



# Ralph A. DeCostro

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### **R**alph Augustine DeCostro (1948-2024)

Ralph Augustine DeCostro, born Midland, Pennsylvania on November 15, 1948, passed away on May 12, 2024, at the age of 75. Raised in Midland, Ralph was the son of the late Celia and Louis DeCostro, growing up in a strong Catholic, hardworking Italian household. His innate people skills allowed him to make a lasting impact on everyone he encountered.

After graduating high school, Ralph attended Edinboro University, where he met Sandy. They married in 1971 and eventually welcomed two sons, Robert Louis and Jason Hall. Ralph continued his education, earning his master's degree in labor relations from Saint Francis after being honorably discharged from the Army Reserves in 1976.

Ralph would eventually find his career calling as a respected Human Resource professional in the Rail industry. Starting in Wabco in Wilmerding, which led him and his family to Greenville/Spartanburg and eventually back to Pittsburgh in 1990 transitioning to the old Westinghouse Transportation business and its later names. He would spend over 35 years working to make people's jobs and lives better.

In retirement, Ralph taught at Duquesne University, focusing on business. He also pursued a new hobby- playing the guitar- and remained active in his local church. Ralph cherished spending time with his grandchildren, Zoie Grace and Margaret Ann, attending all their activities. When not tending to his garden, he enjoyed the company of countless friends and family while driving the Mini Cooper he had always wanted.

Ralph's ability to connect with and guide people will be dearly missed. He is survived by his wife, Sandy, his son's Jason and Robert, daughter-in-law Jill, and grandchildren Zoie and Margaret.

Please join us for a viewing on Thursday, May 16, 2024 from 2-4 pm and 6-8 pm at Jefferson Memorial Funeral Home, 301 Curry Hollow Road Pittsburgh, PA 15236.



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A funeral service will be held Friday, May 17, 2024 at 10 am Jefferson Memorial Funeral Home Chapel in Pittsburgh, PA.

Online condolences can be made at [jeffersonmemorial.com](http://jeffersonmemorial.com).



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KC

**Kristie Chestney** posted:

I worked with Ralph in Human Resources for 7 years at Bombardier. He was truly a great person all around, and was one of my favorite people at Bombardier. I remember how much he loved instant oatmeal and anchovies on his pizza. He was a great mentor, and a humble person. My condolences to his family.

February 19 at 10:22 AM

JA

**Jasmine** posted:

Ralph was one of a kind, I will deeply miss him but cherish his character and personality...

May 19 at 3:16 PM

DB

**Daniel Boulerice** posted:

Ralph was a great human being. I loved being with him. He was calm, honest and loyal to everyone he cared for. Françoise and I are sorry for your loss and are wishing the best to all his family in these sad moments. Bon courage from Québec.

May 18 at 3:57 PM

MA

**Michael & Emily Anuszkiewicz** posted:

To our dear friend Jason and the DeCostro Family. We are so very sorry for your loss. May you find peace in all the happy memories.

May 17 at 3:43 PM

RT

**Rich Thomas** posted:

Go easy on the angels playing corn hole my friend, they are a prideful lot.

May 17 at 7:24 AM

MF

**Matt Fasbender** posted:

Farewell to a friend, mentor, and an all-round great guy. My sincere condolences to the entire DeCostro family.

May 17 at 5:04 AM



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RB

**Richard Bonadio** posted:

I'm very sorry to hear about Ralph. We worked together at WABCO, carpooled and shared a very similar Italian childhood and neighborhood experience growing up. Ralph was a special man and friend. Please accept my deepest sympathy. Rest in peace my friend.

May 16 at 1:36 PM

PS

**Peg Smith** posted:

Rob, I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your father. I am raising prayers for God's Peace for you and your family during this difficult time.

May 16 at 8:49 AM

NH

**Nasser Hinin** posted:

Dear Rob, My deepest condolences for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

May 16 at 7:12 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

With deepest sympathy as we remember Ralph as a very supportive, personable, and kind person. He will be greatly missed.

May 15 at 1:37 PM

BS

**Betsy Stoops** posted:

In loving memory of Ralph. I am praying for you in this difficult time!

May 15 at 10:06 AM

AS

**Austin Scudieri** posted:

Ralph was such a kind and loving man! Rest in peace, dear cousin.

May 15 at 6:07 AM



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AS

**Austin And Janet Scudieri** posted:

Our sincere sympathies. Ralph was such a kind and loving man! RIP Cousin.

May 15 at 6:06 AM

TG

**The Costanzo-Crantz Family - Vince, Brianna, Ari, And Gavin** posted:

With our warmest condolences,

May 15 at 5:39 AM

PG

**Paul Granholm** posted:

We are so sorry for your loss. We hope you find solace in the love of friends and family during this difficult time. - The Granholm Family

May 15 at 4:39 AM

YC

**Your Team And Alstom Nam Tk Colleagues** posted:

Rob, please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss. Our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.

May 14 at 4:48 PM

CA

**Carol** posted:

Rob, Jill, Zoie and Maggie- I am sending much love and many hugs.

May 14 at 3:55 PM

YA

**Yann** posted:

I'm very grateful our paths crossed with Ralph as it impacted my life in such a positive way. Rob, I offer you my heartfelt support and friendship in this difficult time.

May 14 at 3:22 PM



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DB

**Diane Baum** posted:

Praying for peace and comfort for Rob and the family during this sad time. Ralph will always be remembered as a kind and compassionate man.

May 14 at 2:49 PM

BF

**Bill Fox** posted:

Blessings and Sympathies to Rob and the entire DeCostro Family, may the Holy Spirit be with you and lift your hearts during this difficult time.

May 14 at 2:10 PM

DD

**Dominic And Erin Dicostanzo** posted:

We pray the love of God enfolds you during your journey through grief. Ralph will be missed. Love and prayers.

May 14 at 1:46 PM

YF

**Your Friends The Winters Family.** posted:

Rest in Peace, Ralph. You are missed!

May 14 at 1:33 PM

LM

**Linda Martin** posted:

Sandy, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. Caren and I always enjoyed our talks while in Kingston. Ralph always made himself available to lend a hand and provide sound advice when asked. He was truly one of the best and will be missed.

May 14 at 12:55 PM

RH

**Rob Howard** posted:

Ralph was a great friend and trusted advisor. He was a committed HR professional and cared about everyone. He represented the unrepresented. He will be truly missed. Rest in peace, my friend.R Howard

May 14 at 12:25 PM



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AB

**Ashley Bennett** posted:

My heart sunk when I saw this notice. Ralph was such a kind person and he's gone too soon. My deepest condolences to his family and friends.

May 14 at 11:21 AM

CB

**Craig A Brooks** posted:

Ralph, was a good and kind friend, I have a lot of fond memories of him. He originally hired me as a temp in 1991. Rest in peace!

May 14 at 9:18 AM

AI

**April Ignas** posted:

Rob, we are so sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. He was kind man and an absolute joy to work with over the years! He will surely be missed by all who were fortunate enough to have met him. April & Michael Ignas

May 14 at 6:56 AM

MM

**Michelle Monroe** posted:

Ralph not only gave me my first HR role, but he was an amazing mentor. I'm thankful for the guidance and attention he always gave and will miss him.

May 14 at 6:49 AM

CJ

**Caren Jung** posted:

Sorry to hear of the passing of Ralph. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends.

May 14 at 5:25 AM

EL

**Etienne Brodeur, Daniel Boulerice, Daniel Daigle, Jean Levert And Olga Sass-Latour** posted:

From your Canadian friends

May 14 at 4:36 AM



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OL

**Olga Latour** posted:

My deepest condolences to all the De Costro family. Ralph was a dear HR colleague and such a fun Scrabble friend. He will be deeply missed. Sending you courage and serenity to get through these difficult times. Olga Latour

May 13 at 8:30 PM

GK

**George And Kelly Krivijanski** posted:

So sorry for your loss our thoughts prayers are with your family

May 13 at 2:14 PM

PJ

**Paula & Jeff** posted:

So sorry to hear of Ralph's passing. He was such a wonderful person always wishing you a good morning/afternoon. Rest in peace. Paula & Jeff Fennig

May 13 at 12:09 PM

KK

**Kathy Kimball** posted:

I knew Ralph for a long time and though I hadn't seen him in a while, I still have many vivid fond memories of our time working together. RIP, Ralph, and deep condolences to Rob and the rest of the family.

May 13 at 11:32 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

We are so very sorry to hear of Ralph's passing. He was such a wonderful man and a good friend. He will be missed! Michael and Gloria Shaman

May 13 at 10:47 AM

MF

**Matt Fernandez** posted:

Ralph was a great leader, mentor, and man. He gave me my start in HR when I knew nothing. I'm forever grateful for his willingness to take a chance on me.

May 13 at 10:44 AM



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BG

**Bob And Janet Good** posted:

We were saddened to hear of Ralph's passing. You have our deepest sympathies.

May 13 at 10:14 AM

SK

**Susan Kish** posted:

In loving memory of Ralph. May your love and memories help you through this difficult time. He will be missed.

May 13 at 10:11 AM

LP

**Lauren And Jason Pape** posted:

Thinking of you and your family during this difficult time. Ralph's kindness and warmth will always be remembered.

May 13 at 9:59 AM



**Anonymous** posted:

You are dearly missed, Rest in peace.....

May 13 at 9:55 AM

BS

**Bill Stoops.** posted:

In loving memory of Ralph DeCostro. Praying for grace, peace and comforting memories for the DeCostro family during this difficult time.

May 13 at 9:51 AM



# Memories only last if you share them

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



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