



# Frederick "Fred" William Rapple, Jr.

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**F**rederick "Fred" William Rapple, Jr. 88, of Liverpool, NY, passed away Wednesday, February 28, 2024. Fred was born on February 2, 1936, in Syracuse, NY to the late Frederick W. Rapple Sr. and Lorraine M. Rapple (Castle). He was preceded in death by younger brother Lawrence Rapple.

Fred graduated from North Syracuse High School in 1954. He then attended State University Teachers College at Oswego where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in 1959, majoring in Industrial Arts Education. In 1964, Fred earned his Master of Science in Education. He was a brother of Sigma Tau Chi fraternity where he forged many lifelong friendships. After graduation, Fred taught Industrial Arts for 31 years at West Genesee High School in Camillus, NY until his retirement in 1991. Even in retirement Fred was a teacher through and through - everything was a lesson.

A lover of all things cars; Fred could sniff out a car show, no matter how small. He had the ability to interact with people and would strike up a conversation just about anywhere, with anyone. Fred was a talented and skilled woodworker who loved building just about anything. He was always tinkering with some type of project in his woodshop, crafting everything from detailed furniture to helping his kids with their school projects. When his children were young, they took many camping trips throughout the Northeast. The real adventure began in 1973, when the family purchased 59 acres of land in Lacona, NY. Fred's lifelong dream of building a summer retirement home was finally becoming a reality.

Fred loved nothing more than spending time with his family. He is survived by wife Sharon Rapple (Kaiser) of Liverpool; predeceased by his first wife Janet Rapple (Dier); their surviving children Rick Rapple (Lisa), Elizabeth Rapple, David Rapple (Lisa); step-children Dawn Szatanek (Rob), Robert Coon, and Kimberly Sorts (Jeff); 13 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

Family and friends may call on Saturday, March 16, 2024 from 9:30 - 11:30 am, followed by a Funeral Service in celebration of Fred's life at the THOMAS J. PIRRO JR. FUNERAL HOME,



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3401 Vickery Rd, (corner of Buckley Rd.) North Syracuse, NY. A private burial will be scheduled at a later date at the convenience of his family.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Fred's memory to the American Heart Association, The Glaucoma Foundation, or the ASPCA.




# Events


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## Visitation

 **Saturday**, March 16, 2024


 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM ET


 **Thomas J. Pirro Jr. Funeral Home**  
3401 Vickery Rd, Syracuse NY 13212

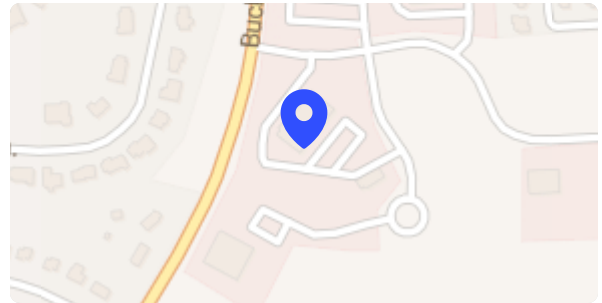


## Funeral Service

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 11:30 AM ET

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## Tribute Wall

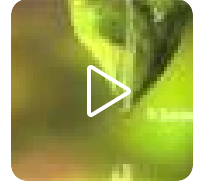
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**Thomas J. Pirro Jr. Funeral Home** shared a **Tribute Video**.

March 14 at 11:35 AM



**Pat Hoyt And Debby Fairchild** sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Rappale, Jr. family.

March 14 at 6:49 PM



**Pat Hoyt And Debby Fairchild** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Frederick.

March 14 at 6:49 PM



**Patricia Ann Hoyt** posted:

Fred's mother was my mother's sister, so I was blessed to know him my whole life. He had his mother's eyes, her sense of humor, and her laugh. I remember he was always full of fun and good humor. He made the best of every situation and courageously supported his first wife, Janet, before she passed, much too young. He made every family gathering much more fun. I also appreciate when he and Sharon spent their winters in FL, how helpful they were to my aging parents. His presence near my parents gave me much peace of mind and he was so helpful to them! Fred was quite the prankster! When I was 3 years old, and Fred must have been in his early 20s, he was at our house on Long Island. He gave me a rock, about 7-inches long, that was shaped like an egg. He told me that if I kept it warm it would hatch into a dinosaur that I could keep as a pet. For weeks I wrapped the rock in a doll blanket, talked to it, and carried it around. After a time, my older and wiser sister convinced me it was just a rock. I could never look at a large, egg-shaped rock without thinking of this joke! I love you Fred, thank you for the great times, and I miss you. Patricia Hoyt

March 14 at 6:40 PM



**Matt And Susanne Clemens** sent an Arrive in Style to the Rappale, Jr. family.

March 8 at 12:21 PM





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**Ray Florczyk** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Rappale, Jr. family.



March 8 at 12:04 PM



**Ray Florczyk** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Frederick.



March 8 at 12:04 PM



**Theresa Lavonier** posted:

I was a student of Mr. Rappale 1980 and 1981. I wanted to be an architect, of a sort, and I loved him as our teacher. He taught so much more than mechanical drawing; patience, good humor, a well rounded curriculum that never disappointed. A true joy and one of my favorite teachers of all time. God Bless You, Mr. Rappale.(Fred, behind his back!) A wonderful soul.

March 8 at 10:18 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Small Garden Dish to the Rappale, Jr. family.



March 8 at 8:02 AM



**Cathy Kohberger, Jerry & Rose Bannister** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Frederick.



March 8 at 8:02 AM



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JC

**Josie Caiello** posted:

Freddie, The salon won't be the same without you. You made Christina and I laugh every time you came in. I will miss your humor and your smile. I know you were tired, rest easy Freddie....Love you, Josie

March 7 at 2:58 PM

JK

**James Kaiser** March 14 at 2:09 PM

A considerate and appreciative gentleman, and a true comfort for his wife and family. He will be missed.

BF

**Bob Fox** March 12 at 7:26 AM

My heartfelt condolences are extended to the Rappale family. We were colleagues and friends at West Genesee HS for many years. It's comforting to know that Fred lived a full life doing the things he loved doing. I regret I can't attend the service since I am in Florida until the end of the month.

GM

**Gloria Mitton** March 11 at 1:26 PM

To Fred's family from the Class of 1954 of North Syracuse High School our sincere sympathy. We had great times in Mattydale where some of us grew up. We will never forget Fred. Gloria Viviano Mitton friend and Classmate

CC

**Carmen And Carole** March 11 at 10:04 AM

Thank You Fred, many good memories my friend, funny stories, great trips for Ice Cream here, Florida and Lacona. We will Miss You Carmen and Carole

DE

**Dianne Emmick** March 11 at 9:18 AM

Condolences to Fred's family. He was one of West Genesee's finest, a true gentleman.

BK

**Bruce Kaiser** March 10 at 4:58 AM

My sympathies to Fred's family and friends. He was my high school teacher for multiple courses including architectural drafting, 1963-65. His influence on me is why I became an industrial arts teacher and then a special education teacher. Fred was, in my eyes, the consummate educator. Bruce Kaiser

LF

**Laura Feldman** March 9 at 5:43 AM

Rest in peace Freddie. From Oswego State to Janet and the three children. The beautiful family room you built in Dan's and my first house and the joyful days pre children when we were young and enjoying life.



**Jim Canzoneri** March 8 at 5:02 AM

Thank you for all you've done and all you are. Rest in peace Uncle Fred Jim Canzoneri



# Media

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A Journey of Life

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## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring Frederick by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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