



## Mr. Raymond G. LaBarbera

January 31, 1942 - January 22, 2021

FRANKFORT - Mr. Raymond G. LaBarbera, age 78, went home to the Lord on Friday, January 22, 2021 when he passed away with those he loved most in his heart.

Born in Utica on January 31, 1942, Raymond was the son of the late Girolamo “Jerry” and Rose LaBarbera. He was a graduate of T.R. Proctor High School/Class of 1961. A proud veteran of the United States Army, Ray served his country with honor stationed stateside. He and his wife, the former Rose Marie Zongrone shared over 55 years together loving each other all their days.

Ray worked at Griffiss Air Force Base as a snow plow operator for the runways, and lastly in the Maintenance Department, retiring after 30 years of service. He was a dependable husband who enjoyed his home and the traditions of our area. As a dad, he shared special times and routines with his children, and he loved when everyone got together and celebrated any occasion. Ray was a man of simple means and never wanted very much. His hard work ethic made for a man who took care of his children and found happiness and family fun in the comfort of his house. He enjoyed visiting relatives and friends, and taking rides and had an affinity for motorcycles He enjoyed a good meal and his wife always made a point to please his palate. Ray enjoyed making homemade wine with his brother-in-law, nephew, and son and sharing with loved ones. As years went on, he and his son Raymond made wine together, fine-tuning the wine-making process, along with making

their personalized labels and shrink wrap upon the cork which never took away the authenticity of good ole' homemade wine, and the bonding between a father and his son! Another passionate past time that Ray was fond of was playing Bingo at various venues along with his wife and his girls, and when it wasn't as comfortable for him, they brought the game to their home where the wagers and emotions were high, sometimes resulting in yelling at the bingo caller (his daughter)! Among the many memories and highlights of his life was the event of seeing Earth, Wind & Fire perform at the casino, a gift presented to him by his family. He was the go-to guy for everything; everyone knew they could count on him. He had a lifelong friendship with the late Vinny Maugeri, Tony Meola, and Frankie Meola, mutual bonds that were never forgotten. The camaraderie and respect they shared was priceless. He was grateful for the visits and support from Alberto and Emma Mendez, John and Margerite Edwards, and Rosemary Vasile, who all reminded him of the meaning of true friendship. Ray was a parishioner of St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church and attended Mass when he was well. His faith was always in his heart.

Ray is survived by his wife, Rose Marie; his children and their spouses, Renee and Art Newman, Nicole and John Abel, Raymond J. and Cristina LaBarbera; Marc Talerico, Michael Talerico, and the memory of his infant son, Aaron LaBarbera who passed away in 1976; his grandchildren, Gabrielle, Mikenzie, and Natalie Newman; Julian and Roman LaBarbera; and Marcus Talerico; and his sister and brother-in-law, Rosalie and Carmen D'Ambro. He also leaves his nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and cousins. He was predeceased by his brother and sister-in-law, Anthony and Anna LaBarbera; sister, Mary J. LaBarbera; and his cousin, Donald Jones with whom he was very close.

The family extends sincere appreciation to Dr. Emile Wassel, and Dr. Yekaterina Kashtanova for their thoughtfulness and compassion.

In keeping with Raymond's wishes, his family will honor and commemorate his life at a private time. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Ray's name may be directed to Feed Our Vets online at <https://feedourvets.org/contact> or

by mail to PO Box 1, NY Mills, NY 13417. During this time of social distancing that we are all experiencing, please take a moment to connect with Ray's family through the "Memories" section of his obituary. Our prayers go out to all as a sign of our continued support.

# Tribute Wall

VS

“ Offering our sincere sympathy to the entire family for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers. Victor and Fran Spataro

Victor Spataro - February 02, 2021 at 12:11 PM

CT

“ Rose Marie and LaBarbera family,  
I am so sorry to learn of Ray's passing. I enjoyed our short visits every three weeks in the clinic. I take pride in knowing I could get him to smile, he could be such a grump at times, lol. I loved the bickering back and forth Rose and Ray would sometimes do and Rose would just say "okay Ray", and that was it. I've missed seeing him and will continue to. God bless 🙏  
Carrie Trevisani  
Upstate Urology

Carrie Trevisani - January 30, 2021 at 03:36 PM

SN

“ With deepest sympathy, sorry for your loss.



Serena Northern - January 29, 2021 at 09:32 PM

RV

“ *The Labarbera Famiky  
I am sending you my Deepest Sympathy.  
Memories from the Heart and Soul cannot be  
Ever be taken away. We all have many of  
them to share. Ray will never be forgotten.  
May he rest in peace and enjoy The Glory of  
God.*



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**Risemary K Vasile** - January 28, 2021 at 07:34 PM

DC

“ *Rose Marie and family,  
We are sorry to learn of Ray's passing, he was a great person and  
we are sure he will greatly missed. May the Lord comfort all of you  
during this most difficult time.  
Donnie and Regina Cole (Kentucky)*

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**Donnie and Regina Cole** - January 28, 2021 at 11:33 AM

BC

“ *Mrs. L , I am so sorry to hear this sad news. You have been there  
for your husband through everything and That is true love . I have  
had had the pleasure of learning a lot from Mr.L in not only your  
home but in my barbershop. I got to know him and earn his trust  
through my friendship with Ray. Ray, my main man: I'm so sorry you  
are going through this right now. We all want to see you and hug  
you. It's tough staying away when the bond is so tight.  
To the rest of the family, our thoughts and prayers.  
Love you all.  
Brandon , Molly Ciallelo and family*

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**Brandon Ciallelo** - January 27, 2021 at 06:57 PM

MC

“ Rosemarie, Ray, Cristina and family  
Mike and I were so sorry to hear about Ray. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of you at such a difficult time. Ray and Cristina you have always been part of our family and we feel your loss.  
Mike and Judy Ciallelo

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**mike and Judy Ciallelo** - January 27, 2021 at 12:20 PM

MG

“ Rosemarie ,Ray ,Cris,And LaBarbera families  
Our heart full condolences to all of you over the loss of your husband, Dad and grandfather .  
Sending you healing prayers and comforting hugs. May he Rest In Peace .  
Jody and MaryJean Grippe

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**mary jean Grippe** - January 26, 2021 at 10:06 PM

SS

“ Dave and I are so very sorry for your loss. Please know that our thoughts are with you.

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**Sandy and Dave Silverstein** - January 26, 2021 at 05:41 PM

LV

“ So very very sorry to hear of Ray's passing..the Velletto family sends love and prayers to you all during this very difficult time

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**Lisa Velletto** - January 26, 2021 at 04:34 PM

RK

So very sorry ROse for you and your large family RIP Ray heaven has gained another angel...hold up Rose it is not easy as u know I am not the same person now..

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**RosemarieL Koss** - January 26, 2021 at 08:58 PM

JA

*Bill and I are so sorry for your loss. We always enjoyed his company. He was a very thoughtful man and loving person. Rosemary please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you & your family.*  
*Joan & Bill Abel*

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**Joan Abel** - January 28, 2021 at 08:31 AM

RD

*Rosemarie I am so sorry to hear of Ray's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Rita Davis*

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**Rita R Davis** - January 31, 2021 at 06:14 PM