



Ralph "Tripp" Raymond Racioppi

February 5, 1947 - May 28, 2024

Ralph "Tripp" Raymond Racioppi, 77, of West Point, VA, passed away on Tuesday, May 28, 2024. Born in Cannes, France, in 1947 to Dominick and Genevieve Racioppi, Tripp dedicated his life to his family and our country. He was married for 50 years to the love of his life, Roberta J. Racioppi, and their love and partnership was an inspiration.

Tripp leaves behind two daughters, Jennifer "Gigi" Jordan (Brandon) and Catherine Blair Racioppi, who cherished him dearly. He was a beloved "Gumpy" to his two grandchildren, Jacqueline and Charles Jordan, who brought immense joy to his life. He is also survived by his nephew G. Scott Peay (Jessica), and his great-niece Charlotte and great-nephew John Robert.

Tripp's unwavering commitment to protecting and defending our country was a testament to his character. Following in his father's footsteps, he enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1966 and served with distinction until his retirement as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1995. Throughout his military career, he earned numerous medals and commendations, including the Joint Service Commendation Medal. He was most proud of his work in Korea and Haiti. After retiring from the Army, he continued to serve his country as a Senior Watch Officer at the Joint Operations Center, US Joint Forces Command, from 1995 through 2012. During that time he was awarded The Joint Civilian Service Achievement Award for exceptionally meritorious service in support of

the Department of Defense.

Known for his dry sense of humor, love for Sci-Fi, and passion for history, Tripp was a man of many interests. He was deeply involved in his community, dedicating his time to organizations such as the VFW, Knights of Columbus, Special Olympics, and West Point Gun Club. His daily prayer was a poignant reminder of his devotion to his fellow servicemen and women: "Remember those that have not returned." Family and friends recall his knack for storytelling, often sharing tales from his life or things he learned along the way. His laughter, wisdom, and unwavering support will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

A funeral service will be held at 11am on Friday, May 31st at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church, 3570 King William Ave, West Point, VA 23181 with a reception immediately following at the Van Den Boogaard Center. The family will receive friends from 4 to 6 pm, on Thursday, May 30th at Vincent Funeral Home, 417 11th Street, West Point, VA 23181. A private burial will take place at a later time.

Memorial donations may be made to Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church - Haitian Sister Parish Campaign at 207 W. Euclid Boulevard, West Point, VA 23181, or to Tunnel to Towers Foundation <https://t2t.org/>

Previous Events

Receive Friends

MAY 30. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Vincent Funeral Home, West Point Chapel
417 11th St
West Point, VA 23181
(804) 843-2550

Funeral Service

MAY 31. 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church
3570 King William Avenue
West Point, VA 23181

Tribute Wall

DG

“ Mrs. Racioppi, I am so sorry for your loss. I saw the name and recognized it right away. You were my 10th grade Biology Teacher at Dinwiddie High back in the 1973/74 school year. I enjoyed having you as a teacher immensely. I and my wife have been living in New Kent now for 30 years. I just wanted to express my condolences to you and let you know you are in my thoughts and prayers. I have never forgotten you. God bless you.
Ricky and Lillian Gay

D. Ricky Gay - June 09, 2024 at 05:29 PM

RC

“ RT Croswell And Donna Croswell lit a candle in memory of Ralph "Tripp" Raymond Racioppi



RT Croswell and Donna Croswell - May 31, 2024 at 06:18 AM

SL

“ Sending so much love and many prayers to you all. May God wrap his arms around you and bring you comfort and peace, now and in the days ahead.



Susie Palmer Labasky - May 30, 2024 at 11:05 PM

HH

“ Praying for Families Tonight ... Another Life Well Lived. A Servant to both World and Community.

Howard Hilton - May 30, 2024 at 09:08 PM

JR

“ John And Vickie Roane lit a candle in memory of Ralph "Tripp" Raymond Racioppi



john and vickie roane - May 30, 2024 at 08:21 PM

JG

“ Joanie Brizendine Gordon lit a candle in memory of Ralph "Tripp" Raymond Racioppi



joanie Brizendine Gordon - May 30, 2024 at 08:03 PM

CC

“ Such sad news! I'm so sorry to hear this! Sending love and peace to his girls.



Carrie Conklin - May 30, 2024 at 05:31 PM

BW

“ Our hearts and prayers go out to you and the girls!



Bill and Susan willis - May 30, 2024 at 05:09 PM

WW

“ Ralph Was a good person as I think back when I was on town council I had to head up committee to find a new town manager for West Point , that's when I first met Tripp and Roberta. He went to sever for many years he was always very detail about anything he , My God be with you and family during this time of grief, will miss him walking his dog Billy Wills

william Wills - May 30, 2024 at 03:27 PM

JM

“ JEAN THERESA MARRETTI lit a candle in memory of Ralph "Tripp" Raymond Racioppi



JEAN THERESA MARRETTI - May 30, 2024 at 03:13 PM

JM

“ Our hearts go out to you, Gigi and Blair. Love Michael, Jean and Paul

JEAN THERESA MARRETTI - May 30, 2024 at 03:12 PM

GW

“ We're so sorry to hear of Ralph's passing. We know he will be missed by many. I'll always remember our rides on the commuter van to and from work in Richmond. He frequently talked about his family and it was plain to see they were the love ❤️ of his life. May God be with his loving family and friends and give them strength and peace during this most difficult time in their lives. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Gloria and Al wajciechowski - May 30, 2024 at 11:39 AM

TH

“ Sorry For Your Loss



Thomas - May 30, 2024 at 10:14 AM

GC

“ *Roberta, family and friends,
I am so sorry for your loss. He was a
wonderful family man.
I know he will be missed. Cherish your
precious memories.
With heartfelt sympathy,
Gloria Couch (formerly Foster)*



Gloria Couch - May 30, 2024 at 08:53 AM

FS

“ *Faith Silva lit a candle in memory of Ralph
"Tripp" Raymond Racioppi*



Faith Silva - May 30, 2024 at 06:16 AM

AW

“ *Avril & Gerald Williams lit a candle in memory
of Ralph "Tripp" Raymond Racioppi*



Avril & Gerald Williams - May 29, 2024 at 06:53 PM

JH

“ Jessica Hazelett lit a candle in memory of
Ralph "Tripp" Raymond Racioppi



Jessica Hazelett - May 29, 2024 at 06:06 PM

KB

“ Thank you for all you and the Knights have done for my family over
the last 40 years. You're a great inspiration to your daughters and
grandkids. Your love to Roberta was everlasting. I'll miss my visits
with you.

Kathy B - May 29, 2024 at 05:49 PM

MB

Sorry for the loss of your husband I'll be praying for you and your family
love y'all MsAndrea ❤️

Ms Andre'a Brown - May 29, 2024 at 07:21 PM

WH

“ Wayne Healy lit a candle in memory of Ralph
"Tripp" Raymond Racioppi



wayne Healy - May 29, 2024 at 05:22 PM

JP

“ *Juli Peebles lit a candle in memory of Ralph "Tripp" Raymond Racioppi*



Juli Peebles - May 29, 2024 at 02:05 PM



“ *Margaret Ogg lit a candle in memory of Ralph "Tripp" Raymond Racioppi*



Margaret Ogg - May 29, 2024 at 01:54 PM

BE

“ *Beverly Darlington Edwards lit a candle in memory of Ralph "Tripp" Raymond Racioppi*



Beverly Darlington Edwards - May 29, 2024 at 12:08 PM

CB

I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. Sending prayers to you and your family. He will be greatly missed.

Carolyn Brown - May 31, 2024 at 03:54 PM