



## Ralph Diaz

February 1, 2022

Ralph Diaz passed away on February 1, 2022 at his home in Shelby Township, Michigan at the age of 77. Ralph was born in Pontiac, Michigan on August 1, 1944. Ralph proudly served his country in the United States Navy serving 10 years of active duty as well as 12 years of reserve duty during the Viet Nam era and beyond. Ralph worked for General Motors for 30 before retiring. Following his retirement with GM he took a position with Securitas working security for the Troy Aptiv building a position that he loved. He is the beloved husband of 59 years of Sharon. Loving father of Deanna Buchalski, Anjanette Griggs, Sherri Lynn (Dennis) Schutte, and Stephen Diaz. Very proud grandpa of Jesse (Jennifer) Guralczyk, Seth Guralczyk, Rachel (James) Emmons, Marcus Griggs, Dominic Pace, Ryan Diaz, Michael Griggs, Joshua Schutte, Abigail Thiemke, Matthew Griggs, Samantha Jo Schutte, and the late Stephen Diaz. Also very proud great grandfather of 10 great grandchildren. Dearest brother of Stephen (the late Nadine) Diaz, Arthur Diaz, Kathy Diaz, Sylvia Diaz, and Sue Diaz. Ralph was predeceased by his parents Stephen and Esther Diaz. Visitation Monday 2-8 PM with a 7 PM Scripture Service at the Wasik Funeral Home, Inc. 49150 Schoenherr Rd. ( n. of 22 Mile Rd.), Shelby Twp. Instate Tuesday 10 AM until 11 AM Funeral Mass at St. Francis-St. Maximilian Catholic Church 62811 New Haven Road (e. of North Ave), Ray Twp.

# Cemetery Details

## Cremation

## Previous Events

### Visitation

FEB 7. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wasik (Shelby)  
49150 Schoenherr Rd.  
Shelby Charter Township, MI 48315  
shelby@wasikfuneralhome.com

### Scripture Service

FEB 7. 7:00 PM (ET)

Wasik (Shelby)  
49150 Schoenherr Rd.  
Shelby Charter Township, MI 48315  
shelby@wasikfuneralhome.com

### Instate at Church

FEB 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Francis/St. Maximillian  
62811 New Haven Rd.  
Ray Township, MI 48096

### Funeral Mass

FEB 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Francis/St. Maximillian  
62811 New Haven Rd.  
Ray Township, MI 48096

# Tribute Wall

CM

“ I worked with Ralph at Delphi in Troy, MI until 2006. He was a good fellow employee. He was knowledgeable and had a great attitude. I am sorry about his passing his family are in my prayers.

Carla Ealy Mayhew - February 18 at 08:21 PM

KC

“ Dear Diaz family,

Kim and I both knew Ralph from our time working at Delphi. Ralph made you glad you walked through the door that day! He was a treasure. After I left Delphi and Kim was still working there she would say something to me about Ralph and tell me that Ralph says "hi". What a special person.

Rest comfortably now Ralph.

Our sincerest condolences to the Diaz family, Kevin and Kim Cope.

Kevin Cope - February 15 at 01:24 PM

JS

“ Ralph was a wonderful and kind man. He always had a smile when I would have a visit at Delphi. We had wonderful conversations over the year. He always talked about his wonderful wife, kids and especially his grandkids. He will be truly missed. Rest in Peace my friend.



Jane Sanders - February 15 at 09:39 AM

DD

“ Ralph was a person who made you feel heard and welcomed. I met him when I started working as an intern at Delphi. There was a reason he was so loved by everyone around him. He would always brighten up your day with a smile and a simple "hello". The group of interns I worked with would visit him daily to catch up and snag some candy he would leave out on his desk. I will always remember that and his welcoming presence.

My heart goes out to the Diaz family as you cope with your loss.

In sympathy,  
Danielle "Dee" Donakowski

Danielle Donakowski - February 14 at 07:30 AM

CM

“ *Ralph was the first person I met when I interviewed at Delphi in 2012. He immediately made me feel welcomed. He always came across as kind and well-grounded, always helpful and I never saw him in a bad mood. He received several recognition awards for his conscientious work at Delphi. Ralph was justifiably proud of his service as a naval aircrewman, often flying from aircraft carriers during the Vietnam War. I'm a military aviation enthusiast. I used to like listening to his experiences in the navy. He was proud of his family and was a salt-of-the-earth kind of man. My heart goes out to Sherry, whom I knew at Delphi, and all of his family.*

*With Deepest Sympathy,*

*Carl Morganti*

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**Carl Morganti** - February 11 at 11:20 PM

LF

“ *Ralph warmly welcomed me every time I visited Delphi/Aptiv Troy from Warren OH. He always remembered my name even when it had been a long while. He always wished me a safe drive home and worried over my driving in bad weather. Ralph was a kind soul with a great sense of humor. He will be missed. Prayers for all of you and deepest sympathy.*

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**Laurie Faulk** - February 10 at 09:18 PM

  
Jyotsna  
Venkatara

“ *Ralph was such a wonderful human. In the brief 11 months of knowing him, he shared wisdom with me in a way that was impressionable. I was fresh off the boat and Ralph was a true friend. May his soul rest in peace. Sending strength to the family to cope with his vacuum*

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**Jyotsna Venkataraman** - February 09 at 09:18 AM

TC

“ *Sympathy & Prayers to your family!  
I loved listening to Ralph's stories and pride in his family, children, and grandchildren. He always had time to talk and bring a smile to your face. His contagious smile and love continue on through all of you, we get the bonus of seeing it in Sherri's face every day.*

*Bless you all,  
Theresa*



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**Theresa Chopp** - February 08 at 02:14 PM



“ 59 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Wasik Funeral Home, Inc.** - February 07 at 12:34 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Ralph Diaz.*



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February 07 at 10:49 AM

MI

“ *I was so sorry to hear pof Ralph's passing. I have worked as a consultant to Delphi/Aptiv for over 12 years. Everytime I came to the office, I wodul come 30 minutes early just to talk to Ralph. He was a total joy to my life. I feel terrible that I was not aware this.*

*I loved hearinmg about his family and although we never met, I felt like Iknew everyone of you. May God bless you all. I know Ralph is with God and probably playing golf with Him.*

*Mike Ponicall, a good friend.*

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**Mike** - February 07 at 08:58 AM

PC

“ Sherri and family,  
I am so sorry to hear about your loss.  
Ralph was one of the kindness individuals that I have ever  
met. I loved his patent leather shoes! They reminded me of  
my dad. Must be the Navy in him! He will be missed.  
Prayers for your family!



Pam Codd

Pam Codd - February 06 at 02:33 PM

LY

“ Ralph was the kindest, sweetest, most sincere individual who welcomed  
everyone he met with a radiant smile. You will be great missed Mr. Ralph Diaz.  
Love to your family.

Lynn - February 06 at 02:13 PM

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DO

“ Ralph was ALWAYS so so kind, warm hearted to whoever he encountered. He  
has raised amazing children to pass on his kind soul and legacy. Sheri continues  
to brighten our days at Aptiv. My deepest condolences to this beautiful family  
during this difficult season in their lives.  
-Dominika

Dominika - February 04 at 04:18 PM

SS

“ You will be missed by so many dear friend. I feel fortunate to have and the  
opportunity to have known such a kind and gentle soul. He made your day each  
time you entered the building at Delphi/Aptiv and when the day was not going so  
well you could always count on him to pick you up and make you laugh. His story  
telling was always a treat and the pride he had for his family, particularly his  
grandchildren, was apparent. My deepest sympathy to his wife Sharon, Sherry,  
Sam and his entire family.

Susan Sutton

Susan Sutton - February 04 at 04:02 PM

KG

“ *Ralph was truly a blessing. I met him in the lobby one day prior to a meeting at Delphi and he was so engaging. The easiest person in the world to talk to....so genuine. I made it a point to go see him every single time I went back. Always had that same warm greeting. Rest in Peace Ralph.*

Kevin Gay - February 04 at 02:28 PM



“ *Memorial Trees was purchased for the family of Ralph Diaz.*



February 04 at 11:15 AM

JW

“ *Ralph was a loving and caring person he would give you the coat off his back if he felt you needed it. He always talked about his family and the love he had for them and every time he mentioned Sharon he would like up like a candle. We had our difference of opinions at times but it never came stopped our friendship. You will be greatly missed.*

Johnnie Mae White - February 04 at 10:37 AM

KA

“ *The day I interviewed at Delphi I was a nervous wreck waiting in the lobby. He was so kind and reassuring to me that day. Eight years later and I still remember how his smile helped calm me. Thank you Ralph, you made a difference and will be missed. - Kate*

Kate - February 04 at 10:02 AM

JE

“ *Ralph had such a kind heart. Always had a smile and kind words to say when he would see you. Ralph, you will be missed!*

Jennifer - February 04 at 09:38 AM

WT

“ *Ralph's kind greetings at Delphi/Aptiv always brightened my days. His care for those around him and love /pride for his family were evident in any discussion you had with him. Thoughts and prayers to his family through this difficult time.*

Wendy Tilotti - February 03 at 10:45 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Ralph Diaz.



February 03 at 10:00 PM

MJ

“ Ralph was an amazing person! He always had time for everyone and laughed and cried with us! Truly one of the most selfless men I have ever known! True honor to know him . I send blessings and hugs to Sherry and Sam. Your Dad went straight to heaven!

Melissa Jablonski - February 03 at 06:31 PM

RM

“ One of the kindest people I have worked with at Delphi/Aptiv. His daughter Sherry has inherited Ralph's warm generous personality. Rest In Peace Ralph 🙏🙏

Roma Murthy - February 03 at 06:12 PM

UR

“ Ralph was the first person I met at Aptiv. He always had a smile on his face, and a kind word for everyone. He will be missed. Rest in peace Ralph.

Urvashi - February 03 at 05:57 PM

CM

“ I had the honor and privilege to know Ralph during my time at Delphi in Troy, MI. Always with a smile and treating everyone with so much love and respect ... that is how I will always remember you.  
My heart goes out to his family and friends during this difficult time.  
R.I.P Ralph and know that you touched the lives of many during your time here.  
You will be missed.

Cristiane Matos

Cristiane Matos - February 03 at 04:28 PM

CB

“ *Ralph was an outstanding coworker and friend. He was always sincerely interested in how we all were doing, including our families. His pride in and love for his family was always clear. He will be greatly missed. Prayers for him and his family.*

*Cindy Bush*

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**cindy bush** - February 03 at 03:37 PM

SS

“ *I love and miss you so much grandpa.*

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**Sam Schutte** - February 03 at 03:09 PM

BA

“ *Ralph had a gift of connecting with people and had many friends. I'm lucky to have been his friend - I will miss him. I always made a point to arrive early to appointments at Delphi/Aptiv so that I could have some time to catch up with Ralph. He could always make your day and leave you with a laugh. As Tom T. stated in his tribute, our periodic golf outings were the best and I would often leave with my sides hurting from laughing so much. When we weren't joking around Ralph would often talk about Sharon and their family. He would always ask about our families too. He loved his family very much and my condolences to you all. God bless you Ralph.*

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**Brian Altenberger** - February 03 at 03:07 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Ralph Diaz.*



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February 03 at 01:54 PM

EG

“ *Uncle Ralph was always ready with a smile and hug. He always had a kind word and we were very fortunate to have him as an uncle. Hugs and prayers to all of you.*

*Elaine & Ian Gates*

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**Elaine gates** - February 02 at 07:13 PM

DH

“ A very beautiful person I had the opportunity to get to know as I ran catering at Delphi/Aptiv. Never was a day we passed that we didn't revisit my fathers and his navy days. He always helped promote us on campus and eventually he introduced me to his family and daughter Sherri who eventually became not only my assistant manager at Starbucks on site but a very good friend!! I know peace is with Ralph and his family as he was fighting through his illness. He would always have you smiling no matter what kind of day was upon you!! You've gone home sailor. We will hopefully see you again my friend!



Doug Henry - February 02 at 06:31 PM

TT

“ I worked with Ralph at Delphi for 14 years. He always was a positive guy with an uplifting soul....he just made those around him feel good. But my best memory was after I retired (he kept working even though I told him to retire) was our golf games together and with another Delphi friend Brian Altenberger. I can see us now cruising down the fairway laughing about something with cigars in hand and beers at the 19th hole. Bless you Ralph. Rest in peace. My condolences to his wife Sharon and family. I will miss you my friend.

Tom Thompson - February 02 at 05:13 PM

JH

“ I was lucky enough to know Ralph from work. He always had a smile on his face and a kind word to say. He was a loving family man and would share stories about his wife and children as well as his extended family. I am grateful to have met him and call him my friend. To the family, I wish all of the best memories comfort you through this difficult time.

Jane Hasse - February 02 at 04:45 PM