



Ralph H. Rome

April 21, 1960 - December 18, 2019

Sussex - Ralph H. Rome, age 59, unexpectedly passed away on Wednesday, December 18, 2019 at his residence. Born in Sussex to the late Ralph D. and Rena M. (Pennell) Rome, Ralph had graduated from High Point Regional High School and lived in Sussex all of his life. He had been employed in the Housekeeping Department at St. Clare's Hospital in Sussex for 34 years.

Ralph enjoyed his daily routine of walking to Main Street and speaking with all the merchants. He especially enjoyed listening to 50's music and watching his favorite football team, the Philadelphia Eagles.

Ralph was predeceased by his father, Ralph D. Rome in 1985; his mother, Rena M. (Pennell) Rome in 2016; and his brother, Terry Lee Rome in 1994. He is survived by his brother, Lawrence "Larry" Rome; his family caretaker, Mary Ellen Grau; aunts; uncles and many cousins.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Dr. P.C. Patel for all his efforts in caring for Ralph. His presence will be truly missed by many residents in the area that had the pleasure to know him.

Friends may pay their respects to the family on Monday, December 23, 2019 from 11 a.m. to 12 noon at the Pinkel Funeral Home, 31 Bank Street (Route 23), Sussex, NJ. Funeral services will immediately follow at 12 noon at the funeral home. Interment at Fairview Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Jude's Childrens Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. Online condolences may be offered to the family at www.pinkelfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery

Route 284
Wantage, NJ 07461

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **23**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Pinkel Funeral Home, Inc.
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Service

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Tribute Wall

LL

“ Ralph was a dear, sweet man who rode the bus and always remember everyone by name. He would hand out cards on Valentines's day and for Christmas. I will miss him waving to the bus as it passed him(if he was not riding) with his big smile.

Loretta

Loretta Lagala - December 28, 2019 at 08:43 PM

AC

“ Dave and I have very fond memories of Ralph. He always had a smile on his face at work and was always willing to help. He was more than a coworker. He, Larry and Rena were part of the Walkkill Valley (Saint Clares Sussex) family. I felt priveleged to be a part of his work life, and his nurse at times. We looked out for Ralph, and he looked out for all of us. we have fun memories of him in his Santa suit at early Christmas parties. In a way he was a Santa. Always happy, fun loving. And, he knew when "HE" was on and off of work (my husband) and what everyone was doing. Ralph, you were loved more than you know and will be missed.

Amy Compton - December 28, 2019 at 01:19 PM

FB

“ It's so sad to hear about his passing very nice guy always seen Raysfor coffeeHe will be missed

frances beatty - December 24, 2019 at 06:43 AM

KB

“ Sorry for your loss my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. I will miss seeing Ralph walk down main street in sussex everyday and say hi to me. He was always happy and if you needed some cheering up he was always there happy to talk to. Well miss you Ralph. From Kim Babcock(Crowell)

Kimberly Babcock - December 22, 2019 at 07:40 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ralph H. Rome.



December 21, 2019 at 08:08 AM

JC

“ Jean And Curt Crowell lit a candle in memory of Ralph H. Rome



Jean and Curt Crowell - December 20, 2019 at 09:59 PM

CH

So sorry for your loss, Ralph will be missed by all! Our thoughts and prayers will be with you!

clark howell - December 23, 2019 at 08:54 AM

JC

“ I worked with Ralphie at the Sussex Hospital, He always said good morning to me and always asked how I was doing, He always was a friendly and terrific person, I will never forget him. RIP Ralph, fly high with the angels Ralph fly high with the angels. I also remember when I was in the hospital he always came by my room and said Hello and said he hopes I feel better, He always asked me when I worked there if I had the next day off, to enjoy my day off cause I worked hard and I deserved it off. I will never forget his smile cause he always smiled . He has touched a lot of lives and he will be missed by all the Boro merchants and friends.

Jean and Curt Crowell

Jean and Curt Crowell - December 20, 2019 at 09:54 PM



“ I remember him from when my mother was a nurse's aid in the hospital. He was always so nice and kind to me and my mother when she'd bring us there. Very sad to hear this. He was an awesome person.

Krissy Dicorcia - December 20, 2019 at 05:13 PM

CZ

“ I met Ralph at Sussex Hospital in 1981. He was always helpful and so friendly. He would always ask me about my husband Ralph. He reminded me that they had the same name. Ralph was always kind and compassionate to all. We will all miss you Ralph Rome. Thank you for all the kindness you have shown to so many.

Cindy Zajac - December 20, 2019 at 02:08 PM

DM

Ralph , you will be missed. I worked at the hospital for 36 years. I can't remember a time without him! Always pleasant, unbelievable how he(and his brother Larry) remember details about everyone they meet. Larry, you have our sincerest condolences.

Dan and Ruth Merkel - December 20, 2019 at 02:30 PM

JM

Ralph was most frindly guy at wallkill Valley Hospital - St Clares thereafter ! He welcomed me with a big smile on my first day at work . He would always asked me , are you off tomorrow ? If i said , yes Ralph , he will say , Good ! You deserve it !!! Such a nice man ! May he rest in peace . 🙏

Joy McGoonan - December 20, 2019 at 02:38 PM

GK

Ralph was a kind soul with a beautiful heart . Always a smile on his face and a kind word for whoever he met . Larry , my sinceriest condolences to you and your family on the passing of this one of a kind guy . RIP Ralph . You will be missed .

George Kevett - December 20, 2019 at 03:36 PM

DA

I had the privilege of growing up with Ralph through HPRHS. Later I worked with him at Wallkill Valley Hospital for a few years. He would be leaving and I would be coming on. He always had a smile, a hello, a kind word, and generally cared about everyone. He wore his heart on his sleeve, and was loved by all who knew him. Ralph was truly so special, and a blessing to all! He will be deeply missed in Sussex Borough and has left an indelible mark on us all. Ralph will never ever be forgotten! We are so sorry Larry, and to the Rome family! Ronald, Rayna, & Debbie Howell Ayers

Debbie Howell Ayers - December 20, 2019 at 07:09 PM



“ *Ralph was the unofficial greeter at Sussex Hospital for many years. He knew everyone's schedule and birthday. If you went into the hospital feeling a little down he soon put a smile on your face. He had kind words for everyone and always complimented you on your outfit or socks. The world needs more people like Ralph. Good job well done Ralph. Now enjoy your eternal rest with your family and friends. I have no doubt you will be at the pearly gates to greet all of us when our time comes. Rose and Gary Mowery*

Rose Mowery - December 20, 2019 at 12:16 PM

AC

May it be so Rose. Nicely put!

Amy Compton - December 28, 2019 at 01:22 PM

SF

“ *I met Ralph in 1979 at the hospital always a smile on his face. Always asking how I was and my family. Helpful and funny He always liked my outfit and wanted to see my socks. Will miss him sheryl fieldhouse*

sheryl fieldhouse - December 20, 2019 at 11:43 AM

FY

“ *Working with Ralphie for over 20yrs was a privilege. He reminded me of everyones birthday i would have surley forgotten, kept me up to date on football stats and always seemed so happy to see me. If only everyone who approached us greeted us the same way ralphie did. The world would be a better place. Rest easy buddy. Enjoy the comfort of your mothers arms once again. God bless your family.*

Fred and michele yarosz - December 20, 2019 at 11:39 AM

AC

I forgot about the football stats, Michelle! He sure loved his sports!

Amy Compton - December 28, 2019 at 01:23 PM

AC

“ *We were so saddened to hear of Ralph's passing. He always smiling and there to say hello. Our neighborhood won't be the same without him. Rest in peace Ralph. Sympathies to Larry and his family. Ann and Kevin Cole*

Ann Cole - December 20, 2019 at 10:26 AM



“ *The world would be so much Better, if we could be just a little like Ralph! He was a kind word, genuine smile and loving care to all! He thought of everyone and considered us all to be family! It was a honor to be his friend! He will be missed!*
Shirley, Craig & John Morgan

Shirley Morgan - December 20, 2019 at 10:03 AM