



## Gerald Yazback "Jerry"

December 17, 2020

Gerald M. Yazback "Jerry"

Rochester - May 22, 1944-December 16, 2020. Passed away at the age of 76 after a brief illness surrounded by his loving family. He is predeceased by his parents, Frederick and Genevieve. He is survived by his three adoring children, Kimberly (Vincenzo) Buonomo, Alisaar (Dennis Jr.) Tubolino and Michael (Stacie) Yazback; and his dear friend and mother of his children, Joanne Yazback; his pride and joy, his grandchildren, Antonio and Giovanni Buonomo; brother, Anthony (Margaret) Yazback; nephews, Rick and Tony Yazback; niece, Michelle (Aldo) Zucaro; and great nieces Olivia and Lily Zucaro.

Born and raised in Rochester, NY, Jerry was a graduate of Aquinas Institute and went on to earn a Bachelor's degree in History from St. John Fisher College and a Master's degree in Library and Information Science from SUNY Geneseo. He proudly grew up in the 10th Ward and kept close ties to the neighborhood during his thirty year career in the Rochester Public Library System. Most notably, Jerry was the head librarian at the Maplewood Community Library at 1111 Dewey Avenue where he touched the lives of countless Aquinas students and neighborhood patrons. Jerry was an Army

veteran. He loved becoming an umpire for youth and adult softball leagues and was an avid reader and fan of legal thrillers. With a larger than life personality, Jerry always had a kind word and smile for everyone and will be sorely missed by all who had the pleasure to know him.

A private ceremony and entombment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery will be held for the family. A Mass and Celebration of Life will be announced in 2021. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Jerry's memory to the Friends & Foundation of the Rochester Public Library at <https://ffrplapps.libraryweb.org/jerry-yazback>.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I haven't seen Mr. Yazback in years, but I have many memories of him. He was at every softball game I played with his daughter and encouraged everyone with so much positivity. Always yelling "Wheels!!". I saw him weekly at the Maplewood library when I was younger and he was always took the time to chat and visit with such kind words. I am truly sorry for your loss. May your families find comfort in the fond memoires you have and the memories that are shared from others.

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**Tracee Saportio-Short** - December 20, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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“ I first had the pleasure of meeting Jerry when we both worked at the Chili Public Library in the 1990's. He was always supportive of me as I was beginning my new career as a children's librarian. When I moved on to other positions and would see Jerry he always had a kind word (or more) to say. He always remembered my wife and children. At Westwood he became friends with my Dad, Jay McCullough, and watched out for him. My Dad loved hearing Jerry read poetry and other announcements to the residents. We are very sorry for your loss. He will be missed.

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**Mike and Jan McCullough** - December 18, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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“ Our sincere condolences to Jerry's children and the entire Yazback family. May his sole Rest In Peace. Our prayers are with the family.  
Joe and Grace Rouhana

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**Joseph Rouhana (Zuzu)** - December 17, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Im shocked and saddened to hear about the loss of Gerald.  
Heartfelt condolences my thoughts and prayers to family in this time  
of sorrow. Cousin Rosemary*

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**Rosemary J Nassar** - December 17, 2020 at 12:00 AM