



## Ralph E. Melino Jr.

October 23, 2015 - December 7, 2015

Ralph E. Melino, Jr. of Greenport, died peacefully on Monday December 7, 2015 at Albany Medical Center in Albany surrounded by his loving family Born in Hudson, NY on October 23, 1961, he was the son of Denise N. (Crowley) Melino of Philmont and the late Ralph E. Melino. Ralph was proud of his career as Corrections Officer with the NYS Dept. of Corrections and retired from the Greene Correctional facility in Coxsackie.

He was a graduate of the Taconic Hills High School, and earned his Associates Degrees from both Hudson Valley Community College Troy, NY in Electrical Engineering and Columbia-Greene Community College in Criminal Justice. Following an accident, he was associated with Canine Companion for Independence Organization and the proud partner of both "Viking" and "Tonio", his faithful companions.

Ralph was a member of the Hudson Elks Lodge #787 and the Sons of the American Legion in E. Greenbush.

He will be greatly missed by his loving wife Mary E. (Unson) Melino at home, his sister and brother-in-law Judy and (Kevin Skype) of Chatham, his father and mother-in-law John and Betty Unson of Stottville, Brother-in-laws: Paul, John, and Robert and Sister-In-Law Pam, nieces and nephews: Jonathan Shepard, Ian Unson, Abigail Unson, Kody Skype and Jenna Skype.

Calling hours will be on Thursday December 10, from (4-7) PM at the Sacco-McDonald Valenti Funeral Home 700 Town Hall Drive Hudson, NY 12534. A Mass of Christian Burial will be Celebrated Friday 10:00am at St. Joseph's

Church (Holy Family) in Stottville with Fr. George Flemming officiating. Burial will follow in Sacred Heart Church Cemetery Martindale Road in Philmont. Contributions in memory of Ralph have been requested to: Canine Companions 286 Middle Island Rd. Medford, NY 11763, and or : Greenport Rescue Squad PO Box 275 Hudson, NY 12534

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

DEC 10. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Sacco Funeral Home  
700 Town Hall Dr  
Hudson, NY 12534  
(518) 828-5000  
smvfh700@gmail.com  
<https://www.saccofuneralhome.com/>

## Mass of Christian Burial

DEC 11. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

The Church of St. Joseph/ Holy Family  
2824 Atlantic Avenue  
Stottville, NY 12172

## Committal Prayers

DEC 11. 11:45 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Sacred Heart Church Cemetery  
Martindale Road  
Philmont, NY 12565

# Tribute Wall

VN

“ So sorry to hear of his passing. We will always have fond childhood memories growing up together in New York. Like family to us all. He will be missed. Larry and Victoria (Nielsen) Faulkner.

Victoria Nielsen-Faulkner - December 26, 2015 at 03:50 PM



“ Just hearing in Florida now! So sorry to loose our dear second cousin. Our hearts and prayers go to his wife and mother and the rest of his loving family at this Christmastime. Love and hugs, George and Barbara Hoy Chamberlain & family

Barbara Chamberlain - December 20, 2015 at 10:34 PM

CG

“ Judy,  
I am so very sorry to hear of your brother, Ralph's passing. May fond memories ease your pain. My condolences to you, your mother and your entire family.  
Fondly,  
Carol Garavelli

Carol Garavelli - December 17, 2015 at 12:30 PM

MM

“ Mary, we are so sorry for your loss. Ralph will live on in your heart and through all the stories everyone will tell.  
You and his family have a grand guardian angle watching over you.

Mary and Thomas Murphy

mary murphy - December 10, 2015 at 01:53 PM

AN

“ \$250 donation made to Canine Companions, plus corporate match, for a total of \$500.

Anonymous - December 09, 2015 at 07:39 PM

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Anonymous - December 09, 2015 at 07:38 PM

MD

“ Was saddened to hear the news of Ralph's passing. My thoughts, prayers and deepest sympathies go out to his wife, family and friends. Ralph was a great guy.

Maria Harms Dowling - December 09, 2015 at 04:51 PM

MD

“ Maria Harms Dowling lit a candle in memory of Ralph E. Melino Jr.



Maria Harms Dowling - December 09, 2015 at 04:48 PM

JD

“ *I went to school with Ralph, and always thought a lot of him. Rest in Peace, my thoughts and prayers are with his family.*

*Judy £ Paulk, maiden name was Judy Daley*

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**Judy Paulk ( Daley)** - December 09, 2015 at 10:45 AM

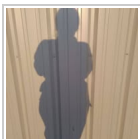


“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Ralph E. Melino Jr..*



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December 09, 2015 at 10:33 AM

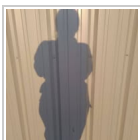


“ *Cindy Bashford lit a candle in memory of Ralph E. Melino Jr.*



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**Cindy Bashford** - December 09, 2015 at 10:31 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss, my thoughts and prayers are with you.*

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**Cindy Bashford** - December 09, 2015 at 10:30 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear of Ralph's passing. We were in high school together and shared a math class or two. He was so much fun! My thoughts and prayers are with him and his family. May he rest in peace

*Deborah Brusie Wright*

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**Deb Wright** - December 09, 2015 at 07:19 AM

DO

“ We are so sorry to hear of your loss and our hearts and prayers go out to you in this time. Ralph always had a smile and that is what I'll remember.



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**Dan & Wanda Oakes** - December 09, 2015 at 06:47 AM

DG

“ Debbie Gumprecht lit a candle in memory of Ralph E. Melino Jr.



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**Debbie Gumprecht** - December 09, 2015 at 05:35 AM

DG

*My thoughts and prayers to the family..many fond memories when you were just a baby and I used to love to take you for walks in your carriage up and down Main St. in Philmont..RIP Ralph.you will be missed by many!!!*

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**Debbie Gumprecht** - December 09, 2015 at 05:40 AM

TK

“ i am so sorry for your loss . i went to school with ralph . we stayed friends through the years . rip in my friend . will keep the family in my prays to get through . all of it,



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**tina krein** - December 09, 2015 at 04:32 AM

AP

“ Anne Poitras lit a candle in memory of Ralph E. Melino Jr.



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**Anne Poitras** - December 09, 2015 at 02:46 AM

DP

“ I wish I had words to make this easier for all of you. The truth is no one has those words or can do anything to make this hurt go away. You all are in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Donna Platt** - December 08, 2015 at 10:16 PM

FK

“ Frances Koch lit a candle in memory of Ralph E. Melino Jr.



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**Frances Koch** - December 08, 2015 at 08:58 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Ralph E. Melino Jr..*



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December 08, 2015 at 08:36 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. I did not know Ralph very well only through Reggie and Deb . But whenever I saw him he always had a smile . Hope you will find comfort in your memories and knowing he is watching over everyone now.  
My deepest sympathy,  
Linda Clement*



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**Linda Clement** - December 08, 2015 at 08:23 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ralph E. Melino Jr..*



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December 08, 2015 at 07:59 PM

YQ

“ So sorry to hear about Ralphie's passing. I went to high school with him and he was always such a nice guy and always had a smile on his face. May he rest in peace. Thoughts and prayers to the family.  
Respectfully,  
Yvonne Quinion

Yvonne Quinion - December 08, 2015 at 07:38 PM

BS

“ I was a Taconic Hills classmate of Ralph's with fond memories.  
God Bless his family.



Brenda Shadic - December 08, 2015 at 07:02 PM

JM

“ Thoughts and prayers to Ralph's family. Just an amazing person!  
RIP Ralph.

Janet Macfarlane - December 08, 2015 at 06:38 PM

JM

“ Janet Macfarlane lit a candle in memory of  
Ralph E. Melino Jr.



Janet Macfarlane - December 08, 2015 at 06:35 PM



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December 08, 2015 at 04:22 PM