



Rene Camile LaRoche

August 14, 1943 - June 22, 2024

Delmar, NY-Rene (Ray) LaRoche, 80, passed away peacefully, surrounded by family, on June 22, 2024 at Albany Medical Center.

Ray was born on August 14, 1943 in Quebec as the third of eight LaRoche children. His family moved to a dairy farm in Vermont in 1948.

After learning English from his native French and completing his early education, Ray went on to serve in the Army, where he toured in Europe. Once back, Ray moved to New York and completed his degree at the College of Saint Rose while working for General Electric in Schenectady, where he was a systems analyst for 32 years.

Ray embraced an early retirement and split his time between Venice, FL and Upstate New York. He rarely sat still, loving to fish, golf, play tennis and cards, bowl, paint, and bake. He defied a Parkinson's disease diagnosis for 34 years, never letting it slow him down or define him. Ray delighted in spending time with family and friends, whipping up a fancy dessert to share, mixing Manhattans, or manning the grill. Recently, he spent Monday afternoons at Rivers Casino and other afternoons fishing in Henry Hudson Park.

Ray is predeceased by his parents Paul and Elmiere LaRoche, and wife Ann Marie (Patierne) LaRoche in 1983. He is survived by his wife Anne (Schreck)

LaRoche and his three daughters, Amy Alderfer (Julian), Catherine Taylor (John), and Ellen LaRoche, as well as his five grandchildren Julian, Austin, Henri, Ann Marie, and Maggie. Ray is also survived by his siblings, Yvon, Gilles, Francine, Diane, and Richard, and predeceased by Lucie and Michael.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Ray's family Friday, June 28, 2024 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm at McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany, NY 12206. Please enter the funeral home from the rear parking lot entrance only. A prayer service will begin at 4:30 pm.

To leave a message for the family please visit www.McveighFuneralHome.com

Memorial contributions may be made to the Michael J. Fox Foundation.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **28**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Rene Camile LaRoche.



August 04, 2024 at 07:16 PM



“ Ray was one of the best people I have ever known--kind, funny, irrepressible. Ken and I send our deepest condolences to Anne, Amy, Cate, Ellen, and to everyone who loved him. He will be greatly missed.

Patricia Dunn - June 27, 2024 at 08:58 AM



“ Patricia D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rene Camile LaRoche.

Patricia D. - June 27, 2024 at 08:54 AM

PC

“ Ray was one of the kindest and strongest people I have ever met. Spending Christmas Eve with your family has been such a special tradition and Ray always made me and my dad feel so welcome in your home. I look forward to continuing the tradition and having Manhattans in his memory each year. He never ceased to amaze me with his strength and resilience in his battle with Parkinsons. What an inspiration! I feel so lucky to have known him.

Peter Chalfin - June 26, 2024 at 02:11 PM

DP

“ Anne; Sorry for your loss. I worked on a number of projects with Ray in our GE days. He was by far my favorite systems analyst!

Diane

Diane Price - June 26, 2024 at 11:23 AM

FA

“ Faye purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Rene Camile LaRoche.



Faye - June 26, 2024 at 10:25 AM

JT

“ Anne,
So sorry to hear of Rene's passing.
Condolences to you and the entire family.
God Bless.
Jim Toomey

Jim Toomey - June 25, 2024 at 07:46 PM

TH

“ The Steenburghs & Hennessys planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rene Camile LaRoche.

The Steenburghs & Hennessys - June 25, 2024 at 03:34 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Rene Camile LaRoche.



June 25, 2024 at 03:34 PM

LN

“ Love, Becca and Nick planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rene Camile LaRoche.

Love, Becca and Nick - June 25, 2024 at 10:09 AM



“ Love's Tapestry was purchased for the family of Rene Camile LaRoche.



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LH

“ Love, Meg, Jeff, Lucy, and Hazel purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Rene Camile LaRoche.



Love, Meg, Jeff, Lucy, and Hazel - June 25, 2024 at 09:37 AM

MP

“ Dear family, I'm so sorry. A man who never sent still. A man who never let adversity define him! A man who knew how to live life to its fullest and a true friend, in every sense of the word. Man, who's incredible family, adored him and vice versa. an extremely proud husband, father grandfather, and friend just so many. A role model to me and a true friend. He did not deserve the battle. He faced for such a long time and yet at the same time he showed others how to live. Ray, you are missed and special friends of mine Ann, Ellen, Amy , Cate I have so many great memories with all of you and your dad. Thoughts and prayers are with you. Love and support Mike

Michael pletman - June 25, 2024 at 08:44 AM

PS

“ We have lost a kind and loving man. Stephanie and I send our prayers and condolences to his family at this sad time. ❤️

Pete Sherman - June 25, 2024 at 08:25 AM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Rene Camile LaRoche.



June 24, 2024 at 11:44 AM