



Mr. Ralph Lanning Costa

July 28, 1926 - February 2, 2020

Ralph Lanning Costa, 93 years old, passed away at home on February 2, 2020. He was born in New Jersey on July 28, 1926.

He had a full and rich life married to his loving wife Barbara for 71 years. Ralph was a WWII veteran enlisting in the Army in 1944 at the age of 18. He served as a Corporal in Japan and Korea until 1945, assigned to the 17th Division, 2nd Infantry Regiment, 3rd Battalion, Company L.

During his working years, Ralph was a job superintendent on major construction jobs in NJ and PA, including Camelback Village, a ski resort, in Pocono Pines, PA. Post-retirement, he was an excellent handyman assisting many family members, neighbors and fellow campers with home repairs and maintenance.

He was a very active member of the Lions Club, receiving numerous honors and awards, while serving a total of 48 years (1971 – 2019) in PA, FL (2 locations) and SC, including 25 years in the Walhalla Lions Club. He was president in all 4 Clubs.

He and his wife enjoyed trailer camping, boating, train trips and gulf and lake fishing. Ralph was known for his hearty laugh, polite and considerate manner, and perhaps most valuable, his endless desire to help others. He will be

missed by everyone he touched during his many years of a life worth living. He was loved by all his family, as a husband, father, brother, cousin and adored uncle.

He is survived by his wife Barbara, son Ralph, daughter Susan, daughter-in-law Joan, brother Albert and numerous 1st and 2nd cousins, nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers or other remembrances, please send donations to Interim Hospice, 16 Highland Road, Greenville, SC 29614; thank you. The staff at Interim Hospice were outstanding in helping us keep Ralph comfortable at home, and in assisting us through these difficult times. We encourage you to support them with donations in honor of Ralph.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Ralph Lanning Costa*

January 28, 2023 at 01:03 PM



“ *Uncle Ralph....I'm so glad I got to see you in the fall of 2018! Before that time it was at a family reunion in the 80's. Peter and Debbie hosted the event in Wyckoff New Jersey. I remember onetime he and Aunt Barbara came to visit my mom and Dad. Pop called me on the phone, said.. hey Al your Uncle Ralph coming up to visit, he wants to see you. I stop by to see him and Barbara. Funny how certain things stick in our minds, but after a few minutes of talking with Uncle Ralph, he put his hand in his pocket, pulled out some money and said "Albert is there a liquor store around here, pick up a six pack of Rolling Rock Beer....Lol...Uncle Ralph loved his beer. I always remember Uncle having a smile on he's face...and yes his hardy and unique laugh. Even though later in life I we didn't see each other, I will greatly miss him!*

Albert Costa Jr. - October 21, 2020 at 10:26 AM



“ *What an amazing man we had the honor and privilege of knowing. Socrates and we will miss our visits*

Mike and Debbie Therriault - February 10, 2020 at 05:09 PM

JC

“ Jackie Collins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ralph Lanning Costa



Jackie Collins - February 07, 2020 at 05:49 PM

EP

“ Erin Peru lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ralph Lanning Costa



Erin Peru - February 07, 2020 at 03:00 PM

BL

“ Burgess (Bird) Laye lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ralph Lanning Costa



Burgess (Bird) Laye - February 06, 2020 at 12:27 PM

DN

“ Doug And Linda Reese Nix lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ralph Lanning Costa



Doug and Linda Reese Nix - February 05, 2020 at 04:46 PM

TW

“ *Ms. Barbara, I was sorry to hear about Mr. Ralph's passing. Lifting you in prayer for comfort and peace.*

*Teresa Whitmire
Family Medicine Associates*



Teresa K. Whitmire - February 05, 2020 at 01:24 PM

MO

“ *I remember his kind heart and great smile. He always made me feel special. Heaven gained another Angel. Rest in peace*



Margie Occhipinti - February 04, 2020 at 04:11 PM

GK

“ *May our Uncle Ralph rest in the sweetest peace ! He was a family favorite - always had a great belly laugh and always helpful to all he met. Great memories of when he and Auntie Barbara lived in New Jersey and seeing them when they came to visit us after moving south. Our thought and prayers are with Auntie Barbara, Ralphie and Joan and Susan for their great loss. He will be missed for sure !
God Bless !*

Love, Ginny and Joe and family

Ginny Kucera - February 04, 2020 at 12:57 PM

AB

“ Always enjoyed IION Ralph . sO SORRY TO HEAR OF HIS DEATH . mY SYMPHTAY TO BARBARA AND RALPH JR. .cAN`T COME DUE TO MY BEING IN THIS ASSISTED LIVING PLACE HERE IN SIMPSONVILLE SINCE I HAD A STROKE LAST APRIL.I WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER RALPH AND HIS HELP WITH OKTOBERFEST BARBEQUE AND OTHER LION CLUB ACTIVITES. ALAN D. BOGGS



Alan D. Boggs - February 04, 2020 at 12:00 PM

KA

“ Kathy Addis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ralph Lanning Costa



Kathy addis - February 04, 2020 at 11:01 AM

BL

“ Bobbie Ledford lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ralph Lanning Costa



Bobbie Ledford - February 03, 2020 at 06:17 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss! I am grateful that I got to help keep him comfortable.* ”



Kristian Hope Martin - February 03, 2020 at 04:46 PM



“ *Nell Cantrell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ralph Lanning Costa* ”



Nell Cantrell - February 03, 2020 at 11:06 AM