



Rene` V. Gazaille

December 17, 1935 - May 15, 2026

Rene` Victor Gazaille, 90, of Adams, died on Friday, May 15, 2026, at his home with his wife and family by his side.

He was born in Warwick, RI on December 17, 1935, a son of the Eudanice and Rose (Desplaines) Gazaille. He attended Notre Dame Grade School through eighth grade and delivered the commencement speech in French. He had attended the former Adams High School.

Rene` was a master barber since age 16, the youngest licensed barber in Massachusetts. He owned and operated the former Men's Den on Park Street in Adams and the Men's Den II in North Adams for over 70 years.

He was a communicant of the Parish of St. John Paul II at Notre Dame des Sept Douleurs, Adams. He had been a member of the Massachusetts National Guard and was a life member of the Adams Lodge of Elks 1335 where he held many positions including most notable exalted ruler. He had also been a member of the former Cartier Club and Adams Lions Club. He served as president of the Peewee Junior Football program for 5 years and had coached little league.

He is survived by his wife of 36 years, the former Rosetta M. Betolati, whom he married on May 26, 1990; his three sons, Dennis Gazaille of Boca Raton, FL, Mark Gazaille and his wife Laurie of North Adams and Michael Gazaille of Adams; a daughter-in-law Nancy Scerbo of Williamstown; his brother Norman Gazaille and wife Kathy of Ocala, FL; three sister, Dorothy Schonfelder and husband Fran of Adams, Claire Caparello and husband Dom of Tallahassee,

FL and Debra Connor and husband Jeff of Pittsfield; nine grandchildren, Denee, Delany, Mark, Jr., Curtis, Jenna, Derek, Jessie, Peter and Angela; eleven great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews, including his faithful nephew Brock Gazaille.

He was predeceased by his first wife, the former Joan Belini who died on May 19, 1988, and by his sister Rita Gazaille.

The family would like to thank all of Rene's caregivers, especially Debbie Biegiebing, RN from Hospice Care in the Berkshires.

The funeral will be held on Wednesday, May 20th at 10:00 A.M. in Notre Dame des Sept Douleurs Church, Adams.

Burial will follow in Bellevue Cemetery, Adams.

Calling hours at the PACIOREK FUNERAL HOME, 13 Hoosac St., Adams, are Tuesday May 19th from 4:00 P.M. until 6:00 P.M.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial donations be made to Hospice Care in the Berkshires, 877 South St., Pittsfield, MA 01201, St. Jude Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or to a charity of the donor's choice.

To leave a message of condolence, or for directions, please go online to www.paciorekfuneral.com.

Cemetery Details

Bellevue Cemetery

Bellevue Ave.
Adams, MA 01220

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 19. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Paciorek Funeral Home
13 Hoosac Street
Adams, MA 01220
(413) 743-0815
jspaciorek@gmail.com
<https://www.paciorekfuneral.com/>

Liturgy of Christian Burial

MAY 20. 10:00 AM (ET)

Notre Dame des Sept Douleurs Church
21 Maple St.
Adams, MA 01220
<http://www.acparishes.org>

Tribute Wall

TK

“ Dearest Rosetta,
To you and your family, Rene was a wonderful man, funny and kind. Thinking of you, and the family. Be at peace, my friend. Love you!



Theresa Kennedy - June 11 at 02:31 PM

BO

“ Dennis, Mark & Mike - On behalf of the entire Elwell family, I'd like to express heartfelt condolences on the passing of your dad.

My dad always said that without Rene so many good causes in Adams would have been wanting, including the football program and Notre Dame parish. Several generations of young men were the beneficiaries of his tireless dedication.

Your dad was one of a kind. He pitched a full game for his family and the community. May he rest in peace.

Boo - May 29 at 07:24 AM

NC

“ Mark, We are so sorry to hear of your dad's passing. Keeping you and your family in our thoughts. Mike and Nora Curran

Nora Curran - May 18 at 06:24 PM

MR

I became a member of the kids football committee when Rene was still president. Can't remember if Rene or Dan Hogan asked me to do it. Rene and the other businessmen who started the committee did a great job. All the other towns who had junior football charged the boy's parents a lot of money to play. That's still the case today. Our program charged the parents \$10 so that every boy who wanted to play could do it. Some of the original sponsors dropped out and that meant that we had to do even more fund raising. I was lucky enough to have committee members who worked very hard to raise enough money to keep the program going even after I moved to Ga. I served as President or treasurer for 8 of the 9 years I was in the program and was fortunate to work with some of the best people I've ever met. Thank you to Rene and the original members who started the program. My condolences to Rene's family. He was a good friend who had a lot to be proud of and I'm proud to have been his friend.

Mike Rousseau

Mike Rousseau - May 21 at 11:56 AM