



## Ralph J. Bertozzi

December 14, 1933 - December 17, 2020

LUNENBURG: Ralph J Bertozzi, 87, of Lunenburg, formerly of West Groton and Leominster, died Thursday, December 17, 2020 in Millbury, MA after a brief illness.

Ralph was born in West Groton, MA, on December 14, 1933. He was the youngest of ten children born to Joseph and Amelia (Rodolo) Bertozzi. He graduated from Groton High School, class of 1951.

For over 60 years, Ralph worked as a union carpenter and later was self-employed, building many homes in the local area. He was also a Korean War Veteran.

Ralph was a true outdoorsman, who enjoyed hunting, fishing, gardening and travelling. He was a member of the Townsend VFW.

Ralph was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Amelia, his sisters Julia McNeil, West Groton, Anna Bussom, FL, Victoria Gardner, Ayer, Rose Innerasky, Bolton, Alma Smith, Shirley and his brothers Peter and Carl, both of West Groton.

He is survived by two sisters, Mary Gardner, of New Port Richey, FL and Pauline Grady, Easton, MA, his children, Rhoda (Frank) Sheridan of Sheridan,

OR, Joseph, of Pepperell, MA, Ralph, of Bourne, MA, Jeffrey of Milwaukie, OR, Peter, of Townsend, MA, Paul (Geraldine) of Lunenburg, MA, and Edward of Bourne, MA. He also leaves behind his long time companion, Marie Carbone, nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Calling hours will be held at the Anderson Funeral Home, 25 Fitchburg Rd, Ayer, on Monday, December 21, from 4-6 pm. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 AM, Tuesday, December 22, at St. James Church, St. James Avenue, West Groton. Burial will follow at St. Mary's Cemetery, Ayer, MA

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Wounded Warrior Project.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Mary's Cemtery

Bishop Rd.  
Ayer, MA

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

DEC **21**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Anderson Funeral Home - Ayer  
25 Fitchburg Road ~ Route 2A  
Ayer, MA 01432  
(978) 772-2355

## Funeral Mass

DEC **22**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. James Church  
13 St. James Ave.  
Groton, MA

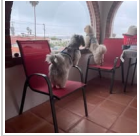
# Tribute Wall



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.*  
*Mary & Bruce Reichelt*

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**Mary** - December 22, 2020 at 04:04 PM



“ *RIP Uncle Ralph. I hope your spending good times with Rose in heaven.*

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**Tom Fadgen** - December 21, 2020 at 05:21 PM

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“ I write this with great sadness over the loss of a dear friend. I want to give my sincere condolence to all of Ralph's' family and friends-with love and prayers

*I first met Ralph when I was a professor at Franklin Pierce University in 1970. My Father and Mother -in-law had a poultry farm near Ralph's home where he saw them nearly weekly to buy eggs. I wanted to build a house on some property I had bought near the University. My in-laws knew Ralph well, along with his reputation as being highly skilled in all areas of construction. They asked Ralph if he would build a home for me. He and two of his friends agreed to built the house but as he was working full time on other jobs he could only do it on week-ends. Beginning from the excavation of a day-light basement and every thing in-between to the finish of a 3000 ft. home, Ralph finished it in 7 weekends. Afterwards he did construction for several other faculty members who also was amazed at his work. I have had many other construction projects since then but no one has ever come close to the skill and knowledge and speed Ralph possessed. I had so much fun as working with Ralph, Fran Acres and a young helper that summer. Later after the completion of the house, Ralph took me out in his boat and taught me how to fish for Cod. I had been trying to talk Ralph in coming to Seattle and I would take him out deep sea fishing for Salmon. Ironically I had just wished him a Happy Birthday this past Thursday (Dec. 17) with another attempt to give him a trip to Seattle and a Deep Fishing Trip. I will always remember and miss Ralph. Through life, he was a great person and one of the most honest and sincere person I have been fortunate to know. With love and respect. Ray Branham, Assoc.Prof. Retired.*

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**Ray Braham** - December 20, 2020 at 05:59 PM



“ *RIP Ralph. It was my pleasure to have known you, however briefly. My condolences to the family.*

*Annmarie Godin*

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**Annmarie Godin** - December 19, 2020 at 09:10 PM

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“ *To the Bertozzi family, I have many wonderful memories of Ralph working with my dad on so many projects. Ralph was always such a hard worker and very knowledgeable and an accomplished craftsman. He and my dad came from that school of thought that when you construct something, you do it once and do it right and it will last a very long time, and it always be something to be proud of. Ralph was it very good, honest, hard-working fellow, the type that built this country into a success.*

*May all your wonderful memories of Ralph provide you with solace and comfort in this time of need.*

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**Bobby Gardner of Ayer** - December 19, 2020 at 12:07 PM

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*to say sorry to my family for there lose at this time and my prays are with you all*

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**edward morse** - December 21, 2020 at 11:28 PM