



Dominic N. Ragni

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Dominic N. Ragni, age 56 of Lewes, DE, passed away on Sunday, February 28, 2021 at his home. He was born on May 20, 1964 in Chester, PA, son of the late Natale C. and Margaret E. Ragni.

Mr. Ragni was a graduate of Cape Henlopen High School, Class of 1982. He built a lifelong career as a heavy equipment operator, working for construction companies around Sussex County, most recently for Melvin Joseph and for DelDOT for many years. He also worked for Sir Guys restaurant as a cook and a bouncer. Mr. Ragni was a faithful member of St. Edmond Church in Rehoboth Beach, where he was often an usher at Mass. He was an avid surfer who loved the beach and was a dedicated supporter of Clean Ocean, the Surf Rider Foundation, and anything he could find to keep the environment and beaches clean and healthy. Above all, Mr. Ragni cherished time spent with those he held dear. He was a loving and devoted brother, uncle, and friend, and he will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Mr. Ragni is survived by his siblings: Gloria Kriegh of Cochranville, PA, Chris Ragni (Joni) of Milton, DE, Steven Ragni of Cochranville, PA, Dianne Allen of Sarasota, FL, Margaret Ohazza (John) of Rehoboth Beach, DE, Tina Cain (Bill) of Newark, DE, Kathi Elliott (Ben) of Linwood, PA; and numerous nieces, nephews, and dear friends.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Thursday, March 11, 2021 at 11:00 AM at St. Edmond Church, 409 King Charles Avenue, Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971. Interment will be private. Strict Covid-19 protocol will be followed including social distancing and mask required.

All are also invited to view the services via live stream on St. Edmond's YouTube page:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCKBkUj3Am_hZiVsHWAxlgWg

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions in Mr. Ragni's memory to the Surf Rider Foundation, at www.surfrider.org/support-surfrider.



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Please sign the virtual guestbook located on the tribute page.




Events

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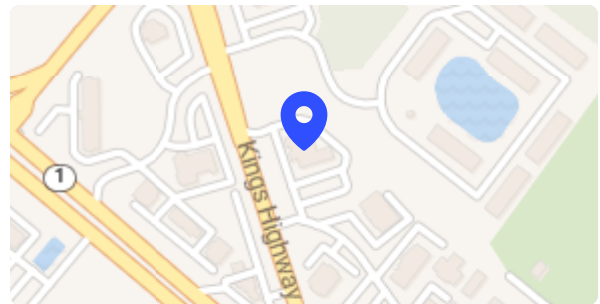
Floral Delivery

 **Wednesday**, March 10, 2021

 3:00 PM ET

 **Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium-Atkins-Lodge Chapel**

16961 Kings Highway, Lewes DE 19958



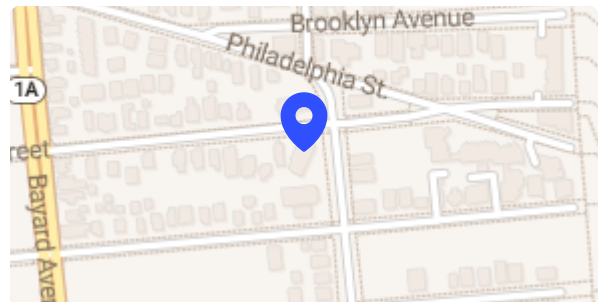
Mass of Christian Burial

 **Thursday**, March 11, 2021

 11:00 AM ET

 **St. Edmond Catholic Church**

409 King Charles Avenue, Rehoboth Beach DE 19971





Tribute Wall

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JE

Jennifer posted:

You could have told me. You had my # and address. Condolences to those you held dear in your heart, family and friends 12/19/91

February 11 at 11:36 AM

JR

Jennifer Robb posted:

I guess nobody knows he had a son. My boy Jeffrey living without a Dad all his life. With no support. I just found out this news because he didn't keep in touch... So glad he was such a great friend for the past 29 years to so many. I was engaged to Dominic in 1990 and was so In LOVE with him I had his child in 1991. He had different plans other than being present for my sons life... yet what an impact you've made in his life. My heart aches for all his family members and friends though. Jennifer

November 17 at 1:34 PM

LH

Lara Hill posted:

My deepest heartfelt sympathy to Dominic's family. I met him & his family in 1980 when I moved here from TN. He remained a life long friend, someone who you could talk to after years and he would smile and then chat with you for hours! He once asked me if I would drive his VW bus back from out west cause I was living in Montana at the time. Dominic would do anything to help a friend and also to help keep the beaches clean! Glad you loved that velocity blue F150! Thanks for being part of my dads Celebration of Life in Jan 2020. My mom was so happy you were there. Will miss you my friend, God must have great plans for you.ALOHA from Kurt and I:)

March 11 at 7:45 AM

BB

Brian & Tina Brown sent a Strength & Solace Spray to the Ragni family.

March 8 at 7:36 AM





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AH

Alicia L Hamons posted:

I met Dominic Ragni when I was 16 years old! Was great friends immediately with him and his late ex-wife Lana. He always had the best smile and was willing to do anything for anyone! I admired his passion for helping kids and keeping the oceans and beaches clean and safe! He will be dearly missed!! Love you Dom! Rest easy my friend! See you on the other side!! Hug my Anthony for me 🤞

March 7 at 10:22 AM

JD

Jo Ann Duffy posted:

Tina and family, I am so very sorry for your loss. ❤️

March 6 at 5:14 PM

JF

John Fitzgerald posted:

Dominic and myself and Larry Cooper where very good friends from Jr high through High School. He will be very much missed in this community, God bless brother. My condolences to all of the family.

March 6 at 4:27 PM

EK

Elizabeth Koch posted:

Always in our thoughts and forever in our prayers. A shining candle that will burn ever! Peter and Elizabeth Koch

March 6 at 2:41 PM



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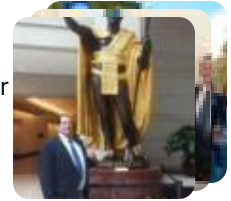
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JD

John Doerfler shared 3 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

I was fortunate enough to become friends with Dom through the Delaware Surfrider Chapter. We worked on quite a few things together - the largest project being the opposition to the Rehoboth Beach sewer outfall. One of the oddest and surreal moments I probably had with Dom was walking around the halls of Congress to fight offshore drilling. Surfrider National had set up a Capitol Hill Day. They made appointments with respective Senators, Congressmen, and their staff to discuss offshore drilling. Being the Delaware Chapter, we didn't have a whole lot of people to see - but Dom made it count! He was a bulldog in those meetings and you could tell he was visibly upset with the idea of drilling off of our coasts. Sure - he was a bit, let's say, unpolished. But anyone who knew him knew that about him. He had a big heart and it showed. You could count on Dom. When he said he was going to show up, he would show up. I was looking back at the pictures and remembered how many great memories I have that he was a part of. Parades. Clean ups. Hearings. And yes - even the arguments over who should do what and when. He was there for the greater good - and nothing else. We could all use a little more of that in our lives.



March 3 at 3:42 AM

JW

John Weber shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

My sincerest condolences to the family. I knew Dominic through the Surfrider Foundation and we appreciate that you are sending donations there. Dominic was there for us for years always willing to help with a cleanup or an event. I recently just reconnected with him and he came to a chapter meeting via Zoom. Here is a photo of him when we worked to get people to vote no on the Rehoboth Beach outfall pipe. The donations page to Surfrider is correct, but people will then need to click on the "Memorials" button on that page in the lower left. Thank you again for thinking of us. Peace to you.



March 4 at 9:46 AM

GW

Gary Wray posted:

I am sorry to learn of the passing of Dominic, one of my students at Lewes Junior High in the late 1970's. I have many memories of Dominic as a young man growing up, walking the halls of Lewes and later Cape High. From time to time he could be a handful, but I remember his smile and fast walk through the school. Much later after he graduated I was working on a land project with some heavy equipment operators and I heard this yell... "Mr. Wray, how are you!" And it was Dominic. We had a wonderful chat about what he had been doing over the years and caught up on some old times during his school days. He was a sweet kid and I have good memories about him. Dr. Gary D. Wray
Cape Henlopen School District

March 4 at 5:28 AM



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ED

Ellie Dugan posted:

Our sympathy to his family, sorry to hear of his passing at such a young age. God Bless. Ellie Dugan and Vic McMahon

March 4 at 5:01 AM

RL

Ray Lambert Jr. lit a candle in honor of Dominic.

Dom I'm sorry we didn't get together again since we last saw each other...life is like that getting in the way...I'll miss knowing you're not in this world anymore old buddy. God Bless you n your family.



March 3 at 6:15 PM

JC

Jenivie Claxton posted:

Dominic has always been very nice to me. He was very good with my grandchildren and he will be missed. He had a good sence of humor and was always ready to laugh with you or at you. lol I am very sorry for his loss.

March 3 at 3:53 PM

JC

Jenivie Claxton lit a candle in honor of Dominic.



March 3 at 3:48 PM

AH

Anthony Huling posted:

There was a time he had a small black truck years ago when he was with my mother Serretta. One day we had to help my grandmother move and as we were almost at the end of the road, the truck ran out of gas outside someone's house. Well, the man that lived there had a son and that's when I met one of my best friends. He helped me meet him and I'll never forget the numerous things he helped me within my life.

March 3 at 11:03 AM



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JL

Jennifer Layfield lit a candle in honor of Dominic.

Dominic was an amazing man with a heart of gold. He kept it real told you exactly how he felt. This world needs more men like him. He will be missed but never forgotten.

March 3 at 10:13 AM



Anonymous

Anonymous sent a Lily and Rose Tribute Spray to the Ragni family.

March 3 at 10:06 AM



KR

Karen Ragni posted:

You were such a bright light for Us All!!!!Love you and miss you dearly!!!Rest in Peace little brother!xoxo

March 3 at 7:36 AM

KR

Karen Ragni lit a candle in honor of Dominic.

March 3 at 7:34 AM



DA

Dianne Allen posted:

Heaven gained an angel!Thanks for looking out for me bro! Enjoy your time with your mother!! will see you again my friend!Tell Dad we lovem!

March 3 at 3:42 AM



John Doerfler shared 3 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

March 5 at 6:08 AM



Jennifer Robb November 17 at 2:26 PM

Glad you made it to Hawaii, just 27 yrs. too late.



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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Dominic by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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