



RICHARD L. ZINGARO

October 16, 1951 - January 12, 2022

Richard L. Zingaro, 70, a longtime resident of Solvay passed away Wednesday, January 12, 2022. Son of the late Sgt. Major Nicholas and Christina (Burns) Zingaro, he graduated from Solvay High School and Embry - Riddle Aeronautical Institute. Rick was a proud member of the United States Marine Corps and a veteran of the Vietnam War.

He worked as an aircraft and engine mechanic in Massachusetts and Central New York until sidelined by Multiple Sclerosis, which he lived with for most of his life. He was a resident of the VA Hospital in Syracuse NY at the time of his death.

MS robbed Rick of the prime years of his life, but it could not steal his spirit. He was blessed with an unwavering optimism and was planning on living a long life. When asked, he would always respond with a genuine "I feel great". Rick was an avid storyteller and fan of the NY Yankees and SU Athletics and a collector extraordinaire. He loved collecting sport cards, key chains, coins, classic movie DVD's and countless other heartfelt items. His most treasured moments were when he was able to spend time with his children and grandchildren.

He is survived by his children, Danielle (Neil Tardella) Zingaro, Sandra (Bill Hughes) Davis, Nicholas (Kerry) Zingaro, grandchildren, Sailor & Salvatore Fox Tardella, Marin & Astoria Davis and Ruby Hughes, sister, Karen Ann (Chuck) Baracco, brothers, Michael, Nicholas (Jane), Lewis (Kitty) Zingaro and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was a longtime parishioner of St. Cecilia's, a former member of American Legion Post 41, Solvay Geddes Vets and VFW Post 2893 and the Marine Corp League Greater Syracuse.

A special thank you to Rick's compassionate care giver, Michelle and the wonderful staff at the VA.

Calling hours will be held from 10:15 – 11:15 AM on Wednesday, January 26th at St. Marianne Cope Parish-Cecilia Church, 1001 Woods Rd. Solvay followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11:30 AM. Burial will follow at Onondaga County Veterans Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to MS Resources of CNY Inc., PO Box 237, 6743 Kinne St., E. Syracuse, NY 13057. BAGOZZI TWINS FUNERAL HOME has care of arrangements.

Please share online tributes and memories at www.bagozzitwins.com.

Cemetery Details

Onondaga County Veteran's Memorial Cemetery

4069 Howlett Hill Rd.
Syracuse, NY 13215

Previous Events

Calling Hours

JAN **26**. 10:15 AM - 11:15 AM (ET)

ST. MARIANNE COPE PARISH; ST. CECILIA CHURCH
1001 WOODS RD.
SOLVAY, NY 13209

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Tribute Wall



“ RICHARD L. ZINGARO

January 21, 2023 at 02:11 PM



“ My sincerest condolences to the family. Rick was like a big Brother to all of us when we were young. Semper Fi!

Marc Speziali - January 25, 2022 at 06:21 AM



“ To the Zingaro families,
I was saddened to hear of Rick's passing . I was lucky enough to be introduced to Rick many years ago through my Solvay buddies . He always had a smile on his face and something to say to put a smile on your face. I'm a better person for knowing Rick who lived his life the best he could day after day year after year . You will be missed, but your memory will live on for many years . Rest In Peace Rick , God Bless .
You all are In my prayers,
John Angotti

john angotti - January 24, 2022 at 06:25 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of RICHARD L. ZINGARO.



January 24, 2022 at 12:24 PM

KM

“ We were so sorry to hear about Rick. He was a wonderful person and I was happy to have memories of him from my childhood. He was a beloved family friend and we are thinking of his family at this time. We are so sorry for your loss.

Kristyn McGee - January 22, 2022 at 10:27 AM

TM

“ My sincere sympathy to the Zingaro family. Rick & I were friends since childhood. so many fond memories from playing hoops at Rick's house as kids continuing with various sports throughout are school years. Rick showed his love for country and dedication to service by joining the Marines and serving in Vietnam. It was no surprise to his friends that Rick was honored with the title of Best Marine at basic training. His courage and good spirits continued no matter what life challenges he faced. Rick enjoyed hosting his annual super bowl party with his friends. In my eyes Rick was a true hero not only in his military service but throughout his life. I was honored to know Rick and proud to be his friend.

Tom Mazzeo - January 21, 2022 at 01:05 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of RICHARD L. ZINGARO.



January 20, 2022 at 09:50 AM

MM

“ RIP Rick

Michael Mersfelder - January 19, 2022 at 01:53 PM

BJ

“ *Karen and Family,
So many many memories on Charles Ave. So happy Ricky was part
of my life all those years! He will be greatly missed by so many! So
sad to lose such a wonderful man! Love to all!*

Barb Jacobs - January 19, 2022 at 09:09 AM

AC

“ *Dear Mike and family, my deepest sympathy for the passing of Rick.
He was always such an optimistic person with a beautiful smile. Ann
Cesta-Lepkowski*

ann cesta-lepkowski - January 18, 2022 at 04:05 PM

MF

“ *Richard was a great friend to me. We were together almost
everyday in our elementary school days. We lived a few blocks from
each other, and I was either at his house or he was at ours on third
st. We loved going to Boyd school and had much fun in the same
classrooms and at the summer Boyd school supervised play, where
we played board games and kick ball almost every day. I also
remember the fun we had in the “woods” on center street playing
every imaginable adventure that came into our minds, the wiffle ball
games in the street, competing in solvay tiger’s LL games, and ice
skating at mountain top. Those were the days!*

Rest well my friend.

Mike Finn

mike finn - January 18, 2022 at 03:02 PM

SP

“ My deepest condolences to Rick's family and friends. I had many lovely visits to Rick's home during my years as his VA homecare nurse. He was always so positive with a beautiful smile and always with a nice conversation. Dealing with his disease for so many years and the way he handled it with such grace and never said poor me, sure made me leave his home and say don't sweat the small stuff. He was an inspiration to me and I am sure by reading the other comment the VA friends will surely miss him. May Richard Rest In Peace, Godspeed.

Sandra M Panek-Scudder - January 18, 2022 at 12:08 PM

KN

“ My heartfelt sympathies go out to the Zingaro family & to our children, Danielle, Nicholas, & Sandra. Rick was certainly spunky, charming, & optimistic. He will be greatly missed by his kids; as, he was a good Dad. I'm so glad he is no longer restricted by his physical disabilities. ~ Kathleen

Kathleen Nolan - January 17, 2022 at 04:42 PM

VI

Rick was an enormous influence on our Family. He babysat our now grown children Joe, Paul, and Mikel Ann, after his time in the Marines. We all adored Rick. His laughter, smile, and unending positive outlook on life, was his gift to all who knew him. When we would visit Syracuse, we would visit Rick at the VA, and he would have the entire room that was filled with wheelchair bound individuals in laughter, smiling and cheerful. What an incredibly strong Marine. He had a Heart of Gold, and will be missed by all who knew him. His ride will take him straight to Heaven. No stops for Rick. Love Jeanette & Vito Iudice

Vito Iudice - January 18, 2022 at 11:41 AM