



# **Randy R. Rakich**

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**R**andy R. Rakich, age 61, of Amherst passed away peacefully Saturday, December 14, 2013 at his home under the care of New Life Hospice Center of St. Joseph.

He was born on December 19, 1951 in Lorain, Ohio to Milan and Stella (nee Toth) Rakich. Randy was a 1970 graduate of Admiral King High. Upon his graduation from high school he went on to further his education at Ohio University graduating in 1974 with a Bachelors Degree in Political Science.

Randy owned and operated Rakich and Rakich Inc. on Broadway, in Lorain since 1979. He purchased the business from Louis Cohn where he had started his career in sales. He specialized in men's clothing and tuxedo rentals and later became known as the "The Uniform Man" supplying uniforms to Police, Fire and Postal Service Departments throughout the state of Ohio. He was very proud of the relationship and friendships that he developed with the service departments. Randy was very passionate about his business and considered each and every customer a friend. He was a member of St. Peters United Church of Christ Church in Amherst, OH, the Black River Masonic Lodge #786, in Lorain and the Lorain Downtown Growth Association.

Randy loved to travel, especially beach vacations with his family and friends. He loved life and made an impression on all those he met. He was a true family man and enjoyed nothing more than spending time with his family.

He is survived by his wife of 24 years, Denise (Nee Cooke); daughter, Jessica Rakich; son, Jared Rakich; mother, Stella (nee Toth) Rakich; sister, Audrey (Frank) Horvath; brother, Dave (Barb) Rakich; mother-in-law, Fran Cooke; sister-in-law, Debbie (Bob) Radachi; nephews, nieces and numerous friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, Milan Rakich.

The Rakich family will receive friends on Thursday, December 19, 2013 from 1:00 –



## Obituary

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8:00 p.m. in the Dovin and Reber Jones Funeral & Cremation Center, 1110 Cooper Foster Park Road, Amherst where funeral services will be held on Friday, December 20, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. Rev. Mark Pemberton of St. Peter's United Church of Christ, Amherst, will officiate. Interment will follow at Ridge Hill Memorial Park, Amherst Twp.

The family would like to express their gratitude to Rev. Mark Pemberton, Dr. George Bescak and New Life Hospice for the care and compassion that was shown to Randy and his family.

Contributions may be made in memory of Randy to New Life Hospice, 3500 Kolbe Road, Lorain, Ohio 44053.

Online condolences may be left for the Rakich family at [www.dovinreberjones.com](http://www.dovinreberjones.com)



# Events

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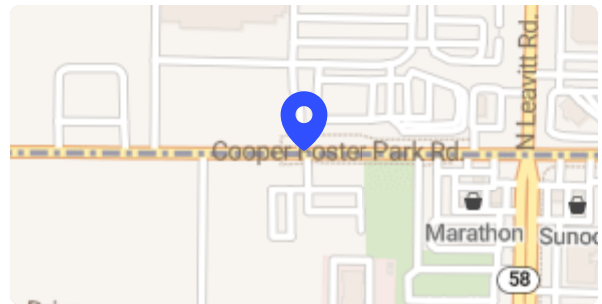
## Visitation

 **Thursday**, December 19, 2013


 1:00 AM - 8:00 PM ET


 **Dovin and Reber Jones Funeral & Cremation Center**

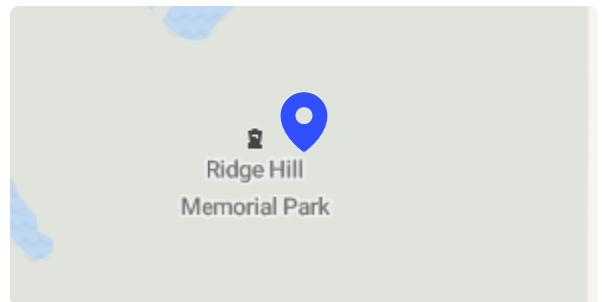
1110 Cooper Foster Park Road, Amherst OH 44001



## Cemetery Details

 **Ridge Hill Memorial Park**  
44805 N Ridge Rd, Amherst Township OH 44001

 **440-233-5113**





## Tribute Wall

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CP

**Chris Pastor** posted:

My family and I are saddened to hear about Randy's passing. I grew up with so many stories about him and my Uncle Tutti and how they drove my mom, "Dahnah" (as Randy would say it) nuts, that I thought both of them were immortal, especially Randy. Nothing ever seemed to rattle him. No matter what the situation was, he was always funny, confident, and entertaining. I think it was impossible not to smile and laugh when you were around him. So I was at a function a few months back, and I had at least two people ask me where I got my suit. It was bittersweet, but I felt so proud to open up one side of the sport coat and show them the label: "Rakich & Rakich, Where the Best Get Dressed." Randy really knew his suits. He poured a great deal of passion into making sure his customers looked good. It's such a shame he passed so young. My wife Julie and I will keep you in our prayers.

February 8 at 3:36 PM

JR

**Jill Rushinsky** posted:

I am so sorry to hear about your loss. I use to work for a clothing company in Rochester, Indiana. Randy would call in to place a clothing order for Public Safety Apparel. I also, was married to his cousin Scott Rushinsky. You have our Sympathy. Jill Rushinsky

December 23 at 8:05 AM

EB

**Elizabeth Barnicle** posted:

Randy was a special person from the time he was a little boy. The boys and our son Dan played together and got into everything. All a part of growing up but most don't keep that friendship beyond high school. These boys did and had the pleasure of visiting Randy these past few weeks talking about the good old days. What a blessing. Want you to know Denise that our heart and prayers go out to you all. May God watch over and help you during this sad time. God Bless you. Dan & Betty Barnicle

December 20 at 2:34 PM

DP

**Diane Papp** posted:

Randy Rakich was a fabulous person. He taught me so much about the fashion industry and was a wonderful "Go To Guy" whenever I had a question. What an amazing legacy he leaves with all of us! He gave Lorain County "style"....Peace to the Rakich family, Diane Papp

December 19 at 1:01 PM



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**David Janik** posted:

Denise, We were so sad to hear of Randy's passing. We have you and your family in our thoughts and prayers as you go through this difficult time. -The Janik Family

December 19 at 5:27 AM



**Deb Gelenius** posted:

Dear Denise, I am sending all of my sympathy in the loss of Randy. I will pray for strength for you to get through this very sad time. Your Shupe friend, DEB Gelenius xo

December 18 at 1:53 PM



**Darlene Drwal** posted:

I remember Randy as the utmost business professional & outstanding community participant

December 18 at 9:05 AM



**Beth Burgett** posted:

Randy Rakich was a true supporter of the Community. He sponsored a baseball team with Lorain Youth Baseball for 20+ years. His sponsorship helped numerous children!! Being around Randy's outgoing and enthusiastic personality, you couldn't help to be positive. He also helped the areas High School students with a very affordable Prom tux rental. Our son also had the opportunity to promote a tux rental program at his school and earned a free tux rental and commissions. Randy helped start off our son's business career. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family. Don and Beth Burgett

December 18 at 4:55 AM



**Ronald Jackson** posted:

My prayers are that The Lord gives the family the peace and strength that they need in this difficult time. Randy was a good guy.

December 17 at 6:53 PM



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MI

**Michelle** posted:

Dear Rakich Family read this in the paper and I am so sorry to hear I used to wait on Randy at the corner in Iorain and he was always dressed to the nines and always so very polite so sorry for your loss!

December 17 at 2:09 PM

DB

**Debora & Jack Bradley** lit a candle in honor of Randy.

Dear Denise & Family, I began a relationship with Randy at Louis Cohn's Menswear when we both worked there in High School. Our friendship grew over the decades. He was loved by everyone for his sense of humor, kind heart, work ethics, family values, integrity, honor, leadership and contribution. A devoted Son, Husband, Father and Friend, he always looked for the bright side of life and served as a role model. We send our prayers and love to his family. Randy's love and the wonderful memories you have shared together will live on FOREVER in your heart. And may we each celebrate the gift that he was to each of us. Blessings



December 17 at 1:35 PM

RK

**Ron, Sharon Kopronica** December 19 at 12:13 AM

Our condolences to the family. Ron and Sharon Kopronica

MW

**Marie Mcquate Waugh** posted:

Denise and Family, Please accept my condolences for your loss. I will pray that you have strength and peace in this moment of grieving. God bless you during this difficult time.

December 17 at 12:24 PM

RK

**Robin Kopronica** sent a virtual gift in honor of Randy.



December 17 at 8:06 AM

RK

**Robin Kopronica** lit a candle in honor of Randy.

Randy was a great guy, when I was driving limo I bought my tux from him. So sorry to hear of his passing your all in my prayers.



December 17 at 8:05 AM





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VT

**Vera Tkalcec** posted:

Rakich & Rakich... a cornerstone in our community... good memories of the old days... RIP homie...

December 17 at 5:53 AM

DD

**Derrick Downie** posted:

To he Horvath family. I am so sorry for your loss. As a kid, I remember going to Uncle Randy's store with Tony. You are all in my thoughts.Derrick Downie

December 17 at 5:36 AM

BR

**Betty Robbins** posted:

Dear Audrey, David and family - we did not personally know Randy, but he had to be a wonderful person knowing the family that he was a part of, and reading about him. You are in our thoughts and prayers.Barry and Betty (Boyd) Robbins

December 17 at 4:03 AM

LH

**Lillian Hawkins** lit a candle in honor of Randy.

Dear family - mom, Mrs. Rakich, growing up friend, Audrey, and David - I am saddened to hear of the passing of Randy. Growing up with the family has many memories in my heart. Mrs. Rakich, Audrey and David, my sincere sympathies are extended to you and yours. Take one day at a time and our Lord will always be there to hold you in this time of sorrow now and forever.Love, Lillian Czapp Hawkins



December 17 at 3:34 AM

RY

**Richard Yepko** posted:

so sad,to see a man of Randy's character come to a close, so early in life. He was a friend for so many years. Randy will be missed.Broadway will not be the same.Richard Yepko

December 17 at 3:33 AM



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DF

**Dave Feldkamp** posted:

I am sad to hear of your passing, our friendship goes back to a much more innocent time, just a couple of guys growing up in the same neighborhood right down the street from each other. We spent many days playing football and baseball together, back in the days when you could find all the kids in neighborhood getting together for pick up games in any empty lot we could find. As the years went by and high school past we moved in separate directions, you went to college and I went down to Columbus to pursue a career as a barber. You opened a business in downtown Lorain and I returned to cut hair. We supported each other in business. I moved on, you stayed faithful to downtown Lorain always working to improve a city I lost hope in years ago. When our path crossed throughout the years we always shared a conversation. Thank you for the friendship and the great memories of childhood gone by I remember the early years as if they were just yesterday. Rest in peace my old friend and thank you for all those childhood memories.

December 17 at 3:13 AM

WB

**Wally Berlingeri** posted:

Like so many who knew Randy I am heart broken.. My role model, my mentor, a best friend, my hero, and the same to so many, has gone on to join our many other loved ones in Heaven. Rest in Heavenly peace, Randy Rakich. Thank you for all you've done over the years for me and so many without ever wanting or expecting anything in return. I am living my dream thanks to you, your business and all you did for me during the most trying times in a young man's life. I truly would not be where I am today if you didn't give me job at your store when I was in high school thru college and even after. From where I stand, I can trace the people I've met and the opportunities presented to me within a chain of events that ALL began at Rakich & Rakich! I could never thank you enough nor could words express the profound love, admiration, adulation and appreciation I and many hold for you! I wish the weather wouldn't have kept my flight from making it in last Monday to see you and say these things to you in person. The world is truly a lesser place without you, Randy. My thoughts, prayers, sympathies and condolences to Denise, your kids and family today and always! God bless you, them and all of yours always! You'll be sorely missed by countless many. I love you bossman! See you when I get there!

December 17 at 2:17 AM



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MK

**Miriam Lugo Kunda** posted:

Denise, I'm so sorry to hear of Randy's passing. I've just met you earlier this year when we were all together at the Ponchki Ball but I knew Randy from school and from his business. He always greeted me with a kiss on the cheek. He will be greatly missed. God bless you and all of his family! Love,  
Miriam Lugo Kunda

December 16 at 5:44 PM

NN

**Nouie Nouie** December 17 at 4:08 AM

Denise and Rakich Family, May you find strenght in family and friends that are praying for you during this difficult time. With our deepest symphathies.Nouie & David Nodal

LT

**Leah Thompson** posted:

Denise, Jessica and Jared, I am so sorry for your loss. Randy was a great guy and I'm so glad I got to take care of him. Everyone loved him. I could tell that just the short time I've known him. He will be missed. God bless.

December 16 at 4:48 PM

DM

**Debbie Mccartney** posted:

We are truly sorry and saddened to hear of Randy's passing. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family.Alan & Debbie McCartneySQP Print Center

December 16 at 4:34 PM

JV

**Joe And Connie Vitale** posted:

So very sorry to hear of Randy's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. He will certainly be missed by his many friends.Joe and Connie Vitale

December 16 at 3:32 PM



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**George & Linda Stemple** posted:

We will truly miss Randy's friendship and glowing smile. Our daughter will never forget Randy's continual teasing and telling her that "kids should be heard and not seen" and "you're just a dumb kid, what do you know". She has always told us that Randy's was her favorite out of all of her dad's friends. Memories about with our family. Randy will live in our hearts always. Our since sympanthy to Denise, Jessica, and Jared.The Stemple Family

December 16 at 11:47 AM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

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



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