



Ralph M. Caliri

September 26, 1933 - December 17, 2018

Ralph M. Caliri passed peacefully on December 17, 2018 at his home in Mays Landing, NJ at the age of 85. Ralph is survived by his wife, Cheryl (nee McGraw) and his daughters, Andrea Caliri of Sharon, MA and Erica Simmons and her husband, Charles Of Cherry Hill, NJ. Stepdaughters, Hilary Van Horn of Mays Landing, NJ and Noelle Van Hendrick and her husband, Eric of Brookline, VT and grandchildren Andrew, Jessica, Michael, Sydni, Jon, Aaron, Evan, Grayson, Avery, and Ozzie. Brother of Louis Caliri (Gerry) of Delaware and Mary Salemmo of Arizona.

Ralph is a lifelong resident of the Philadelphia area, graduating from Temple University with a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting. After graduating Temple, he was employed by Price Waterhouse and became a Certified Public Accountant. Remaining in the field of Finance and Accounting, he joined Drexel Harriman Ripley as VP of Finance and Treasurer, and then moved on to AVC Corporation (then parent company of WPHL TV 17), as VP of Finance.

In 1972, Ralph was named President and General Manager of Channel 17 where he remained until 1975. From there he formed Haddon Holidays, specializing in group travel to Hawaii, Australia and New Zealand which grew to one of the largest providers of vacations to the Pacific. Ralph retired in 1998 when Haddon Holidays was sold into a roll-up, and the company was taken public.

Ralph impacted many with his wisdom, guidance and generosity of spirit. Continuing his legacy, Earth Angels for Dementia was formed to care for caregivers of those impacted with Dementia.

Relatives and friends are invited to a viewing on Friday, December 21, 2018 from 10am to 12pm at Godfrey Funeral Home, 4008 English Creek Ave., Egg Harbor Twp., NJ 08234.

Funeral Service 12pm at the funeral home.

Interment Atlantic County Veterans Cemetery, Mays Landing, NJ with Military Honors.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Earth Angels for Dementia at www.earthangelsfordementia.org.

Arrangements by BOUCHER FUNERAL HOME of Deptford.

For condolences and to view Ralph's Video Tribute visit www.boucherfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Atlantic County Veterans Cemetery

109 Blvd. 50
Mays Landing, NJ 08330

Previous Events

Viewing

DEC **21**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Godfrey Funeral Home
4008 English Creek Ave.
Egg Harbor Twp., NJ 08234

Funeral Service

DEC **21**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Ralph M. Caliri*

November 27, 2022 at 03:45 PM



“ *May the bays and channels be wide and deep in heaven so your nickname doesn't follow you "Run Aground Ralph" RIP, my friend.*

mke mckee - December 21, 2018 at 07:36 AM



“ *Ralph, you will always be in our thoughts & prayers as the Lord has taken you as you join your loved ones in heaven. You leave us with great admiration & memories.*

We will keep Cheryl busy as she starts the Foundation in your name. You have experienced an unconditional love that most people never endure.

I prayed that the Lord would take you & he answered my prayers on my Birthday.

God Bless a Great, Generous & Gentle Man 🧡💕🙏🙏



Eileen McGraw Ricci - December 20, 2018 at 12:01 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ralph M. Caliri.*



December 19, 2018 at 12:52 PM



“ *My dear Uncle Ralph, you have been a rock to our family for a very long time. When I lost my Dad at such a young age, you told me you were there for me and you always were when I reached out to you. A devoted son to our beloved Grandparents and always helped and cared for all of us in amazing ways. You were truly an inspiration to our family and I've always been proud to say you are my Uncle. I'll remember you as a funny, intelligent, loving, wise and witty guy. Your last words of life wisdom to me were, "sometimes, you just have to take what you can get" and you were so right! I love you dearly! Rest in peace until we join you!*



Diane Salemmo - December 19, 2018 at 12:03 PM



“ *AnneMarie, Barbara, Patty & Joan purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Ralph M. Caliri.*



AnneMarie, Barbara, Patty & Joan - December 19, 2018 at 10:35 AM

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“ *Ralph you will be greatly missed..... You were my boss, my mentor, my friend. You were my first and the most meaningful inspiration in my career and I wasn't alone! You touched anyone that was lucky enough to have you in their life!. Rest in Peace, I love you RMC!*

Ed Zetusky - December 19, 2018 at 09:02 AM

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“ *Patricia M. S. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Ralph M. Caliri.*



Patricia M. S. - December 18, 2018 at 09:09 PM

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“ *I love you Uncle Ralph! What a wonderful, generous, loving man! You stepped in after Daddy died, you were always there for me, never judged me and always gave me support and encouragement! You loved Alandra and always made time to have conversations with her, showing interest in her life. I am so blessed to call you my Uncle! I can still hear your voice, "how ya doin' kid?" Fly with the angels ❤️❤️. Reunited with Grandmom and Grandpop. Prayers and blessings to the family. ❤️ Love to Cheryl, Andrea, Erica, Uncle Lou, Hilary and families. God bless you with peace, love and comfort.*

Lisa Salemmo-Scott - December 18, 2018 at 06:22 PM