



## Ralph K. Salansky

August 29, 1935 - April 12, 2019

Ralph K. Salansky, April 12, 2019 age 83. Beloved husband of the late Joyce Salansky. Loving father of Michele (Philip) Lieblang, Valerie (Darrell) Samuel Dlouhy, Michael Salansky and Suzanne (Gregory) Johnson. Brother of Ron Salansky and Richard Salansky. Also survived by eight grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. Ralph loved God, his late wife Joyce, his family and his many friends at Naples Baptist Church in Florida where he was very active. He will be missed greatly by his many friends in his church family there. He was very athletic in his high school years participating in many sports, excelling in football and also playing basketball. As a member of the Eastern High School football team in 1952, he was selected to the Detroit All City Team as a running back. He was also voted into the school's Sports Hall of Fame. Ralph received a scholarship to Shurtleff College in Illinois for his skills and talent in football. He spent his 47 year working career as a toolmaker, designer and engineer working for various companies in the Detroit area and retired at the end of his career from the Budd Co. He then moved to Naples with his wife Joyce where they spent 18 very happy years in retirement together. He was a very talented artist in many areas including painting, wood carving, furniture and clock building. he is leaving a legacy of his family, many friends and artwork behind and he will be truly missed by all of the many lives that he touched. Visitation will be Friday, April 26th from 2:00 p.m. ~ 9:00 p.m. at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Road (3 blocks east of Van Dyke Avenue) Utica. Saturday, April 27th his Funeral Service will be at 11:00

a.m. at the funeral home. Inurnment at Forest Lawn Cemetery, Detroit,  
Michigan. Please share a memory at [www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com](http://www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **26**. 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Wm Sullivan and Son Funeral Home  
8459 Hall Road  
Utica, MI 48317  
(586) 731-2411  
utica@sullivanfh.com  
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

## Funeral Service

APR **27**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

RB

“ I met Ralph in 1990 in Detroit Michigan. I was a 26 year old engineer working for GE Plastics and we hired Ralph as a contractor / consultant to help us with a project at GM. I only worked with him for ~ 18 months but he made a lasting impression on me. Sadly I just learned of his death today after my Christmas card was returned and I did an online search.

*He visited me in Philadelphia in ~ 1994 and told me about meeting Joyce. He was one of the most sincere and kind hearted people I ever met. I regret that I never got to meet up with him in Florida.*

*He took a hard time in his life and turned it into a wonderful second act.*

*Michael if you ever read this, please email me at [randallbahr@comcast.net](mailto:randallbahr@comcast.net) or text at 215-416-6744.*

*Rest In Peace for a life well lived.*

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**Randall Bahr** - December 30, 2019 at 11:57 AM

PL

“ Pam and Linda purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Ralph K. Salansky.



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**Pam and Linda** - April 26, 2019 at 08:47 AM

JU

“ We meet Ralph about a year ago when he rented our condo after moving up here from Florida. In such a short time he really touched our hearts! Such a kind man with a gentle spirit. We had some nice visits together throughout the year and numerous conversations with him that were warm and welcoming like we had know him a long time. We were blessed to know him and feel he impacted our lives in several ways. Some of our best conversations with Ralph involved our mutual spiritual life and the love we had for God. We will miss him but rejoice in knowing he is in Heaven!!

*Jacqueline and Greg Uhes*

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**Jacqueline and Greg Uhes** - April 26, 2019 at 12:04 AM

MS

“ 9 files added to the album *Memories of Ralph*



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**Mick Salansky** - April 24, 2019 at 03:28 PM

JJ

“ *Judy Johnson purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Ralph K. Salansky.*



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**Judy Johnson** - April 19, 2019 at 02:53 PM

ML

“ 3 files added to the album *Memories of Ralph*



Michele Lieblang - April 18, 2019 at 11:57 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket* was purchased for the family of *Ralph K. Salansky*.



April 16, 2019 at 03:06 PM

JD

“ *John and Maryanne Dura* purchased the *Emerald Garden Basket* for the family of *Ralph K. Salansky*.



**John and Maryanne Dura** - April 16, 2019 at 01:14 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of *Ralph K. Salansky*.



April 16, 2019 at 01:11 PM

HW

“ We are truly sorry to hear of the loss of your father. Please accept our condolences to help comfort you and your family.

*Greg & Heather Warwin*

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**Heather Warwin** - April 16, 2019 at 10:18 AM

PS

“ The Salansky family is quite large, so regrettably I did not get to know all my cousins as well as I would have liked. The few times I was able to get together with the Michigan Salanskys were memorable in how easily we assimilated, the family bonds were strong. It's comforting to know that Ralph new Jesus as his Lord and he is reunited with so many Salanskys in heaven. Deepest sympathy to all Ralph's family from my family in Nebraska. Prayers for God's comfort and peace. Paul Salansky, Jr.

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**Paul Salansky** - April 15, 2019 at 10:15 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Ralph K. Salansky.



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April 15, 2019 at 12:46 PM

ML

“ 6 files added to the album *Memories of Ralph*



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michele lieblang - April 14, 2019 at 10:36 PM

MB

“ DEAR RALPH,  
WHERE DO I BEGIN? MY HEART IS  
SAD.WE WERE GETTING TOGETHER IN  
JUNE.  
I WAS THERE WHEN YOU MET JOYCE( MY  
BEST FRIEND)

PAM WANTED YOU TO MEET HER MOTHER. YOU WERE TO  
TAKE HER OUT SAT. BUT, YOU CALLED & WANTED TO COME  
OVER FRI. WITH A BOTTLE OF WINE.

SHE CALLED ME & SAID , "SHOULD I LET HIM?" I SAID "WHY  
NOT?" SHE CALLED THE NEXT DAY. SHE WAS GOING TO SEE  
HIM AGAIN.

THAT WAS THE START OF A GREAT MARRIAGE ,MADE IN  
HEAVEN. NOW, YOU ARE THERE TO CONTINUE IT. HUG MY  
FRIEND FOR ME. THANKS FOR SO MANY WONDERFUL  
MEMORIES. WE SEEN YOU & JOYCE IN FL. LAST YEAR  
TOGETHER . MAY YOU BOTH R.I.P. I WILL NEVER FORGET  
OUR MEMORIES & YOUR WONDERFL SMILE AND GOOD  
HEART.

LOVE YA GUY.SEE YA.

JERRY & MARIE BURRELL



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MARIE BURRELL - April 13, 2019 at 12:40 PM