



Mr. Ralph Kalajian

February 28, 1938 - January 1, 2022

Ralph Harris Kalajian, age 83, of Woodstock, Georgia, formerly of Detroit, Michigan, passed away peacefully on the morning of January 1, 2022 with his loving family by his side.

Ralph was born in February 1938 to Harry J. and Dorothy Kalajian. He is the older brother to Katherine Deborah Kalajian who preceded him in death in 1968.

Ralph H. Kalajian is survived by wife Vartouhi (Rose), their 3 children, Andrew (Sherrie) Kalajian, John (Kimberly) Kalajian, and Katherine (Michael) Kudla. Ralph and Rose have been blessed with nine Grandchildren, Mallory Kalajian, Drew Kalajian, Alexandra Ishak, Zach Ishak, Danielle (Andrew) Woodring, Katie (Anthony) Cammarata, Amber Kalajian, Erin Kudla, Ian Kudla, and two Great-Grandchildren Luke and Eliza Woodring, all of whom he loved dearly.

Ralph met Rose at church school when they were 14 years old and have been best friends ever since; a beautiful example to all of what a marriage should be. Ralph was a devoted husband and engaged father, whose work history included being a draftsman, later starting his own title insurance agency, and after retirement teaching driver's education. His children, grandchildren, employees, and students all benefitted from the many life-lessons Ralph was eager to share.

Outside of work and family, Ralph was very generous with his time. He was a Past-Master of his Masonic Lodge, a 32nd degree member of the Scottish Rite, and helped many children get life changing surgical procedures as a hard working member of the Shriner's crippled children's committee. Ralph loved playing multiple sports especially racketball and fishing and enjoyed numerous hobbies, including making dollhouses for all of his granddaughters. However, what he loved most of all was his wife, Rose.

The family will receive friends on Sunday, January 9, 2022 from 3:30pm until 7:00pm.

A funeral service will be held at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church in Alpharetta, GA on Monday, January 10, 2022 at 10:00am.

Interment will follow at Sawnee View Memorial Gardens in Cumming, GA.

In Lieu of Flowers, the Family requests donations to:

Shriners Hospital for Children
<https://lovetotherescue.org>

The Armenian Church of Atlanta
9820 Coleman Road
Roswell, GA 30075

Cemetery Details

Sawnee View Memorial Gardens

1390 Dahlenega Hwy
Cumming, GA 30040

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **9**. 3:30 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Northside Chapel Funeral Directors & Crematory
12050 Crabapple Road
Roswell, GA

Funeral Service

JAN **10**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church
535 Rucker Road
Alpharetta, GA

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Ralph Kalajian*

October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ *We add our prayers and send our condolences to the entire Kalajian family, especially to Rose. Whenever we saw Ralph & Rose at St. John Armenian Church in MI, they always greeted us with kindness and bubbling smiles. When they moved to be closer to family, we missed them but were happy that they made the move. Take care and be proud and comforted in knowing that Ralph made a difference in the lives of others he met along the way. Hugs, Sandi & Alice Nigoghosian*



Sandra Nigoghosian - January 18, 2022 at 01:00 PM



“ *Ralph and Rose and my wife Arlene and I go back a long time. We were in Sunday school and ACYOA at St Johns Armenian Church in Detroit Michigan. Had many a great parties at each others homes and just a great growing up together. Rose and I went to middle school and I think grade also grade school. I was very sad to read this e-mail. I know you all will miss him but I'm sure he left you kids with great strength and love to carry on. And your right when you say they loved each other greatly. My wife and I will be married 62 years in August, but I think Rose and Ralph have that beat. God bless him and all of your family. Richard and Arlene Baylerian*

Richard and Arlene Baylerian - January 10, 2022 at 09:25 AM

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“ Ralph was the best boss ever and a true friend. I got to know his family, including grandma and “Enot” their cockatoo. Ralph supported me through my journey to become a RN. Rose and Ralph came to my pinning and video taped it so my mom , who was too sick and hospitalized to come, could see it. He was a kind and honest man. Quick witted for sure. I can still repeat his funny Ralphisms lol. I thought of him more often than he knew. He will be missed.

Tina Ferriter - January 08, 2022 at 10:01 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Mr. Ralph Kalajian.



January 07, 2022 at 07:28 PM

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“ Love, Cousin Nancy purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Mr. Ralph Kalajian.



Love, Cousin Nancy - January 07, 2022 at 05:31 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Ralph Kalajian.



January 07, 2022 at 09:21 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Ralph Kalajian.*



January 05, 2022 at 08:18 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Ralph Kalajian.*



January 05, 2022 at 10:30 AM



“ *The first time we met Ralph was at Andy and Sherrie s wedding. It was as if we'd known him for a long time. We became instant friends. We enjoyed his stories and hearing about his life. He will be greatly missed by family and friends*

Bill and Barbara McKenzie - January 04, 2022 at 09:08 PM



“ *Ralph was a true blessing to all who met or knew him 🙏*

Richard&Barbara Kudla - January 04, 2022 at 07:54 PM



“ *Ralph will truly be missed by family & friends. One of the kindest humble and family man. Deepest sympathy to the family.*
Suzanne Kluck

Suzanne Kluck - January 03, 2022 at 07:24 PM