



## Joseph F. Rao

July 13, 1947 - May 14, 2021

Joseph F. Rao, passed away on May 14, 2021.

He was born on July 13, 1947, in The Bronx, N.Y. and is the son of the late Vincent and Connie (Milone) Rao.

During Joseph's lifetime, he was employed as a union carpenter for Local 370 and also as a teacher at Greene Correctional Facility, at each place for over twenty years.

He was a former member of The Knights of Columbus in Coxsackie, N.Y. and also was a member of the Elks in Colonie, N.Y. Joseph loved boxing and baseball.

Survivors include his loving family including his wife Christina Rao, his daughters Denise Rao and Connie'Marie Rao-Triglia and her husband Joseph, his grandchildren Joseph Rao and Mykle Moore, sister- in- law Antoinette O'Reilly and her son Kevin O'Reilly, and Antoinette's long time companion Robert Peck, his brother John Rao and his wife Gloria and their son Vincent Rao.

Joseph was a gentle, kind, friendly and loving man who loved and adored his family very much. He was always making sure that everyone was okay and he always put his family first.

Services are private, and are under the direction of Richards Funeral Home, 28 North Vernon Street, Athens, New York, 12015.

Joseph will be greatly missed by all.

Condolences may be made at [www.richardsfuneralhomeinc.net](http://www.richardsfuneralhomeinc.net).



# Tribute Wall

CF

“ Joe was a great man. Had the pleasure to met him many years ago when he worked at Corecraft. RIP Joe.

Claude Ferrara - May 29, 2021 at 06:25 PM

HB

“ Just found out, what a great man he was. So sorry. -- HERBY

HERBY BLASEWITZ - May 25, 2021 at 11:23 PM

LZ

“ Dear Chris, My Prayers and Hugs to You and Your Family. May Joe RIP. Loretta Z from DBI.



Loretta Zeliph - May 24, 2021 at 08:09 PM

LS

“ Joe was a good kid in school we had a lot of fun, God bless you Joe I will always remember you, and hope someday to see you in heaven, Lord please watch over Joeys family, keep them safe in your name amen. Lee Maxwell

Lee Maxwell Sr - May 24, 2021 at 07:56 AM

SP

“ *Sally Parker lit a candle in memory of Joseph F. Rao*



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**Sally Parker** - May 20, 2021 at 06:23 PM

JS

“ *I want to send my condolences to the entire Rao family. I knew Joe for many years, but my fondest memory of him was when we went to watch Joe Frazier train for his first fight with Muhammad Ali in 1971 at Grossinger's Resort. Joe was an avid boxing fan as well as I was and we immediately clicked. Joe was a kind and wonderful husband and father. I never saw him when he wasn't smiling. You will be missed it was a pleasure knowing such a fine man. May God bless you.*

*Joe Scott*

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**Joe Scott** - May 20, 2021 at 06:03 PM

DR

“ *I remember Joe from when he used to pick Chris up at work at Crawford and Associates. We had some nice conversations. He was a good man. Chris my sincere condolences to you and your family.*

*Dan Russell*

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**Dan Russell** - May 19, 2021 at 08:46 PM

DO

“ My friend you are already missed by many more than we know. We had good times at HCF and corcraft. Miss our talks and how we solved world problems. Joe you have a heart as big as you. Have a cannoli for me, take care my friend.



Daniel g Oakes - May 17, 2021 at 04:16 PM

YC

“ Yvonne and David Crawford purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Joseph F. Rao.



Yvonne and David Crawford - May 16, 2021 at 05:37 PM

DR

“ Yesterday was the hardest day of my life 💔💔💔😭. We lost the most kindest and loving man on this earth , my Daddy. 💔💔💔☐😭. I'm going to miss you so much and I love you so very much Daddy. May you Rest In Peace 🙏✝️✝️

Thank you for coming to me last night I felt my phone vibrate in my sleep thinking it was a text so late at night 3 in the morning and then again at 5 . But there was no text and I truly felt and know it was you I love you Daddy ❤️

Your oldest  
Denise 🙌👉

Denise Rao - May 15, 2021 at 08:52 PM

BB

“ *Barbara Busch lit a candle in memory of Joseph F. Rao*

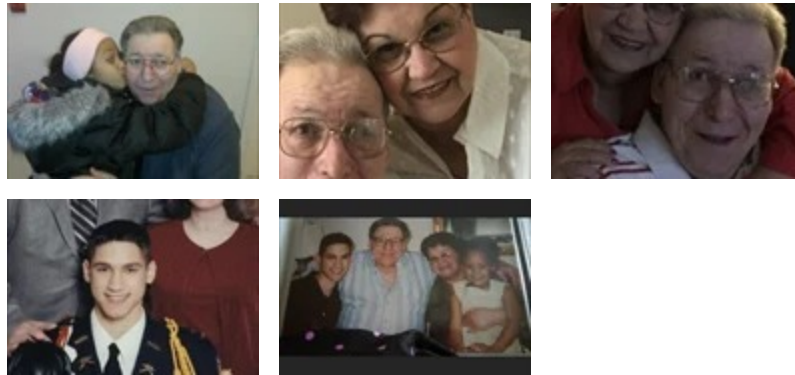


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**Barbara Busch** - May 15, 2021 at 06:26 PM

CR

“ *16 files added to the tribute wall*



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**Connie Marie Rao** - May 15, 2021 at 01:32 PM

EL

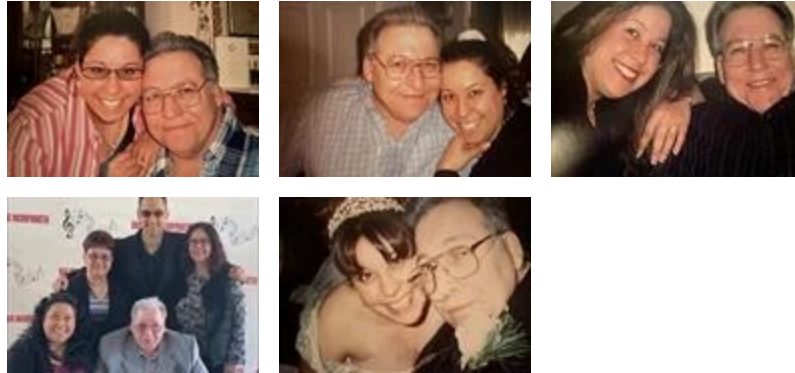
“ *Chris and family, my deepest sympathies to you and your family. I remember meeting Joe a few times when we worked together at DynaBil. May he Rest In Peace with our lord. Erika*

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**Erika Lavissiere** - May 15, 2021 at 12:18 PM

CR

“ 13 files added to the tribute wall



Connie Marie Rao - May 15, 2021 at 01:27 AM

CR

“ My father, a truly wonderful gentleman, gave his all to his family. He loved my Mother so very very much and made sure everyone knew it, especially my Mom. Their love was one that you can only dream of- my Father was crazy about my Mother and she felt the same- they were an unstoppable team. My father worked so hard to give her and my sister and I, everything while we were growing up. A hard working man that helped anyone who needed it. A fair man. A man who was always a respectful one. A man that always did the right thing. My father could make you laugh - and if you hurt someone he loved, the advice given to you was to move far away, and change your name, etc. A dedicated friend, and family member, my father was there for you whenever you needed him. A friend to many people- My father taught me many things, gave me such wonderful advice, and was very supportive of all I did in life. He welcomed each one of my friends into our home without hesitation - made sure we were all taken care of. If you didn't know my Dad, you missed out on the OG of fellas. As my Grandmother would always say “God broke the mold after he made your father”. So true. I will miss you Daddy- Love your little girl forever

Connie Marie Rao - May 15, 2021 at 01:11 AM

BM

*Chris and family. Lou and I were saddened to hear of Joe's passing. May God bring to you and your family comfort, courage to face the days ahead and wonderful memories to hold in your heart. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. God bless you.*

**Beverly and Lou Martino** - May 18, 2021 at 06:01 PM



“ *A Fond Farewell Casket Spray was purchased for the family of Joseph F. Rao.*



May 14, 2021 at 07:12 PM



“ *Heaven's Comfort was purchased for the family of Joseph F. Rao.*



May 14, 2021 at 07:05 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



**Richards Funeral Home of the Mid Hudson Valley Inc.** - May 14, 2021 at 03:53 PM