



## Ralph F. Cataldo Sr.

December 27, 1914 - November 17, 2008

Ralph F. Cataldo Sr., 93, of Hudson, NH, died Mon. Nov. 17, 2008 at St. Joseph Hospital in Nashua, NH after complication from pneumonia.

Born in Revere, MA on December 27, 1914 son of the late Frank and Grace (Nutile) Cataldo and also predeceased by a son; Robert North (1970). Mr. Cataldo enjoyed a long and distinguished aviation career that spanned over fifty years. He retired from his position as Senior Vice President of sales from Butler Aviation International in 1984.

He is survived by two sons; Ralph F. Cataldo Jr. of Manchester, NH and Sean Cataldo and his wife Jana of Acton, MA. Two daughters; Patricia Barry of Pepperell, MA and Carol Cataldo of Falls Church, VA. Three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Private Services

# Comments

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“ Please accept our deepest sympathies to your family on the loss of this extraordinary man. He opened his home to us, was a friend to us, and in Sean, gave us one of our strongest and most steadfast friends. He was a great man and in Sean and his family we see his reflection. Bless you all

**Chris and Christine Elwood** - November 21, 2008 at 01:30 PM

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“ I am sorry about the lost of your loved one. Words cannot describe feelings in a time like this. Many have found comfort in the Bible's promise of seeing our past loved ones again such as at John 5:28,29. Please take care of yourselves.

**D. Millie W.** - November 20, 2008 at 06:21 PM

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“ Your family is in my prayers. I am very sorry for you loss. Like everyone else, I have fond memories of get-togethers at the Cataldo home. We were always welcomed with open arms there.

John

**John H. Burke III** - November 19, 2008 at 05:28 PM

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“ Sean,

I am deeply sorry for your loss. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.

Shawn "Philly" & Jen Schneider

**Shawn Schneider** - November 19, 2008 at 08:56 AM

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“ We're sorry for your loss. We'll be thinking of you during this difficult time.

Sean, your father must be so proud to have you as his son. Your words about him are very touching and clearly heartfelt.

**Dan and Lindsey McCarthy** - November 19, 2008 at 01:39 AM

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“ Dear Sean, Jana, Catherine & Liam

Our deepest sympathy with the passing of "Mr. Cataldo". What a great man he was!

Sincerely,

All of the Kortbus family

**The Kortbus Family** - November 18, 2008 at 11:29 PM

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“ Dear Sean and the Cataldo family,

I am deeply saddened to hear of the loss of your father. Mr. Cataldo was someone who always opened his home to all of Sean's friends no matter how rowdy we got. I have many fond memories of the Christmas and summer parties he shared with us at the house in Amherst. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to help during this difficult time.

You are in our thoughts and prayers.

**Patrick Finn** - November 18, 2008 at 11:12 PM

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“ Dear Sean and Jana, and to all the Cataldo family:

Was sorry to hear of your father's passing. I hope you are all doing ok. I am sure he has found his place in the next life.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

With love from the Pettini family.

Pat, Don and the kids.

**Pat Pettini** - November 18, 2008 at 10:39 PM

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“ Dear Sean, Jana, Catie and Liam, Pat and Lar my deepest sympathy on the passing of your father, and grandfather, Ralph. I will always remember him as a doer and thinker and a man of few words. I enjoyed our conversations at family gatherings and was always amazed as to his awareness and knowledge of current events. I feel richer for knowing him and will deeply miss him. May he rest in Peace.  
Love Uncle John O'C events

**John O'Connor** - November 18, 2008 at 10:14 PM

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“ Sean and Family, We are so sorry for your loss. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers.

**Brian LaPierre & Family** - November 18, 2008 at 09:28 PM

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“ Your family is in my thoughts and prayers - I have several fond memories of my times with the Cataldo family, and he will be greatly remembered as a person who welcomed all.

**Brian Fielder** - November 18, 2008 at 08:47 PM

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“ Ralph Sr. is my dad. Although there were 60 years difference between us he was someone I looked up to and often sought advice from. If one were to have interviewed us separately and asked about whether the age gap was challenging, we would both answer "yes". Would either of us have wished anything different...I don't think so. I admire my father's humble beginnings as the son of an Italian immigrant parents working and living on the Sears estate in Brookline, MA. He was a man made entirely of his own means - he put himself through school to study aeronautics at Wentworth Institute of Technology, he worked for a time at MIT's Lincoln Labs, flew on civilian led troop supply missions during World War II and worked his way up from Maintenance Supervisor at Northeast Airlines to Senior Vice President of Butler Aviation.

My dad was a man of few words yet he always would find ways to tell his children how proud of them he was. For instance, as my career took me into management, he would keep tabs on my various employer's stock price and continually ask me how the management role suited me. He would often find an excuse to share with me old business plans he had written while at Butler in the hopes I could gain some benefit from his years of experience.

In these final few weeks he was in and out of the hospital and our family was fearing the worst. Since he was no longer up for traveling to my home in Massachusetts, I would often stop by to see him. Not long ago, I brought over pictures of Catie and Liam (grandchildren) from Halloween and he was very pleased to see how proud they were to be dressed up as a princess and a firefighter. Clearly caught up in thought, my dad looked away for a few minutes and broke the silence with, "you know, it's about time for you to bring another kiddo into the world". He surprised me with that statement and so although it was (and still is) very early I was able to share with him that we are in fact expecting again. He smiled a very big smile and that's how I will remember him.

He was a good man, loving father and an inspiration for how much can be made from so little.

**Sean R. Cataldo** - November 18, 2008 at 05:06 PM