in an interview for a job at Bendex. I was hired to work the second shift at the Bendex plant on Oriskany St. As it turned out Ray knew many members of my parents family. As the years flew by Ray and I belonged to several organizations and he was loyal to his veteran years as I, we had many conversations. He was such a composed man giving u all his attention. I will surely miss him and his advice, Rest in Peace my Friend , You will be missed by Alll who Knew you. 🙏🙏🙏🙏

Nick Parrotta - September 30, 2025 at 06:37 PM

MC

“ *Cardinale Family,*

I am truly sorry for your loss. We at AcaciaVillage have many fond memories of Ray. I became friends with Ray a little over 4 years ago and he became my best friend here. He was a gentleman always and easy going. I will truly miss him as will so many others. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. RIP RAY--99YEARS God Bless!

Mario J. Convertino Sr.

Mario J. ConvertinoSr. - September 30, 2025 at 06:28 PM

JH

“ *Dr. Cardinale and family,*
We are sorry for your loss. My father enjoyed working with your father at Bendix. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.
Janet & Mark Hanna

Janet Hanna - September 30, 2025 at 04:39 PM

SU

“ To Ray’s family:

Please accept our deepest sympathy in your loss.

We have fond memories of Ray from Acacia Village where we played in a poker group with him. We all verbally greeted “Cookie” when she invariably called Ray on his phone during the game. We shall miss his smile and personality. May he rest in peace.

Susan and Larry Ulrich



Susan Ulrich - September 30, 2025 at 02:58 PM

“C

“ Pat, Marilyn, Eve & families,
Please accept our sincere sympathy in the passing of your Dad. Great families begin with great patriarchs, and Ray is no exception. Delight in memories, and continue to live the full rich for which he “set the stage”...

“Buster” & Carol Cataudella - September 30, 2025 at 10:27 AM

PR

“ *A life well lived! Your Dad and beloved Pop Pop was a legend. May he rest in peace. We are praying for all of you.*

Paul and Noreen Roubian - September 30, 2025 at 07:37 AM

LF

“ *Lynette Franco lit a candle in memory of Mr. Raymond F. "Ray" Cardinale*



Lynette Franco - September 29, 2025 at 09:26 PM

KD

“ *We spent many winters in Florida on Marco Island with Ray. We usually went to breakfast after Sunday Mass with a few couples. He was always a happy person & loved his golf. We always enjoyed his company.*
Our deepest sympathy to all his family.
Larry & Kathryn D'Angelo

Kathryn D'Angelo - September 29, 2025 at 08:34 PM

TK

“ *Marilyn, Bill and Family - Mark and I send our deepest sympathies on Ray's passing. Thoughts and prayers are with you all at this difficult time.*

Therese

Therese Kamilow - September 29, 2025 at 07:18 PM

RF

“ *My deepest sympathy to every member of Ray's family. He was very popular here at Acacia Village. He was involved in the various activities and really enjoyed them.*
My prayers are for him and with all of you.
Rose Freedan

Rose Freedan - September 29, 2025 at 06:55 PM

BO

“ Pat and family, my condolences and prayers to you all. Your father was a great guy and I remember him from my days working at Upstate Furn. What a long life at 99, may his soul RIP.

Bob Ollerenshaw - September 29, 2025 at 03:41 PM

DK

*Dear Pat, Theresa and Family,
We are so very sorry for the loss of your Dad +Ray. I kmew him at the office of + Angela Amodio. +Ray was a true gentleman. Our condolences, prayers, sympathy and thoughts.
May His Memory Be Eternal
With Our Love,
Deacon Dan and Cindy Klockowski and Family*

Deacon Daniel A Klockowski - September 30, 2025 at 09:34 AM

KP

Dear Eve, Marilyn, and family,

Please accept my deepest condolences on the loss of your father. Although I did not know Mr. Cardinale personally, I imagine he was a man of incredible honor and integrity, as evidenced by the wonderful daughters he raised. I pray your cherished memories comfort you as you walk through these sad days.

*Love and sympathy,
Kelly Paul*

Kelly Paul - September 30, 2025 at 06:51 PM

BP

To Ray's Family, I am so sorry for your loss of this wonderful gentle man. Ray was our "porch" neighbor here at Acacia Village! He was always a delight to chat with, always smiling, always a gentleman. He is missed. Praying for you all. Rest in Peace dear friend.

Barbara Paparella - October 01, 2025 at 08:32 AM