



## Renato Gaudenzi

December 17, 1931 - May 29, 2024

Renato "Ray" Gaudenzi passed away peacefully on May 29, 2024, in Neptune, New Jersey, at the age of 92. Born in Italy on December 17, 1931, to parents Arnaldo Gaudenzi and Louisa Mazzocchi Gaudenzi, Ray moved to the United States in 1932 at just eighteen months old.

Ray spent his early years in Manhattan before moving to Brooklyn. He was predeceased by his beloved wife Barbara, who passed away in November 2023. The couple's love story began in 1948 when Ray met Barbara as she was getting off the school bus. They were married four years later at St. Rosalia Church in Brooklyn, NY. In 1961, they settled on Seidman Avenue in the Eltingville section of Staten Island, where they resided until 2021.

In 1951, Ray joined the United States Navy and served as a corpsman in Maryland during the Korean War. After his military service, he joined the New York City Police Department in 1955. Ray's dedication and skill as a detective led to his involvement in numerous high-profile cases, including a notable undercover sting operation which was featured in the December 1975 issue of Reader's Digest. His heroism was also highlighted in the NY Daily News for chasing and apprehending two robbery suspects on the Brooklyn Bridge.

Upon his retirement from the NYPD in 1975, Ray became the head of security at the Sheraton in Manhattan. Together with Barbara, he also ran a small

business for many years called "This and That," where they sold homemade arts and crafts, bringing joy and creativity to their community.

Ray was a dedicated parishioner at St. Anthony's Church in Travis and found joy in writing poetry and drawing. His life was marked by an interesting episode when he almost caused an international incident due to conscription issues with the Italian government. With the involvement of the State Department, it was resolved when they realized he had left Italy as a baby and had already served in the US Navy.

Ray is survived by his son Robert and his wife Ellen, his daughter Louisa and her husband Salvatore Curto, and his cherished grandchildren: Heather Olivo and her husband Dominick, Rudy Maisto and his fiancée Amanda, Lauren Sica and her husband Thomas, and Allison Caballero and her husband Michael. He also leaves behind his beloved great-grandchildren: Dominick, Charlotte, Madison, and Ryan, as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Ray was predeceased by his sisters Stella Gaudenzi and Sandra Gruber.

Renato "Ray" Gaudenzi's life was a testament to love, service, and creativity. He will be deeply missed by all who knew him, and his legacy will continue to inspire and warm the hearts of those he leaves behind.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at 10:00 AM on Wednesday at St. Anthony of Padua Church located at 4055 Victory Blvd Staten Island, New York 10314. Interment will follow in Resurrection Cemetery, 361 Sharrott Ave, Staten Island, NY 10309

Following Services at Resurrection Cemetery the family has asked you to join them for a Repast at The Knights of Columbus 100 Kreisler Street, Staten Island, 10309



# Cemetery Details

## Rosehill Crematory

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# Previous Events

## Service

JUN 5. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Anthony of Padua Church  
4055 Victory Blvd  
Staten Island, NY 10314

## Service

JUN 5. 11:30 AM (ET)

Resurrection Cemetery  
361 Sharrot Avenue  
Staten Island, NY 10309

# Tribute Wall

EM

“ Robert and Louisa sorry for your loss your mother and father were nice people ,edward mazzucchelli

edward mazzucchelli - November 23, 2024 at 12:47 PM

PT

“ Dear Robert and Louisa. Thinking of you and all the wonderful memories we share with our Family of Friends on Seidman Ave. Your Dad was an amazing person. Always fully engaged in life, writing poetry, working on creative projects with the love of his life , Barbara.

Rest in eternal peace Ray. It comforts me to think of you in Heaven smiling , having coffee and cake with Barbara along with Joe and my dad.

Sending love and prayers from the Papandrea Family

Patti Tomasso - June 04, 2024 at 08:42 PM

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“ The Van Name Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Renato Gaudenzi.



The Van Name Family - June 04, 2024 at 04:47 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Renato Gaudenzi.



June 04, 2024 at 03:13 PM



“ Bob and Arlene planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Renato Gaudenzi.

**Bob and Arlene** - June 04, 2024 at 03:13 PM



“ The VAD Memorial Fund Committee purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Renato Gaudenzi.



**The VAD Memorial Fund Committee** - June 04, 2024 at 12:36 PM



“ We love you Ray and we will miss you. We are happy to know your suffering is over and you are with Barbara and Bella again. We know how much you adored Barbara. We have so many happy memories together. We are forever grateful for the lifetime friendships of our families.  
Always in our hearts! Love the Sullivan family

**Barbara Barton** - June 03, 2024 at 06:40 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Renato Gaudenzi.*



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June 03, 2024 at 04:46 PM



“ *I've been a neighbor of Ray for close to 30 years and him and his wife were great neighbors. He knew my children as well and really loved them. He always complemented me on how well they were respectable kids. My kids were his paper boys and always shoveled his snow and did odds and ends for him. We would always have our discussions over politics and police stories over a couple glasses of scotch. He watched my kids grow up and was very proud them. He'd always worry about my son being a police officer but was there to always give him advice. Ray was a great guy, friend and neighbor. He will be missed but our talks advice will remain with me and my family. Ray , May you rest in eternal peace say hello to Barbara for us and being a guardian angel for all of us. Until we meet again, save a scotch for you and I. 💙💙💛💛*

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**Mike Fasano** - June 03, 2024 at 03:27 PM