

In Loving Memory of
Patrick K. Ralph

Sunrise
August 9, 1956

Sunset
November 12, 2019



Service

Wednesday, November 20, 2019

Viewing: 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Service: 11:00 a.m.

Blessed Sacrament/St. Charles Borromeo Church

610 Clinton Avenue • Newark, New Jersey 07108

Rev. Edwin Leahy, OSB, Officiating

Obituary

Patrick Kimuri Ralph was born on August 9, 1956 to the late John and Lila Mae Ralph in Jersey City, New Jersey. He departed this life on November 12, 2019 at University Hospital in Newark, New Jersey.

In 1959, Patrick moved with his family to Newark, New Jersey. He attended Blessed Sacrament School (Class of 1971) and Essex Catholic High School, where he graduated with the Class of 1975. He was a member of the nationally acclaimed Golden Knights Drum & Bugle Corp where he played the cymbals. In June of 1977, Patrick enlisted in the United States Army. During his ten (10) years as a soldier, Patrick received an Army Commendation Medal, a Good Conduct Medal, Ribbons for Army Domestic and Overseas Service, M-16 Rifle Expert Medal and an Army Achievement Medal. Patrick spent two (2) years in Korea and maintained his fluency in the Korean language.

After his ten (10) years with the Army, Patrick moved to Detroit, Michigan where he worked for Ford Motor Company and Visteon as a highly sought-after Executive Assistant. He also completed three (3) years of college coursework at Davenport University. Patrick decided to relocate to Newark, New Jersey, in part to help take care of his aging father. Initially, he had a very difficult time finding employment. In addition to looking for a job daily, he took classes to upgrade his skills. He began to work temporary assignments until he landed one with PSEG. He loved working there and the feeling was mutual. His exposure to the senior-level executives he supported gave him the impetus to return to school and complete his degree. He also found tremendous value in participating in some of the Employee Resource Groups sponsored by PSEG. He was determined to “fast-track” himself to an executive level position.

Patrick was known as a giving person and even in death, his giving continues as his donation of his tissues will touch the lives of as many as 50 people.

Patrick was preceded in death by his parents, the late John and Lila Mae Ralph and his brother Anthony David Ralph. He leaves to mourn his passing his loving children, Karen Hale-Ralph and Patrick Ralph; sisters Michele Ralph-Rawls, Sister Patricia Ralph, SSJ and Sister Lynn Marie Ralph, SBS; brothers, Michael, John Kevin and Brian Ralph; grandchildren Imani, Treyvon, Malik, Karen, Jayden, Anthony and Darius, as well as a host of relatives and friends.

Order of Service

Welcome and Blessing of the Body

Processional.....“He Has Done Great Things”

Placement of the Pall.....Karen Hale-Ralph
Imani Cross
Sister Patricia A. Ralph, SSJ
Sister Lynn Marie Ralph, SBS

Lord Have Mercy

First Reading (Job 19: 1, 23-27).....Valerie Lewis-Moseley

Responsorial Psalm.....Psalm 122

Second Reading (Romans 5: 5-11).....Valerie Lewis-Moseley

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel.....John 14:1-6

Homilist.....Rev. Edwin Leahy, OSB

Presentation of the Gifts.....Sister Patricia Ralph, SSJ
Sister Lynn Marie Ralph, SBS

Offertory Hymn.....“The Lord is My Light”
“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Memorial Acclamation

Our Father

Sign of Peace

Communion Hymn.....“Taste and See”

Meditation Hymn.....“I Will Wear A Crown”

Final Commendation

Recessional Hymn.....“Every Praise”

Interment

Holy Cross Cemetery
North Arlington, NJ

I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me
I took his hand when I heard Him call
I turned my back and left it all.
I could not stay another day.
To laugh, to love, to work or play.
Tasks left undone must stay that way,
I found that peace at the close of day.
If my parting has left a void,
Then fill it up with remembered joy.
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,
Oh, yes these things I too will miss.
Be not burdened with times of sorrow,
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.
My life's been full, I savored much.
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.
Lift up your heart and share with me,
God wanted me now, He set me free!*

Acknowledgement

*The family of **Patrick K. Ralph** wishes to express their sincere thanks and appreciation for all acts of kindness and expressions of sympathy that was shown to them during this time of bereavement.*

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