



Richard S. Raco

January 10, 1941 - August 4, 2025

Richard S. “Dickie” Raco, 84, of Albany and formerly of Broadalbin, passed away at home on Monday, August 4, 2025.

He was born in Amsterdam, NY, on January 10, 1941, a son of Richard and Esther Ponzillo Raco, and was a 1959 graduate of Wilburn H. Lynch High School, where he was a member of the National Thespian Society. He then served in the US Army military police in Europe.

Dickie’s early career was a police officer in the City of Amsterdam. Later, as a member of Teamster Local 294 in Albany, he worked as a driver and on local crews for national movie productions such as “Ironweed” and “The War of the Worlds.”

Dickie was known as “quite the character” to the friends and family he enjoyed spending time with. He loved animals, skiing, reading, and time at the library. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by a grandson, Jonathon Abatecola, and a nephew, John Joyce.

Survivors include two daughters, Robin Raco of Loudonville and Beth Perry (Nick) of Amsterdam, and two sons, Nicholas Raco (Kayla) of Saratoga Springs and Jeremy Raco of Denver, CO. He was father, as well, to three additional children.

Other survivors include two sisters, Kathleen Joyce (Michael dec.) of Amsterdam and Linda Maphia (Frank dec.) of Mayfield; an uncle, Anthony Raco; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and two nieces, one nephew, and cousins.

A calling hour will be held on Monday, August 11, 2025, from 10 to 11 am at St. Joseph's Church 7 North Street, Broadalbin, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at church at 11 am with the Rev. Jun Segura officiating. Burial will be at 2 pm at Gerald B. H. Solomon-Saratoga National Cemetery, 200 Duell Road, Schuylerville, NY. Arrangements are by the Robert M. Halgas Funeral Home, Inc., Johnstown, NY. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made by check to the Stratton S Stratton VA Medical Center, 113 Holland Ave, Albany, NY 12208 Attn: Voluntary Service. Please write "Memory of Richard Raco for Voluntary Services" in the comment section of the check.

Cemetery Details

Gerald B.H. Soloman Saratoga National Cemetary

200 Duell Road
Schuylerville, NY 12871

Previous Events

Calling Hours

AUG 11. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Joseph's Church
7 North St.
Broadalbin, NY 12025

Mass of Christian Burial

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Military Graveside Service

AUG 11. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Joelle M. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Richard S. Raco.*

Joelle M. - December 21, 2025 at 02:44 PM



“ *<https://www.vlm.cem.va.gov/RICHARDSTEPHENRACO/aa4dad>
Final resting place....*

Robin Raco - October 10, 2025 at 08:32 AM



“ *We just learned that Mr. Raco passed away. He lived in our neighborhood and always had a joke or story to share. We send our condolences to his family and wish them well.*

Angela - September 16, 2025 at 08:38 AM



“ *Susan Angelo lit a candle in memory of Richard S. Raco*



Susan Angelo - August 08, 2025 at 03:15 PM



“ *My sincere condolences Robin and family.*

June Furst - August 07, 2025 at 12:38 PM

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“ We are so sorry for you Robin and your family of your loss. You had always said he was “quite a character”. Our hearts go out to you.

Linda and Mike Bowen

Linda - August 07, 2025 at 08:24 AM

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“ Dickie was a hell of a guy he was always occupied in something good or bad but he was fantastic. He had more stories than if he ever sat down and wrote a book. It would be a best seller and the things that he did with his best buddy Sonny are all fantastic stories. I talked to Dickie three or four times a week and he drove me crazy but it was fun. God bless him RIP Jake.

Jake Jasinske - August 06, 2025 at 09:00 PM