



Raffaele "Ralph" F. Piscitelli

March 24, 1953 - January 26, 2019

Raffaele F. "Ralph" Piscitelli, 65, of North Syracuse, NY, passed away at home on January 26, 2019. He was born in Cervino, Italy, son of the late Francesco and Mary Grazia (Pascarella) Piscitelli. Ralph graduated from St. John the Baptist High School, where he played basketball and also attended OCC. Ralph retired from Syracuse China as a Kiln Car Loader after almost 20 years and kept busy working multiple jobs after his retirement. He enjoyed hosting card games with friends and going to the casino, and in recent years, looked forward to spending time with his family and grandchildren. Ralph will be remembered for his great sense of humor and living life the way he wanted.

He is survived by three daughters, Jennifer Piscitelli, Christina (Jonathan) Bentley and Rebecca Piscitelli; ten beloved grandchildren; his sister, Michelle (Tony) Ferraro; his brother, Mario (Debbie) Piscitelli; several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Family and friends may call on Friday, February 1, 2019 from 4:00 – 6:30 pm, followed by a Funeral Service in celebration of Ralph's life at 6:30 pm in the THOMAS J. PIRRO JR. FUNERAL HOME, 3401 Vickery Rd. (corner of Buckley Rd.) North Syracuse, NY.

Events

FEB **Visitation** 04:00PM - 06:30PM

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

FEB **Funeral Service** 06:30PM

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Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



Thomas J. Pirro Jr. Funeral Home - January 31, 2019 at 12:22 PM



“ Ralph use to be our neighbor and Christina that shy quite little girl was my daughters BFF and still is. My Becky use to play with his Becky. Every time we went to one of your family gatherings he was quick to ask how we were doing. He had a dry since of humor that was so funny! You really had to get the joke first time around he was quick with the curve balls. He loved his girls very much. He will be greatly missed.

Patti Clark - February 02, 2019 at 04:02 PM



“ Ralph and I went to St John the Baptist together..... we were classmates.... we used to walk home together because we both lived on the North side..... I remember him as clearly as if it were yesterday! So saddened to hear of his passing.... God Bless you and your family always Paula Huyck

Paula Huyck - February 01, 2019 at 08:24 PM



“ Ralph was a great guy who loved his family ...he will be missed.
God Bless
from the McRobbie Family



Kathleen McRobbie - February 01, 2019 at 01:22 PM



“ Shirley Thornton purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Raffaele "Ralph" F. Piscitelli.



Shirley Thornton - February 01, 2019 at 11:03 AM



“ I was shocked and deeply saddened to hear about Ralph. It's still hard to process that this can someone so young-too soon. All I can remember is the strong hard-working man I first met; he reminded me of a benevolent Godfather. My observation is that he was always kind and fair. We enjoyed many visits over coffee. He had a hearty laugh and a subtle sense of humor. From our conversations I knew he loved all his family and without a doubt that he was proud of all his girls and even more so about his numerous grandchildren. Whenever Ralph would stop by he would always have something with him, whether it was a bottle of homemade wine from his Dad to give to my father, presents for the kids at Christmas time, a plate of homemade Christmas cookies ("Bones" were Bobby's favorite and he always made sure there were a bunch just for him) or something he stopped by the bakery to pickup. I told him that he didn't have to bring anything and he would say, "My Mother always said never show up to someone's house empty handed." Whenever I think about Ralph I can't help but remember his pizza making skills. It was always a bonus if when you visited Ralph he was whipping up some pizzas! He used to say that his oven made them so good. I remember one of the tidbits of old-school wisdom Ralph imparted to me - you should keep \$5 in the glove box of the car just in case. That actually came in handy on several occasions and I made sure to tell my kids the same thing. Ralph is going to be missed but definitely not forgotten.

Robert & Lori McRobbie & kids - February 01, 2019 at 09:12 AM



“ Marty and Peg purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Raffaele "Ralph" F. Piscitelli.



Marty and Peg - February 01, 2019 at 08:20 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Raffaele "Ralph" F. Piscitelli.



February 01, 2019 at 01:25 AM



“ Love, The Bentley Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Raffaele "Ralph" F. Piscitelli.



Love, The Bentley Family - January 31, 2019 at 10:19 PM



“ 76 files added to the album LifeTributes



Thomas J. Pirro Jr. Funeral Home - January 31, 2019 at 11:10 AM



“ Ralph was best friends with my brother, Marty Genska. I saw him frequently at St John's and at our home. He always had the biggest smile. I remember one time I was out shopping with an old boyfriend and saw Ralph. We both yelled each other's name and Ralph picked me up and spun me around (much to the displeasure of the boyfriend). It was such a joy to see him and catch up a little. Always remember his large smile - so sincere and so much a part of him. So sorry for your loss. Hugs and prayers. Susan Genska Gibbs

Susan Genska Gibbs - January 30, 2019 at 05:40 PM



“ Butch, I am so sorry to hear about Ralph. I have great memories from good ole SJBA when Marty introduced me to Ralph. Sending prayers and hugs to you and your family.
Cathy

Cathy Peterson - January 30, 2019 at 03:28 PM



“ September, 1968. That's when I first met you. For those of you who were told there would be no math, that's almost 51 years we have remained close friends. Ralph and I had a friendship that saw us through every major milestone a man can take in his life. School; garage band days (that's a whole different story); our first girl friends; our first jobs; first cars, passing our road tests. Then onto marriage; our monthly poker nights; children and then finally grandchildren. We even lost friends together.

When our career paths in life took us in separate directions, eventually multiple states physically separated us. We did, as lots of long-time friends do, drift apart at times, but never for very long. And then we were right back where we left off as if no time had passed at all. You see, somewhere along the way we had made a promise to each other to never lose touch. I think we accomplished that, my friend.

I will miss our visits whenever I was back in CNY. All those countless times when I would sit at your kitchen table and you would ask 'want a cup of coffee?' I would always say 'you know I don't drink coffee, I never have, so no, no coffee'. Then we would just laugh like it was the first time this ever happened, even though I think we went through this routine hundreds of times throughout our lives.

I believe I will miss our monthly phone calls most of all. No matter what was happening in our lives, we always found time to talk. Rarely anything new, just stuff like 'did you hear', or 'remember this guy' or 'remember that time'. Same old stuff; but during those calls we were both 20 years old again. You, my dear friend, gave me a link to my past. I will miss this the most.

So many memories, my friend, I could literally write a book. It would be a comedy.

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I won't say goodbye, just that I'll see you again sometime. So, lets have a seat, deal those cards, and if you ask (and I know you will) I may actually try a cup of your coffee.

Marty

Marty Genska - January 30, 2019 at 11:16 AM



“ That's so sweet Marty! I remember Ralph from SJBA as well. I do remember what a nice guy and what a big smile he gads. I am so sad to see this. Much love to you.

Elizabeth Goudy - January 30, 2019 at 06:53 PM



“ I WORKED WITH RALPH AT ST JOSEPH HOSPITAL HE WAS GREAT LOVING FUN GUY WE HAD LOT OF FUN WORKING TOGETHER I WILL MISS YOU RALPH MAY YOU REST IN PEACE FINKA

FINKA - January 31, 2019 at 04:56 AM



“ Fond memories of spending time with my Harrington Drive neighbor Ralph & his daughters. Always greeted me with a big smile, whether he was at the mailbox, passing by in his truck or riding his lawn mower. My thoughts and prayers are with each of you. God bless and big hugs, Candi Cramer (Armstrong)



Candace Cramer - January 30, 2019 at 09:27 AM



“ Dear Ralph my Harrington drive neighbor and friend I will miss his beeping as he went by and our chats in passing
Love Linda fire

linda fire - January 30, 2019 at 09:10 AM



“ I've known "Ralphie" almost all my life! He was a very nice, respectful and funny person. He loved his family with his whole being and was such a friendly person to everyone! He was taken too soon from us. My condolences to Ralphie's whole family and friends. We have lost a great man but gained an angel for sure! Virginia Capasso - Arizona

Virginia Capasso - January 30, 2019 at 01:14 AM



“ Ralph was such a nice funny person to have known. He cared so much for all his family. He was a hard worker and dedicated to one job his whole life. I wish I could have seen him when I was back in New York. Prayers and hugs to his children and grandchildren. Lorraine DeLucia Blackwell. Surprise, Arizona

Lorraine - January 30, 2019 at 11:14 AM



“ God bless my old buddy. You will be missed. Great times we had together growing up.

Jim Pirro

James Pirro - January 29, 2019 at 07:47 PM