



Raymond F. Joyce Jr

January 8, 1923 - August 12, 2014

Albany- Ray, a life-long resident of Albany, the oldest of 12 children born to Raymond F. Joyce Sr. and Edna M. Crist, graduate of CBA and Siena College US Army Infantry School, Armor School and the Army Command and General Staff College died Tuesday. He served as Treasurer of the City of Albany for over 13 years and Chairman of the City Planning Board for almost 30 years. Prior, he was staff officer of the NYS Division of Military and Naval Affairs retiring as Colonel in the NYS Guard and worked 10 years as a military instructor/history teacher at CBA. A veteran with 5 years active duty during WWII in Europe, he served as Rifle Company Commander with the 83rd Division. When hostilities ceased, he was assigned as Military Governor of 9 German towns and 5 Displaced Persons Camps. Decorations include 2 Silver Stars and a Bronze Star medal and the Combat Infantry Badge.

He was very active in Veteran's affairs and was Past Commander of the Albany County American Legion. He was also a member of: Knights of Columbus, Albany Elks Lodge, Ancient Order of the Hibernians, the Christopher Columbus Quincentennial Commission, the Joint Veteran's Committee, Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Joseph E. Zaloga Post 1520, and Catholic War Vets. He served as Chairman of the US Bicentennial celebration.

He served as the Treasurer of the NYS Military Heritage Museum& Research Center, City of Albany Tricentennial Commission and the Albany-Tula (Russia)

Alliance, making 3 trips to Russia. He was on the Executive Committee of the Albany All-America City Commission, founding Treasurer of Center Art Gallery, Board Member of the Fr. Peter Young Center, Past President of many organizations including: the Albany Kiwanis Club, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Blessed Sacrament and St Vincent de Paul Church Parish Councils, Camp Thatcher Opportunities, Retired Men's Fraternity and St. Catherine's Center for Children. He was a member of the USS Albany (submarine) Commissioning Committee and was on board for its launching.

Ray is the recipient of numerous awards including: The 4 Chaplains Award presented by the Jewish War Vets, 3rd Age Achievement Award presented by Senior Citizens and the Leone d'Oro Award presented by the Sons of Italy.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Joan Simonin, 6 children: Janice Joyce (Henry Frueh), Michael (Judy)Joyce, Daniel (Patty)Joyce, Mary Joyce, Patricia Joyce-O'Toole (Thomas) and Therese Joyce (Thomas Schmidt), 8 beloved grandchildren and four siblings: Philip (Mary) Joyce of New Jersey, Florence (Phil) Ladouceur, Veronica (Ernest) Kavanaugh, and Michaela Joyce, all of Albany, sisters-in-law Kathleen, Peggy and Pat Joyce as well as numerous nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by siblings Mary, Jack, William, Frances, Robert, Harold and Edna (Don) Kelly.

The family wishes to thank the staff at Teresian House, especially 5B, for their tireless and loving care.

Funeral services Monday, August 18, 2014 at 9:30 am from McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany thence to Blessed Sacrament Church, Albany at 10:30 am where a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated.

Relatives and friends are invited and may call Sunday, August 17, 2014 4:00 to 7:00 pm in the funeral home.

Interment St. Agnes Cemetery, Menands.

Those wishing to remember Ray in a special way may send a contribution to Blessed Sacrament School, 607 Central Ave., Albany, NY 12206.

To leave a message for the family, obtain directions or view other helpful services, please visit www.McveighFuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

St. Agnes Cemetery

48 Cemetery Ave
Menands, NY

Previous Events

Service

AUG 18. 10:30 AM (ET)

Blessed Sacrament Church
607 Central Ave (Father John Bradley Way)
Albany, NY 12206
(518) 489-0188
info@mcveighfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



“ *McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Raymond F. Joyce Jr*



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - August 15, 2014 at 12:45 PM



“ *Raymond F. Joyce Jr*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *My sincere condolences. May the words at Isaiah 25:8 bring you comfort during this difficult time " He will swallow up death forever, And the Sovereign Lord Jehovah will wipe away the tears from all faces."*

Montana W.t - December 29, 2015 at 09:27 PM



“ *I was sorry to hear of Ray 's death. Although I did not know him personally, my Dad George Infante knew him well and had great respect for him and his accomplishments. I will remember him and the family in my prayers. Linda infante House*

Linda Infante House - August 18, 2014 at 10:15 PM

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“ *When I think of Ray Joyce two words come to mind - Gentleman and Integrity - and he was the epitome of both. God Bless Ray, Joan and their entire family.*
John Kearney

John Kearney - August 15, 2014 at 09:48 PM

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“ *Uncle Ray had a remarkable life of service dedicating his life to God, his family, his community and country. Nothing made him happier than having his family around him, loving to hear about his children and grandchildren's activities and being proud of each one's unique talents and accomplishments.*



Although I remember the trip to the New York World's Fair in the back of the station wagon, the huge chocolate Easter bunnies and the fantastic Christmas celebrations, what I will remember most is how he was the family rock in good times and bad. He never wavered, always full steam ahead until he was called home.

I am so sorry for your loss. May your faith and the great memories you have shared help you through this sad time. May God bless you always.

Mary Anne Cox

Mary Anne Cox - August 14, 2014 at 09:51 PM

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Had the honor of serving under Colonel Joyce, when at the Division of Military Affairs, he headed the Public Information Section of the New York Army National Guard. What an honorable gentlemen, who did so much for the Capital Region, New York State and our Nation.

Joe Condon - August 17, 2014 at 08:58 AM