



## Ralph Nazario

December 12, 1956 - May 26, 2025

Ralph Nazario, 68, of Mentor, passed away May 26, 2025. He was born December 12, 1956 in Cleveland.

Ralph was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran who worked as a machinist for the past 39 years at Eaton Corporation in Euclid, OH where he served as UAW Local 2262 President for 18 consecutive years. He was also President of Eastside Browns Backers, and a member of PFUFA (Professional Football Ultimate Fan Association) where he was known as “Big Ralph” and was a Cleveland Browns season ticket holder since 1999.

Ralph enjoyed tailgating with “The Elf Pack”, going to Browns & Indians games, camping, boating, cruising in his 64 Galaxie, and most importantly spending time with his family.

Ralph had a generous heart as he contributed to the Deepwood Center in Mentor, OH, the J Babe Community Center in Canton, OH, and his biggest contribution was with the Toys for Tots where he earned Eaton Corporation’s Stover Volunteerism Award in 2024. Ralph always said “no child should wake up Christmas morning with nothing under the tree.”

Survivors include his wife, Connie Nazario; son, Ralph (Amy Baker) Nazario; grandchildren, Timmy (Jackie), Tommy, Anthony, Lily, Kayla and Addisyn;

great grandchildren, Tommy, Nash and Peyton; and his siblings, Amil (Lydia) Nazario, Dan (Cindy) Nazario, David (Rita) Nazario and Rita Bruce.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ralph and Mary Nazario; daughter, Amy Nazario; granddaughters, Emily and Sidney Nazario; and his siblings, Chester Len, Joann Torres and John Len.

The family will receive friends to celebrate Ralph's life from 3-7 p.m. Friday, May 30, 2025 at the Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060.

A funeral service to honor him will be held 10 a.m. Saturday, May 31, 2025 at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers the family requests contributions be made to the Deepwood Foundation, 8121 Deepwood Blvd., Mentor, OH 44060.

Please offer condolences at [www.brunners.com](http://www.brunners.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 30.** 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center  
8466 Mentor Avenue  
Mentor, OH 44060  
(440) 255-3401  
ajs@brunners.com  
<https://www.brunners.com/>

## Funeral Service

**MAY 31.** 10:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

S3

“ On behalf of 3d Battalion, 25th Marines 3/25 please accept our deepest sympathy for your loss. BIG Ralph always welcomed us on Sunday’s tailgate, our 3/25 Toys For Tots campaign and was a father and gentle giant. He will be missed and loved by 3/25.



Sergeant Major Jim Gorczynski 3/25 - May 31, 2025 at 11:14 AM

SM

“ With deepest sympathy and prayers for peace and comfort in your grief. Ralph was one in a million and will be missed. My deepest condolences. Sharon Myers

Sharon Myers - May 30, 2025 at 02:45 PM

CF

“ Cheryl Lawson, Sandy Len & families purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Ralph Nazario.



Cheryl Lawson, Sandy Len & families - May 30, 2025 at 10:16 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ralph Nazario.

May 29, 2025 at 08:59 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Ralph Nazario.*



May 29, 2025 at 08:59 PM



“ *The Merseks & The Wills purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Ralph Nazario.*



**The Merseks & The Wills** - May 29, 2025 at 08:28 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ralph Nazario.*

May 29, 2025 at 02:00 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ralph Nazario.*



May 29, 2025 at 02:00 PM

FF

“ From, Your Eaton Family and Friends purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Ralph Nazario.



From, Your Eaton Family and Friends - May 29, 2025 at 11:53 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Ralph Nazario.

May 29, 2025 at 11:01 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ralph Nazario.



May 29, 2025 at 11:01 AM

LZ

“ I am so sorry to hear this! Ralph was a gentle giant. Rest in peace my friend 🙏👍❤️

Lou Ann Zook - May 29, 2025 at 07:58 AM

MD

“ *Madeline Disanto lit a candle in memory of Ralph Nazario*



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**Madeline Disanto** - May 29, 2025 at 06:48 AM

OS

“ *Condolenses to The Family. Rest In Peace my Brother (PFUFA Class of 2015) OL SKOOL*

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**OL SKOOL** - May 29, 2025 at 05:59 AM

AF

“ *Anne Sardina and family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ralph Nazario.*



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**Anne Sardina and family** - May 28, 2025 at 07:53 PM

PF

“ *PFUFA purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ralph Nazario.*



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**PFUFA** - May 28, 2025 at 06:02 PM

AS

“ So many good memories of Ralph hard to tell all. Him and Connie were my best friends and were irreplaceable although I had left Ohio. Kept in contact for 42 years. So many Browns games we celebrated together in Sundays. This world has lost a wonderful human being but he will always be embedded in my heart until we see him again in Heaven.



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**Anne Sardina** - May 28, 2025 at 05:52 PM

CN

*Love you Anne*

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**Connie Nazario** - May 29, 2025 at 06:27 PM

AS

*Love you more Connie!* ❤️🙏

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**Anne Sardina** - May 30, 2025 at 10:34 AM

KL

“ Ralph will be missed and always be a fine memory of someone that had a beautiful soul that I had a chance to work with for many years. May God bless you, Ralph I'll see you again in the eternity.

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**Kenny Laverdiere** - May 28, 2025 at 03:34 PM

KE

*So sorry to hear about Ralph. He was a great guy who always stood up for the hourly workers.*

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**Kevin** - May 28, 2025 at 04:17 PM

JP

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Ralph was such a friendly, warm, welcoming person. I'm convinced that we carry the people we have lost with us our entire lives until we are reunited with them. Sending my love and hugs to your family.



Judy Poling - May 28, 2025 at 02:22 PM

SP

“ Sheila Pritt purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Ralph Nazario.



Sheila Pritt - May 28, 2025 at 11:10 AM



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May 28, 2025 at 10:59 AM



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May 28, 2025 at 10:59 AM

KH

“ My heart is so broken at the sudden loss of such a wonderful man. The world is a much sadder place without him. I am honored to have known him. He will be missed by so many. My heartfelt thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends and all who knew him during this difficult time.

Kathleen Hammer - May 28, 2025 at 10:32 AM

DL

“ I don't think I ever saw my Uncle Ralph without a huge smile on his face. He had the most giving heart and I am going to miss him terribly. RIP Uncle Love you forever and always 💔



Debra Len-Boehle - May 28, 2025 at 10:32 AM

BS

Prayers of comfort to Connie and family.

Bob & Norma Snider - May 28, 2025 at 05:12 PM

JM

Rest in Peace Ralph Nazario, a big guy with a very big heart!

James McCrea - May 29, 2025 at 08:01 AM

RB

Many fond memories with Ralph we rode to work together for a while. Prayers for his Wife Connie and all of the family members in his passing. Bob & Ruth Bittner.

Robert & Ruth Bittner - May 30, 2025 at 05:50 PM

RW

*I'll miss you Ralph. We first met in seventh (maybe it was 8th grade) grade on the Mentor Memorial football team. Ralph was easily the biggest kid in seventh grade. One of our first drills as rookie football players was called "The Hamburger". The entire team formed a circle and two players would line up against each other in the circle. The object was to knock your opponent out of the circle. The coaches said "There are no rules". When it was Ralph's turn, the whistle blew and instead of firing out and hitting his opponent in a traditional manner, Ralph rocked back and slugged the other guy with a right hook, hitting him in the side of the helmet and knocking him down. Ralph won. I will always remember Ralph's love of the game.*

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**Robin Wilcox** - June 02, 2025 at 10:11 AM