



## Richard A. "Rich" Mercandetti

March 10, 2019

Richard A. "Rich" Mercandetti, 66, of Basswood Drive, Lancaster, PA, hung up his Yankee hat one last time on Sunday, March 10, 2019, while surrounded by his loving family.

Born in Manhattan, New York, he was the devoted husband of Ruth Mary Umayam Mercandetti and they celebrated their 37th wedding anniversary on September 19th. He was the son of the late Helen Tsomis Mercandetti and was raised by his mother and grandmother, Felicina Tsomis.

Richard graduated from St. John's University with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management. He worked for Bulova Technology as a Senior Contract Administrator Manager. Rich was very proud of his position negotiating military contracts and was very patriotic. He was a member of St. Philip The Apostle Catholic Church.

Rich loved his beloved New York sports teams. He enjoyed collecting hats from his teams and coaching his family in softball. He loved listening to his transistor radio, showtunes and reading. He will be remembered by many as a gentle giant and his matter of fact personality. He was a watcher of the Hallmark Channel and loved Christmas all year long. Most of all, he loved his family and supported them throughout their lives.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by three children, Jenny A. Mercandetti,

Christina F. Mercandetti, Tim M. Mercandetti, fiancé of Christina Lampo, all of Lancaster, PA; a sister, Denise, wife of Aldo Festa, Holbrook, N.Y., and his brother, John, New Hyde Park, N.Y. and was a loving uncle to many nieces and nephews.

Relatives and friends are invited to the Mass of Christian Burial at St. Philip The Apostle Catholic Church, 2111 Millersville Pike, Lancaster, PA 17603 on Thursday, March 14, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. with The Rev. Lawrence Sherdel Celebrant. Final commendation and farewell will take place at St. Anthony of Padua cemetery.

The family will receive friends at The Groffs Family Funeral Home, 528 W. Orange St. (corner of W. Orange & Pine Sts.), Lancaster, PA 17603 on Wednesday, March 13, 2019 from 7:00–9:00 p.m. and on Thursday from 9:30 a.m. until time of departure for church.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR **13**. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc  
528 W Orange St.  
Lancaster, PA 17603  
(717) 394-5300  
admin@thegroffs.com  
<https://thegroffs.com/>

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## Memorial Mass

MAR **14**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Philip the Apostle Catholic Church  
2111 Millersville Pike  
Lancaster, PA

# Tribute Wall



“ *The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard A. "Rich" Mercandetti*



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**The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc** - March 12, 2019 at 02:41 PM

DP

*Have not seen this until this day. My cousin richard what a unique wonderful intelligent articulate hysterically funny man. People tell me when I talk. Text that I do not do any grammar And I do not intend To start now My faith keeps me Going. So please look at revelation revelation. Chapter 21 VS 3 and 4.*

*I said it for my cousin Denise.*

*And I'll say it to my cousin, Richard Soon this system will be not even a memory We will all walk together Again healthy and we will all laugh live and love again Denise*

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**Denise paveglio** - June 07, 2024 at 08:42 PM



“ *Richard A. "Rich" Mercandetti*

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October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM

CD

“ So sorry for your loss.  
I know your Dad was proud of all of his children...way back when he would pick Jenny up from B.K.  
He was such a super friendly guy.  
May God keep you close as you all pass on his legacy.....Go Yankees..2019.

*Christina Doumit*

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**Christina Doumit** - April 07, 2019 at 10:13 PM

HW

“ Rich was not just client, but a good friend and someone I could just sit and talk to for hours. He was above all my favorite treatment recipient at the Campus. He will be sorely missed but always cherished as a friend. Knowing Rich he is now in a beautiful place with my Linda. God bless you all from Herb Wilson

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**Herb Wilson** - March 16, 2019 at 06:38 PM

JM

On behalf of my family, thank you so much for sharing this. Our dad loved you and Linda, and we too are sorry to hear about your loss. Sending all our love to you.

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**Jenny Mercandetti** - March 18, 2019 at 06:32 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard A. "Rich" Mercandetti.



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March 13, 2019 at 08:53 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Richard A. "Rich" Mercandetti.*



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March 13, 2019 at 06:32 PM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard A. "Rich" Mercandetti.*



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March 13, 2019 at 02:02 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard A. "Rich" Mercandetti.*



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March 13, 2019 at 08:41 AM



“ *Linda And Ken Scheinholz sent a virtual gift in memory of Richard A. "Rich" Mercandetti*



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**Linda and Ken Scheinholz** - March 13, 2019 at 01:20 AM

LS

“ This was my cousin Richy. He would have been 67 on May 12; We were two months apart. We grew up together, living three blocks apart from the time we were five years old, from Astoria to New Hyde Park. Our families spent holidays together - Thanksgiving at his house and Christmas at our house. Richy loved sports and loved playing stickball on Fairfield Lane with his friends. He was a huge Yankee fan; I remember seeing him walk in the halls of Great Neck South with his transistor radio at his ear; it was the World Series! He wouldn't have missed one play for anything! He would also make a box scorecard, recording every play from every televised Yankee game so that his father could read it when he got home. Richy was genuine, decent, smart and very funny. He could make anyone laugh, including laughing at themselves. He also had a sentimental side which lay just beneath the surface. He was always sincere, and strong in his beliefs. I have very fond memories of those days. As time moved on, we only saw each other at family gatherings, and it was a good time; and life moved on. The night before his passing I was visited in a dream by my mother, Richy's Aunt Madelyn. She was quietly crying and could not be consoled. It must have been amazing to be reunited with all those who had gone before and who loved him very much. It is the promise of everlasting life, the basis of our faith, that we cling to. My sympathies go out to Ruthie, Jennifer, Christina and Timmy. Richy was very proud of you. Also to Denise and John, you have my sympathy.

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Linda Scheinholz - March 13, 2019 at 01:16 AM

JM

Thank you for sharing this beautiful message, Linda. It meant a lot to me and my family to read this. We believe that Dad is happily reunited with your mom and his mom, and he must be so so happy.

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Jenny Mercandetti - March 18, 2019 at 06:34 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard A. "Rich" Mercandetti.*



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March 13, 2019 at 12:12 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard A. "Rich" Mercandetti.*



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March 12, 2019 at 07:36 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard A. "Rich" Mercandetti.*



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March 12, 2019 at 05:07 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard A. "Rich" Mercandetti.*



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March 12, 2019 at 04:49 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Richard A. "Rich" Mercandetti.*



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March 12, 2019 at 04:42 PM



“ *Ruth,  
I was shocked and saddened to learn about Rich. He was a great co-worker at Bulova whose memory I will treasure. I will always remember his authoritative voice (there was a time we sat next to each other in cubicles) and his fanatical support for the Yankees and his joy when they won the world serives. Most of all I will remember his love and devotion to you and your family. Please accept by condolences for your loss. You and your family are in my prayers.*

*With sympathy,  
Ralph Buehler*

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**Ralph Buehler** - March 12, 2019 at 03:36 PM



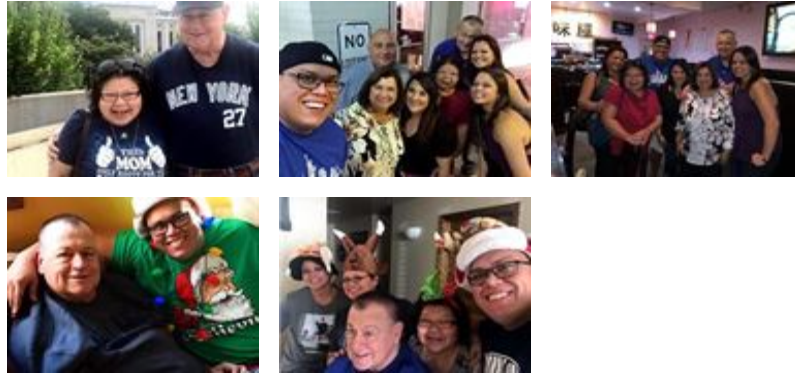
*Thank you so much for sharing this message, Ralph. My family and I are sincerely appreciative. My dad shared many stories about work and he always spoke of you fondly. We thank you with all our hearts.*

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**Jenny Mercandetti** - March 18, 2019 at 06:36 PM



“ 51 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**The Groffs Family Funeral and Cremation Services Inc** - March 12, 2019 at 01:36 PM

GD

“ So sorry for your loss Ruthie, Jenny, Christina, and Tim - loved working with Rich as he was one of the guys I looked forward to discuss items of the day - some work related - some not. I will always consider him as a best friend who I was lucky to meet and share time with. Our lover and prayers George, Mary Diabes & Boys.

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**George Diabes** - March 12, 2019 at 01:35 PM

JM

*Thank you so much for sharing this and for attending my dad's viewing last week. It was so lovely to see you. My dad loved you and always spoke so highly of you. Thank you for being here for our family.*

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**Jenny Mercandetti** - March 18, 2019 at 06:38 PM

JA

“ Jared, Lauren, and Merrick Abelson purchased the Sympathy Chocolates for the family of Richard A. "Rich" Mercandetti.



Jared, Lauren, and Merrick Abelson - March 12, 2019 at 10:44 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard A. "Rich" Mercandetti.



March 12, 2019 at 10:10 AM

MG

“ Mary Jo And Vincent Greco lit a candle in memory of Richard A. "Rich" Mercandetti



mary jo and vincent greco - March 12, 2019 at 09:19 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard A. "Rich" Mercandetti.



March 11, 2019 at 10:19 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Richard A. "Rich" Mercandetti.*



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March 11, 2019 at 09:26 PM



“ *LOVE, COUSINS JIMMY & JOSEPH LEONE purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Richard A. "Rich" Mercandetti.*



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**LOVE, COUSINS JIMMY & JOSEPH LEONE** - March 11, 2019 at 09:14 PM



“ *DEAR COUSIN RICH, I LOVE YOU AND WILL FOREVER LOVE YOU. THANK YOU FOR BEING THE "BIG BROTHER" TO ME WHICH I NEVER HAD... I HAVE NOTHING BUT GREAT MEMORIES OF YOU THROUGHOUT MY LIFE, I ALSO HAVE TO THANK YOU FOR ESCORTING ME DOWN THE ISLE WITH COUSIN DENISE FESTA ON THE DAY OF MY WEDDING... I AM BROKEN- HEARTED AND YOU WILL FOREVER BE IN MY HEART. MAY YOU HAVE ETERNAL REST MY DEAR COUSIN..... LOVE,  
JIMMY & JOSEPH LEONE*

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**JOSEPH & JAMES LEONE** - March 11, 2019 at 08:51 PM



*We were so happy to have you here with us, Jimmy and Joe. Thank you for everything. We love you!*

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**Jenny Mercandetti** - March 18, 2019 at 06:39 PM



“ *Mike Sapone lit a candle in memory of Richard A. "Rich" Mercandetti*



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**Mike Sapone** - March 11, 2019 at 08:12 PM



“ *Donna Lampo lit a candle in memory of Richard A. "Rich" Mercandetti*



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**Donna Lampo** - March 11, 2019 at 07:51 PM