



Ralph A. Modugno

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Ralph A. Modugno, 92, of Syracuse, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, January 8, 2025. Born on August 25, 1932, to the late Frank and Angela (Sacco) Modugno, he was a graduate of North High School and Syracuse University. A proud veteran, he served our country from 1954 to 1956 in the United States Army. He dedicated over three decades to Niagara Mohawk, retiring as the manager of property records. Beyond his career, Ralph found joy in tax preparation, devoting 40 years to helping clients who soon became cherished friends. Ralph was a devout Catholic and was actively involved with the Basilica of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. He was also an avid New York Yankees and SU athletics fan, and he had an unparalleled sense of humor.

Most importantly, he treasured family gatherings, especially his beloved Christmas Eve celebrations. His generous and supportive nature made him a beloved family figure.

Along with his parents, Ralph is predeceased by his sister, Susan Modugno Heim.

He is survived by his dearly beloved wife, Diane (Grovine) Modugno of 70 years; his children, Gary Modugno, of Syracuse, Ralph P. (Kelly) Modugno, of Syracuse, and Linda (Daniel) DeMauro, of Syracuse; his grandchildren, Daniel (Jennifer) Modugno, of Fayetteville, Kayleigh Modugno, of Camillus, Nicole (Anthony) Mirizio, of Cicero, Daniel DeMauro and Corey DeMauro, of Syracuse; two great-grandchildren, Katie and Austin Modugno; his brother, Francis (Judy Tyo) Modugno, of North Syracuse; his brother-in-law, Jeffrey Heim of Ohio; his daughter-in-law, Stephanie Modugno, of Camillus, and several nieces and nephews.

A funeral Mass celebrating Ralph's life will be held in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on Monday, January 13, 2025 at 9:30 A.M. He will be laid to rest in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Geddes. Calling hours will be held from 2:00 – 4:00 pm on Sunday, January 12, 2025, at THOMAS J. PIRRO JR. FUNERAL HOME, 3401 Vickery Rd. (corner of Buckley Rd.) North Syracuse, NY.



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In lieu of flowers, contributions in Ralph's memory may be made to the Basilica of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Food Pantry, 927 Park Ave., Syracuse, NY 13204.




Events


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Visitation


 **Sunday**, January 12, 2025


 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM ET


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

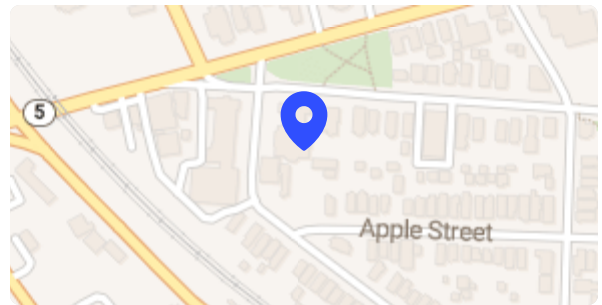


Funeral Mass


 **Monday**, January 13, 2025

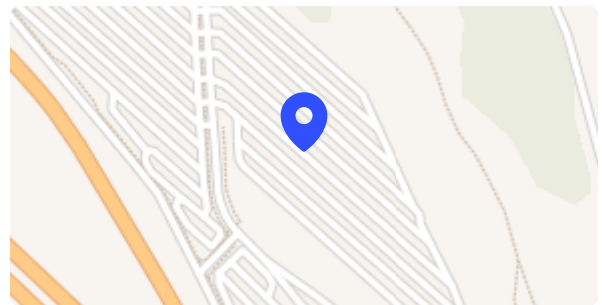
 9:30 AM ET

 **Basilica of the Sacred Heart of Jesus**
927 Park Ave., Syracuse NY 13204



Cemetery Details

 **Sacred Heart Cemetery**
Geddes NY





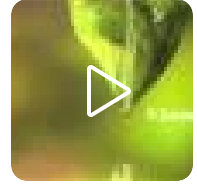
Tribute Wall

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



January 10 at 1:07 PM



Patricia, Billy, Tommy Zubrowski posted:

my brothers and i are deeply saddened by the loss of ralph. he was such a wonderful friend to our family . he was our tax man when our parents were alive and after our mom passed . even when he wasn't doing taxes any more he still kept calling on us to see if we were doing ok. he gave advice . and truly cared about us . such a good friend. he would call us every christmas to wish us merry christmas. cherish your memories . patty , billy , tommy zubrowski.

January 13 at 10:08 AM



Your Syracuse Family Dentist posted:

To Diane & entire family-Although no words can ease the loss you bear, know you're very close in our thoughts and prayers! We enjoyed seeing Ralph everytime-he always had a story to tell. Your Syracuse Family Dentist Dr Vincent D DiMento & Dr Joseph Meluni and Staff

January 13 at 6:57 AM



Verna Jean And Phil White posted:

We join in extending our sincere heartfelt sympathy to Mr. Modugno's family during this most difficult time. May happier memories help to sustain you and bring you comfort, and may the joy and laughter of his life far outweigh the sorrow of his passing. His handsome smile and loving personality live forever in your hearts. 👨👩

January 12 at 6:40 AM



Anonymous sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Modugno family.



January 12 at 6:02 AM



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Rob Modugno posted:

Uncle Ralph was always there for me! Could be taxes, or advice or just telling me a story about when he and dad were much younger. It was such a wonderful moment when I saw him last week and he talked about get togethers at his house when I was just a kid. Such a wonderful man! He was always there for family and friends alike. My favorite memories will always be get togethers at his house for July 4th to celebrate Grandma Angie and Linda's birthdays! My sincere condolences to Aunt Diane, Gary, Ralphie, Linda and all their families.

January 11 at 8:34 PM



Marietta Blasi posted:

Gary and family, my thoughts and prayers are with you during this sad and difficult time. May your Dad be at peace, watching over you from heaven.

January 10 at 7:08 AM



Gary F Modugno January 11 at 11:17 AM

Thank you Mrs. Blasi.



Deanna Bowman sent an Arrive in Style to the Modugno family.



January 10 at 3:56 AM



Deanna Bowman planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Ralph.



January 10 at 3:56 AM



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Kathleen (Coman) Tarantino posted:

Gary, I am so sorry to learn of your great loss of your dad. You and your family are in my prayers. God bless your father and all who love and will miss him.

January 9 at 3:12 PM



Gary F Modugno January 11 at 11:17 AM

Thank you Kathy.



Media

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January 10 at 1:07 PM



- NT** **Nancy Tolbert** January 13 at 6:45 AM
I've known Uncle Ralph from days at Hixson Ave. What a wonderful life he had with loving wife and children. Deep condolences to you all.
- LW** **Lois Wahl** January 11 at 12:16 PM
I am one of Ralph's cousins from Philly. We have so many beautiful memories of our summers as kids visiting our beautiful and loving family in Syracuse RIP Ralph.
- SP** **Sharon Pratt** January 11 at 11:52 AM
Beautiful tribute to a wonderful man!
- SP** **Sharon Pratt** January 11 at 11:50 AM
This was truly a Treasure, sharing all the beautiful moments with his wonderful Family!



Memories only last if you share them

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



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