



RALPH DECHRISTOPHER, JR.

December 24, 1934 - April 7, 2019

Ralph DeChristopher, Jr., 84, of Lake Hiawatha, NJ, passed away at home on April 7, 2019 with his loving wife at his side. Ralph enriched the lives of everyone that knew him and he will be missed dearly.

Ralph was born in December 1934 in Newark, NJ to Ralph & Edith DeChristopher, Sr. After the end of WWII, he and his family lived in the army barracks located within Weequahic Park for many years. As a child growing up during The Great Depression, Ralph watched both of his parents work multiple jobs in order to make ends meet. His parents taught him the importance of responsibility and family. From this he learned the value of hard work early on, and held many interesting jobs during his youth, such as: a pin-setter in a bowling alley, a piece-work printer for a NYC newspaper and even a disc-jockey for a classical music station, just to name a few.

He attended East Side High School in Newark and later went on to serve his country for 6 years in the US Army National Guard Reserves. Over the next decade, his career path led him to "Fabulous Las Vegas, NV," as head of security for the Stardust Casino for many years. He returned to New Jersey, where he took on the position of leading Autoland's security team in Springfield, NJ until his retirement in 1993.

He was preceded in death by his parents Ralph & Edith DeChristopher and his sister Gloria DiModica.

Surviving to cherish his memory are his beloved and devoted wife of 27 years, Karen (nee Ciesienski); his brother Fredrick DeChristopher and his wife Barbara, his children; Joanne Alban, Scott DeChristopher, Donna Michelle DeChristopher, Patrick Bellino, Donna Arthurs, Sondra Fisk and her husband Jim, his grandchildren; Danielle Browning and her husband Chris, Melanie Stephenson and her husband Trae, Amy & Sara DeChristopher, Ava Arthurs, Tim, Ty, Frankie & Cayci Fisk, and 3 great-grandchildren.

Ralph and his wife have been Parsippany residents for over 20 years, during which time

they devoted countless hours to serving their community. Although he was not officially a member of the organizations his wife was involved in, Ralph participated in events and volunteered his time to help them in their efforts. For years, he would deliver food to the Our Promise drop-in center for the homeless, transport seniors to their appointments, helped make and deliver baskets for tricky tray fundraisers, and set up tents at Relay For Life cancer walks. Ralph was a faithful servant of the Lord, a dedicated Trustee and member of First Baptist Community Church in Parsippany, NJ for over 12 years. He was a generous and passionate man that loved volunteering his time for many years helping the families of Family Promise of Morris County, an organization dedicated to ending homelessness and coordinated through a shelter program at his church.

In lieu of flowers, the family would greatly appreciate donations to offset the cost of funeral expenses.

Events

APR **Memorial Visitation** 05:00PM - 09:00PM

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S.J. Priola Parsippany Funeral Service

60 North Beverwyck Road, Lake Hiawatha, NJ, US, 07034

APR **Memorial Service** 11:00AM

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First Baptist Community Church

800 Vail Road, Parsippany, NJ, US, 07054

Comments



“ Vicki Malizia lit a candle in memory of RALPH DECHRISTOPHER, JR.



vicki malizia - April 12, 2019 at 03:41 PM



“ Karen and family,
Please accept our sincerest condolences at this time of grief. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Brian Donlin and family

Brian Donlin - April 11, 2019 at 12:53 PM



“ Karen and Family

So sorry for your loss. Ralph will truly be missed.

We know for certain that we never lose the people we love, even to death. They continue to participate in every act, thought and decision we make. Their love leaves an indelible imprint in our memories. We find comfort in knowing that our lives have been enriched by having shared their love.

Love Pattie and Bill Kolbe

William Kolbe - April 11, 2019 at 10:31 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of RALPH DECHRISTOPHER, JR..





“ Rock and I are so sorry to hear about Ralph. May God's love help you all in the coming days.
Prayers and love
Rock and Lisa Grim
Ohio



Lisa Grim - April 11, 2019 at 07:05 AM



“ Ralph will be remembered for being a truly genuine man. His legacy is secured by his selfless love and deep devotion to his family. He was always a great listener, he thought about things before he spoke, and gave the very best advice. He didn't try to convince you to share his opinion or argue with you when he knew you were wrong. He just told you how it is. (Actually, he did sometimes argue, but only to get the person going cause he found it hysterical) He didn't need to seek out or receive praise, "I just do what I want to do, cause I want to do it". And he didn't complain or let things that he couldn't control or change bother him, he'd just say, "Don't worry about it, just take it from where it comes". He believed in taking chances and giving people space to make their own mistakes, while silently cheering for them and hoping they would win but if they didn't he wouldn't say they failed, rather it is just another opportunity to try. Ralph was probably best known for his silly sense of humor and the all the funny things he did, those times make up some of our best and most treasured memories that will surely keep us laughing for a lifetime. Thank you for all the wonderful memories you have given us, I miss you so much and promise you that my children will always remember you! Oxoxox

SANDY FISK - April 11, 2019 at 12:29 AM