



## Raymond J. Delaney

April 22, 1953 - April 14, 2014

Raymond J. Delaney, 60, of Cortland, N.Y. passed away at home Monday, April 14, 2014 after his brave battle with cancer.

Ray was born April 22, 1953 in Newark, NJ, a son of the late Raymond and Matilda Markowicz Delaney. He was a graduate of Mexico Academy and Central School Class of 1971.

Ray retired three years ago after 30 years of service for the New York State Department of Transportation as a general foreman.

Ray was best known for his love and dedication to bluegrass music. With his brother John, he founded Delaney Brothers Bluegrass that touched the hearts of audiences for over thirty five years. For twelve years Ray was co-host of the "Hometown Bluegrass" radio show on WXHC in Homer, NY. In addition, Ray was co-founder of "Bluegrass on the Green" which will celebrate its 23rd year this June.

Ray is survived by his loving wife Vicky of Cortland, brothers Mike (Winsome) of Orlando, FL, John of Auburn; sister Maryanne (Chuck) Delaney-Bush of NJ, and several nieces and nephews.

Ray will always be remembered for his truly genuine, humble and gentle nature. There wasn't a person who knew Ray who didn't feel their life was enriched because of it, and you could not meet him without being shown pictures of "the best breed" .....bulldogs.

A celebration of Ray's life will be held on Saturday, April 19th at 1 p.m. at the Ramada Cortland, 2 River Street, Cortland, NY 13045 (607) 756-4431. A

reception will follow. Calling hours will be from 11am – 1pm. Prior to services, also at the Ramada.

Arrangements are under the direction of Riccardi Funeral Home, 69 N. Main St. Cortland, N.Y.

[www.riccardifuneralhome.com](http://www.riccardifuneralhome.com)

# Tribute Wall



“ Vicki, I am so sorry! As you know, Horst and Ray fought the same battle. Horst lost his on February 16th. We both loved going to listen to Ray and got a special kick when Ray would mention we were in the audience. Gosh, I am so sad. Horst enjoyed working with Ray and was very fond of him. Hugs...Linda Koslowsky

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May 18, 2018 at 11:13 AM



“ Ray was a true gentleman, with an easy going personality. Years ago when we were beginning our bluegrass journey, we met Ray. After performing a show at the Madrid Bluegrass Festival, Ray did his best to answer every question and talk with us about the bluegrass world. Our paths crossed many times over the years, always with the greatest respect for him. He touched many hearts and lives. May you rest in peace and your family find the peace that only God can give. You will be missed.

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**The Atkinsons'** - May 18, 2018 at 11:13 AM



“ So many years and so many memories- one of earth's finest has gone to Heaven's gates- no sad farewells, no tear dimmed eyes, where all is peace and love ... rest in Peace my treasured friend. My condolences to his wife Vicky - to Johnny, Michael and Maryanne - my prayers surround you for comfort and peace.

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**Nancy Keller-Horn** - May 18, 2018 at 11:13 AM

DW

“ It was an honor knowing Ray and working on his Bluegrass posters through the years. I will always remember when Vicky and Ray would stop by at work with one of their beloved Bull Dogs. God Bless you Ray. Thank you for touching all our lives with your kindness. I was blessed for knowing you.

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**Doreen Warholic** - May 18, 2018 at 11:13 AM

AB

“ We are so saddened to hear of Ray's recent passing. We have so many fond memories of him when he often came to visit our house in Mexico, NY. Especially with his pal Myron Barnes as they were truly the "best of friends and classmates." Ray will be truly missed by all of us!

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**Alan Barnes** - May 18, 2018 at 11:13 AM

LB

“ We were sorry to hear of Ray's passing and know that he put up a gallant fight to spend more quality time with family and friends. You know that we loved him and will miss his love and smiles. Our love and prayers are with you Vicky and all the family. Lois and Art

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**Lois and Art Benning** - May 18, 2018 at 11:13 AM

JE

“ So very sorry to hear. He was a pleasure to see walk in the store every time.

*\*feeling sad\**

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**Jeff** - May 18, 2018 at 11:13 AM

CK

*“ I'm just now finding this out :( I've known Ray since I was a little boy...He was always so kind to me! I still have the bottle of guitar polish he gave me for my guitar :(*

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**Charlie Kehn** - May 18, 2018 at 11:13 AM



*“ On behalf of the Central Region of the New York State Department of Transportation, I wish to offer condolences to the family and friends of Ray Delaney. Ray was a valued employee for many years and a very good friend to many of us. He will be missed by all who knew him.*

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April 21, 2014 at 12:00 AM



*“ So sorry to hear of this great loss. My thoughts are with you John as you deal with this.*

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April 19, 2014 at 12:00 AM