



Ralph Edward Ferrari

April 11, 1939 - October 13, 2015

Ralph Edward Ferrari, age 76 of Clifton, IL, crossed over into his eternal home on October 13, 2015, after a short illness. He was surrounded by family members at the home of his sister-in-law, Alice Sartore in Joliet, Illinois.

Ralph is survived by his wife of 57 years, Natalene (nee Cima) Ferrari; brother, Dominic (Sharlene) Ferrari; sister, Marie, (Louis) King Sr.; sister, Antoinette Koca. and numerous nieces and nephews. Ralph was fortunate to have a host of friends and neighbors too numerous to mention. All will miss him dearly.

Ralph was born April 11, 1939 in Clark City Illinois to the late Dominic & Mary (Viviani) Ferrari. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his father and mother in law, John and Margaret (Huber) Cima; sister, Pauline Reed; brothers- in law, Lincoln Reed and Donald Koca; nephew, Joey Ferrari and sister-in-law, Carol (Cima) Rickey.

Ralph was a supervisor at Armstrong World Industries, Kankakee, IL, retiring after 40 years of service. He managed the Exline Gun Club for numerous years.

A devout Roman Catholic, Ralph attended Saints Mary and Joseph Church, Chebanse, Illinois. Ralph was an avid sportsman and outdoorsman who won

many awards as a marksman and humanitarian. Ralph loved people and he never met a stranger. He was a member of the Moose Lodge, Amateur Trapshooting Association, National Rifle Association, AARP, Kankakee County Farm Bureau, and St. Petersburg Bridge Club. Ralph was awarded the Good Neighbor of the Year Award in 2013.

He was well known in the area for his gardening skills. He loved watching plants grow, donating thousands of pounds of vegetables to local food pantries, including Kankakee County Community Services and the Salvation Army as well as many neighbors and friends. He loved playing cards, especially bridge and euchre, golfing, trapshooting, spending time at Silver Dollar Trapshooting and Golf Resort, Odessa, FL.

A celebration of Ralph's life will begin on Sunday, October 18 from 3:00 to 7:00 pm with a visitation at R.W. Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd. & Crematory, Braidwood Chapel. Father Vern Arseneau will officiate at the Funeral Mass on Monday, October 19, 2015 at 11 am at Saints Mary and Joseph Church, Chebanse, IL Ralph's body will lie in State at 10 am on Monday at the Church. Cremation Rites are to follow.

Ralph will be escorted after mass by his Brother Dominic Ferrari, Brother-in-law, Louis King, Sr., Great Nephew Johnathon Fennell and his gardening buddy Peyton Lee.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Ralph's name can be made to Kankakee Valley Hospice, Joliet Area Community Hospice and Presence Merkle Knipprath Nursing Home.

For more information and to sign his online guestbook please log on to www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com or find us on Facebook at R.W. Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd. & Crematory.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **18**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

R.W. Patterson Funeral Home
401 East Main St.
Braidwood, IL 60408
(815) 458-2336
info@rwpattersonfuneralhome.com
<https://www.rwpattersonfuneralhomes.com>

Service

OCT **19**. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (CT)

Saints Mary and Joseph's Catholic Church
525 S. Chestnut St.
Chebanse, IL 60922
(815) 697-2654

Tribute Wall

PE

“ Dick and I are so sorry to hear of Ralph's death. We had no idea until I received your recent friends request on Facebook. We have many fond memories of you and Ralph at our bridge gatherings at Bearcreek Farms. I'm glad you made that connection and hope you are doing ok dealing with your loss. We miss you both.
Pat Erdman

Pat Erdman - April 25, 2016 at 06:46 PM

RA

“ I am so sorry for your great loss. The love Natalene and Ralph had for each other was very evident to those of us who attended church at St. Mary and Joseph in Chebanse. I know you will really miss him. *Rita Adams*

Rita Adams - October 22, 2015 at 10:29 AM

PH

“ Nat, I am so sorry to hear that Ralph has passed. I certainly remember the wonderful times that Bill and I shared with the both of you. You are in my thoughts and prayers, *Patty*

Patty Harris - October 18, 2015 at 07:19 PM

JJ

“ Nat, Sorry for your loss. We at the Legion Euchre Club remember him fondly and will miss him.

Judy Jensen

Judy Jensen - October 18, 2015 at 11:08 AM

JO

“ I knew Ralph from St. Petersburg bridge center. He was always so positive with a great sense of humor and a twinkle in his eye. I always enjoyed playing bridge with he and Nat and I will miss his pretense there.

Joanne - October 17, 2015 at 12:13 PM

SB

“ Dear Natalene=
So sorry for your loss-Ralph will certainly be missed-you are in our prayers-
Shirley Barry--St Petersburg Bridge Club

Shirley Barry - October 16, 2015 at 09:23 PM

MM

“ A very long time ago, I remember Ralph at our house for lunch after hunting with my Father (Max Smith). They both worked the "PM Shift" at Armstrong. They bagged a great deal of our food/meat with those trips. I hated the food but enjoyed Ralph. Over the year Ralph Nat and the Cima's were frequent visitors to our house.

I know you will all miss Ralph..He was such a nice person. Sorry for your loss.

Marcia (Smith) Matterss.

Marcia Matters - October 15, 2015 at 05:24 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Ralph Edward Ferrari.*



October 15, 2015 at 01:44 PM



“ *Oh Nat I am so sorry to learn of the loss of your husband. Lots of good bridge players up there, he will be in good company. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Hugs. Pat*

Pat Hartman - October 15, 2015 at 10:44 AM