



Raymond John Del Mastro

July 29, 1952 - May 24, 2013

Raymond J. Del Mastro, 60, of Braidwood, IL, passed away Friday, May 24, 2013, at his home following a lengthy illness. He was born July 29, 1952 in Joliet, IL to the late Victor Jr. and Mary Louise (nee Gimpel) Del Mastro.

Ray was a member and past director of the Braidwood Recreation Club and was also member of the Braidwood Recreation Club Fishing Council. He attained a college degree in Broadcast Journalism and a graduate degree in Teaching. He was a member of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church in Coal City, IL.

Surviving are his wife, Marylou (nee Zurawski), whom he married February 11, 1995 in Bourbonnais, IL; twin brother and sister-in-law, Vic and Elaine Del Mastro of Shorewood, and their children, Raffaella "Punkin" Del Mastro, Victor Del Mastro and Andrew Del Mastro; sister and brother-in-law, Rita and Jim Kazlauskas of Joliet; father-in-law, Ted Zurawski of Chicago, IL; sisters-in-law, Cindy Zurawski of Glen Ellyn, IL, Eileen (Al) Chiarattini of FL and Ann Marie (Neil) Carey of Elmhurst, IL; and many nieces and nephews. Preceding him in death were his parents; mother-in-law, Marie Zurawski; and brother-in-law, Ted Zurawski.

Funeral services will be from the R.W. Patterson Funeral Homes, Ltd. & Crematory, 401 E. Main St., Braidwood, IL, Wednesday, May 29, 2013 at 9:30

a.m. to the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church in Coal City for Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 a.m. Rev. Robert Noesen will officiate. Interment will follow in Mount Olivet Cemetery in Braidwood. The visitation will be Tuesday, May 28, from 4-8 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts in his name may be directed to CFCA – Christian Foundation for Children and Aging, 1 Elmwood Ave., Kansas City, KS 66103 1-800-875-6564, www.hopeforafamily.org.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Olivet Cemetery-Braidwood

Cemetery Road
Braidwood, IL 60408

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 28. 4:00 PM - 8:00 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

MAY 29. 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM (CT)

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Roman Catholic Church
245 South Kankakee Street
Coal City, IL 60416

Tribute Wall

CB

“ *I miss you brother. I think of you all the time Charlie*

charlie boyd - July 10, 2013 at 09:03 AM

TF

“ *Telio Palazzini Family lit a candle in memory of Raymond John Del Mastro*



Telio Palazzini Family - June 19, 2013 at 08:26 AM



“ *0 file added to the tribute wall*

Sara Foote - June 08, 2013 at 01:05 PM

TT

“ *Vic and Ray always took time to speak to or help the elderly. Never too busy to stop and say hello to a little kid like I was during their teen years. Not much to do growing up in Braidwood back in those days, but seeing those two always brightened the day a little bit. As my dear mother Isabelle told me long ago - Heaven is a place full of the gentle-hearted, kind and meek. If Heaven is such a place, then surely Ray Del is in Heaven.*

Tim Turner

T Turner - June 05, 2013 at 05:31 PM

CS

“ Vic & Rita, So sad to hear about the passing of Ray. My thoughts & prayers go out to you & Ray's family. Made me think about all the good times we had when I lived in Braidwood many! years ago. Fun times. Always smiling. So sorry.

Chuck & Chris (Quigley) Sokolowski

Chris Sokolowski - May 30, 2013 at 11:10 PM

VM

Chris and Chuck, thank you so much for your note. The whole thing just leaves you numb and it's another emptiness you have to have faith to deal with. We had so many plans on what we were going to do after I retire from the Grand Victoria Casino; two old retired guys with more plans than money. I appreciate your note as well as so many others we've gotten; it's such a tribute to Ray. Vic.

Vic Del Mastro - June 01, 2013 at 09:23 PM



“ I am sorry to hear about the pasting of Ray. He was a gentleman and a all around great guy that will be missed by many.
Jim Kupczak

Jim Kupczak - May 28, 2013 at 06:57 PM

DA

“ My prayers are with the family of this true GENTLEMAN. He was in our office (Dr. Lang/Kim) from time to time, and despite the "bad news" we had to give at times, he continued to smile and would simply say, "don't feel bad, it's ok"--he would console ME when I should be doing the consoling!!! May you feel the presence of our loving God during this difficult time in your lives.

Delinda Ascher - May 28, 2013 at 04:57 PM

KZ

“ *Marylou and all of Ray's family, we were so sorry to here about Ray's passing. He was one of the nicest people I have ever met. He was always smiling. Dan cherishes the bright yellow Dekalb jacket that Ray gave him, he wears it proudly. I wish we could be with you to give you and give you a big hug. We love you.*
Kathy Zurawski

Kathy Zurawski - May 28, 2013 at 11:47 AM

MH

“ *Dear Marylou, My prayers and sympathy are with you at this time hearing about Ray's death. I had Fr.Donald Wehnert, csv say Mass for him on saturday at Presence Our Lady of Victory. Take my love and blessings, Martha*

Martha Harrington,sscm - May 27, 2013 at 05:04 PM

SK

“ *Dear Mary Lou and all who love Ray, My deepest sympathy on the death of a truly wonderful man. May all he was in life, all that you love, find a home in your hearts.*
Sincerely,
Sister Carol Karnitsky, sscm



Sr. Carol Karnitsky - May 27, 2013 at 03:30 PM

RW

“ *Rich Willis lit a candle in memory of Raymond John Del Mastro*



Rich Willis - May 27, 2013 at 08:39 AM

TL

“ Vic,
I am so saddened by the loss of Ray. We go back a long way and I always thought so highly of you two. You are in my prayers and thoughts, as are Ray's family.

Todd A. Lockwood

Todd A. Lockwood - May 26, 2013 at 07:51 PM

VB

“ *So sad to here about Ray. He was always so kind and a real gentleman.*

Vicki (Metzka) Bradbury



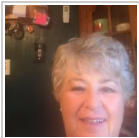
Vicki (Metzka) Bradbury - May 26, 2013 at 07:30 PM

CF

“ *Chris Flint lit a candle in memory of Raymond John Del Mastro*



Chris Flint - May 26, 2013 at 01:39 PM



“ *Jacque Clark lit a candle in memory of Raymond John Del Mastro*



Jacque Clark - May 26, 2013 at 12:51 PM

DD

“ My sympathy to Marylou, Vic and Rita. I think fondly of Ray commentating at Immaculate Conception church for so many years. His clear strong voice proclaimed the Word so well. He is missed!



Dee deGroh

Dee deGroh - May 26, 2013 at 07:56 AM

BS

“ It's been many years since I've seen Ray, probably more than 40. But, I remember him as a kind and wonderful man with a quick wit. Our deepest sympathies and condolences to his family and friends. God Bless! Bill and Susan Saathoff - Wadsworth, OH

Bill and Sue Saathoff - May 26, 2013 at 12:12 AM

DH

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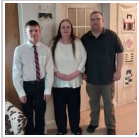
Dan Howell - May 25, 2013 at 09:34 PM



“ *I am very sorry hear of your loss Marylou.*



Ron Dziagwa - May 25, 2013 at 06:20 PM



“ *Our condolences and deepest sympathies to the Del Mastro and Zurawski family, Ray was a great person and will be sorely missed - The Michael A. Leonard, Sr. Family*



Lisa Havekost - May 25, 2013 at 03:36 PM



“ *Marylou, Rita & Vic:
Please accept my heartfelt sympathy for your loss. Ray always had a kind word to say when we saw each other.
Bill Gomora*

Bill Gomora - May 25, 2013 at 03:33 PM



“ *Ray was one of a kind. He always had time to listen. I will miss him a great deal. This was far to soon for someone so loved. Goodbye Ray. I always was and always shall be your friend, Dan Howell*

Dan Howell - May 24, 2013 at 10:42 PM

DH

“ 5 files added to the album *New Album Name*



Dan Howell - May 24, 2013 at 10:36 PM

PH

“ Sorry to hear about your loss. He was a good person. one day we will all meet again. Phyllis



Phyllis Heylek Hall - May 24, 2013 at 09:03 PM

DT

“ *Marylou, Rita & Vic:*

My heart is broken today with the news of Ray's passing. Time and distance has a way of losing touch, but it will never erase some of the best times of my life with Ray, Vic, Calvin, Raymie and Charlie. I have so missed the times we had with football games, euchre games and everything else we did together.

I love you Ray, and will look forward to seeing you again.

Dennis

Dennis Turner - May 24, 2013 at 04:10 PM

DD

So sorry for your loss. I am thinking of early morning breakfasts at the Sands . Never planned but we would all end up there quite a few times. It seemed I always saw the trio.. Ray, Vic, and Calvin, at games at school, dances, a few card games, or just setting in our cars talking. Always a gentleman, it has been more years than I care to number, since we have run into each other. But our faith declares this page may turn, but another is waiting
Dick Dale

Dick Dale - May 25, 2013 at 08:22 PM