



Ralph Edward Mackiewicz

September 30, 1955 - April 12, 2021

MACKIEWICZ, Ralph E. April 12, 2021 Age 65 Beloved husband of Christie. Loving brother of Denise (John) Patrishkoff, and Mark (AnnMarie DeCollibus) Mackiewicz. Cherished uncle of Joannah Thomas (Andy), and great-nephew Gavin, Tanner Mackiewicz (Anneke Beach-Garcia), and great niece Kalina, and Michalea Mackiewicz (engaged to Brandon Jenkins). And also his beloved dog, Pepper.

Born and lived in Detroit for 8 yrs. Moved to Warren in 1963 and graduated from Cousino High School in 1973. Attended Michigan Technological University in Houghton and graduated with a B.S. in Electrical Engineering.

Hired into Westinghouse Numa Logic in Madison Heights where Ralph met Christie. He coached her in the softball team. Married Christie Kowalczyk Sept. 3 in 1983 at St. Josaphat Church in Detroit. They were married 37 years. With COVID, and Ralph working at home, they spent time more time together giving them a glimpse of what retirement would bring.

He worked at SISCO, Inc. for the past 36 yrs. He was currently a major partner and V.P. of Sales and Marketing. He traveled many times in the U.S. and world-wide. He is known all over the world as a leader in standards technology.

He enjoyed fishing and being on his boat. He loved NASCAR racing and football. He enjoyed traveling to far off places and experiencing new things. He loved to cook with his special touches. He loved sharing a good meal, glass of wine and great conversation. Like a fine wine and a good scotch, you always enjoyed him more and more. Ralph was the shining star when he walked into a room with his big smile, friendliness, and presence. He was a lovable guy. Donations are welcome to the Michigan Humane Society or Gleaners Community Food Bank.

Visitation Tuesday from 3-8pm with a 7pm Funeral Service at Wujek - Calcaterra & Sons Inc., 36900 Schoenherr Rd at Metro Parkway (16 Mile). Inurnment, Resurrection

Cemetery. Please share memories with the family at their "on-Line Guestbook" at WujekCalcaterra.com

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 20. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wujek - Calcaterra & Sons Inc - Sterling
36900 SCHOENHERR RD
Sterling Heights, MI 48312

Funeral Service

APR 20. 7:00 PM (ET)

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36900 SCHOENHERR RD
Sterling Heights, MI 48312

Tribute Wall

DS

“ *Ralph was a great guy. We worked with him in NYC, he was a great mind with such a kind demeanor. Again sorry for your loss.*

Delvin Stephens

Delvin Stephens - April 28, 2021 at 04:55 PM

CN

“ *Dear family and friends of Ralph:*

I received a detailed request from Ralph on April 9 outlining a possible research study for one of SISCO's international clients. I was so happy to hear from him as we had met up a couple of times each year since about 1998 to discuss our families and the electric power industry trends - especially as regarded the growing importance of IEC 61850.

Ralph was a keen observer of the human condition and was a kind and gracious person, as I have expressed to his/SISCO's international partners. He was also someone, who while very technically astute, would take the time to simplify and explain complex electric power and telecommunications thoughts and technology processes for the benefit of others. I learned a lot from him and will certainly miss his presence and friendship.

My sincere wishes for comfort and blessings to the family, his friends and associates around the world.

Chuck Newton

Chuck Newton - April 22, 2021 at 06:47 PM

WE

“ *Werner J. Ettinger lit a candle in memory of Ralph Edward Mackiewicz*



Werner J. Ettinger - April 22, 2021 at 02:57 AM

WE

“ I was working with Ralph for many years, me in my position within Siemens Procurement and him being with Sisco. Many times he would be travelling, visiting fairs, an so on but he always found some time to answer my numerous requests. He was one of that rare kind you could always rely on. Sadly, I never had the chance to meet him in person.
May he rest in peace.

Werner J. Ettinger, SIEMENS Germany

Werner J. Ettinger - April 22, 2021 at 02:56 AM

BM

“ It must have been in 2008 when I met Ralph for the first time. Not only his appearance but also his knowledge made an impression.
I really enjoyed our talks at conferences, working groups and other events to catch-up and discuss mutual interests.

Ralph will be missed by many; my sincere condolences to all his beloved ones.

-- Bas Mulder

Bas Mulder - April 21, 2021 at 11:13 AM

RB

“ I met Ralph a few times when over in Europe and we had some really nice evenings catching up along with others.
When I first came into the group of our IEC61850 community he would always find time to catch-up and see how things are going and was a great advocate of CIM. Will be truly missed.



Much Love and condolences, Rakesh Bali

Rakesh Bali - April 21, 2021 at 03:35 AM



“ We met together with Ralph several years ago when I enter CIM world. It was an adventure and great pleasure to listen to his integration stories based on canonical model, sometimes very funny but always concrete.
CIM Community lost substantial puzzle.

My sincerest condolences,

*Tomasz Rogowski
PSE Innowacje, Poland*

Tomasz Rogowski - April 21, 2021 at 01:55 AM

PM

“ *Ralph made the world a better place being pleasant to everyone. I'm going to miss you.
Paul Myrda*

Paul Myrda - April 20, 2021 at 12:22 PM

EL

“ *I 've always enjoyed speaking with Ralph during all these years. He was honest, enthusiastic, very knowledgeable.*

I used to meet him during UCA meetings or at UCA booth, Distributech, CIGRE, and other conferences. I used to meet him also at SISCO booth.

*Last time I met him was in June 2019, during UCA CIMUg in Saclay France.
Then we had some UCA calls in 2020. He was always nice with other persons.*

All my support to his family and loved ones.

I will miss him.

*Eric Lambert
France.*

eric lambert - April 20, 2021 at 10:55 AM

SA

“ *Sander lit a candle in memory of Ralph Edward Mackiewicz*



Sander - April 20, 2021 at 02:56 AM

MA

“ *Rest in peace*

magda - April 20, 2021 at 02:52 AM

KA

“ *Every time I saw Ralph, I tried to get him to let me knit him a pair of socks.*

"It's too much work," he would say.

"But they'll fit," I would reply. "I'm going to be knitting anyway. You might as well benefit from it."

I never did get the privilege of knitting him a pair of socks, but I'm happy to have had the privilege of working with him for the short time I was at SISCO and seeing him at the CIM Users Group meetings. I will miss him.

Karen Bogen

Dalworthington Gardens, TX

Karen - April 20, 2021 at 12:50 AM

MS

“ *As a customer of SISCO products and having met and worked with Ralph I am saddened by his passing.*

I always enjoyed Ralph's and Herb Falk's visits to Australia.

Ralph had a big heart, great humour and big plans – always positive!

Cheers, Martin Stacey

Queensland Australia

Martin Stacey - April 19, 2021 at 09:18 PM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ralph Edward Mackiewicz.*



April 19, 2021 at 06:10 PM

CI

“ *I met Ralph sometime in 2007-2008 when I started to be more active in CIMug activities as an employee of UCTE and later ENTSO-E. It was a pleasure to collaborate with him in all aspects. His guidance and contribution to standards and other international activities is substantial and will be remembered.*

Sharing in your sorrow. My sincerest condolences, with love and comfort.

*Chavdar Ivanov
gridDigt*



Chavdar Ivanov - April 19, 2021 at 04:05 PM

“ Dearest Cousin Ralph,

It is hard to find the words to tell your loved ones how much you will be missed but then I stop to remind myself that those we love don't go away but stay in our hearts forever.

You had such a special gift; you were the only one who could merely walk into a room full of people and light everyone up. Your smile was immense and your laugh was robust and sincere. The only thing bigger than your smile and laugh was your tremendous, heartwarming personality.

There will be an empty spot in my heart every holiday because I will really miss how we talked and laughed about growing up. We always laughed about the silly games we played and how we ran around Babcia's front and back yards until we got stitches in our sides. In fact I am certain you are the one who came up with the name of that game called 'catch the girls'. Just you and Mark could outrun all five of us girls.

I will miss talking about how we made noodles with Babcia and how we would cover the whole dining room table and all the chairs with noodles to dry so that there was no place to sit. One of our favorite memories is how we were all fooled into eating duck blood soup on Christmas because our dads tricked us into thinking it was 'chocolate soup'! We laughed just as hard every time we talked about that story.

I will miss your smiles, your laugh, your story telling, the childhood memories, and all the good times reminiscing with you about them. My husband and children will miss being charmed by all your stories. You know I am really going to miss your Polish cabbage and kielbasa that you so graciously offered to bring to my house for every holiday. (My cabbage and kielbasa were never as good as yours no matter how many times you told me how you made it. You just had that special touch.)

You will always be remembered as a wonderful man and by leaving this earth you have completed the last step required to become a saint. So I feel like I can send you my requests. Please put in a good word for the rest of us so we can get together again in heaven. Until then, I will remind myself that you are not truly gone because you will be forever on my mind and in my heart.

*Love, Your cousin,
Soosie (Mackiewicz) Ambrozy*

CC

“ I met Ralph and Chris through my husband Mike who went to school with Chris. Ralph will be truly missed.

Catherine Carpenter - April 19, 2021 at 02:33 PM

PJ

“ A true gentleman - enough said.

Phillip Jones - April 19, 2021 at 02:19 PM

MG

“ Margaret G. purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Ralph Edward Mackiewicz.



Margaret G. - April 19, 2021 at 12:59 PM

FO

“ Friends from OSIssoft purchased the Rose Remembrance for the family of Ralph Edward Mackiewicz.



Friends from OSIssoft - April 19, 2021 at 10:39 AM



“ Rose Tribute was purchased for the family of Ralph Edward Mackiewicz.



April 18, 2021 at 05:37 PM

LV

“ Working with Ralph for years as software developers, we experienced his ability to express complex software concepts in simple ways. In a small company like SISCO, our professional careers are woven with the lives of our coworkers. They are sometimes as close as family connections. Ralph will be missed immensely. Our deepest condolences to Christie, Denise & John, Mark, and the entire family.
The Voss Family

Liz Voss & Tom Voss - April 18, 2021 at 10:19 AM

TF

“ The Voss Family purchased the America the Beautiful for the family of Ralph Edward Mackiewicz.



The Voss Family - April 18, 2021 at 10:11 AM

MH

“ Marie Hartzell-Hoerauf purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Ralph Edward Mackiewicz.



Marie Hartzell-Hoerauf - April 17, 2021 at 12:46 PM

HF

“ I first met Ralph in 1978. I was a new engineering graduate and Ralph was an engineer at Westinghouse Numa-Logic who was tasked to provide and oversee my first engineering project. That started a long standing friendship and professional relationship.

During those 40+ years, Ralph has proven to be a steadfast friend that was able to successfully separate business and social sides or a relationship. We both dated and married our respective wives who also worked at Numa-logic. Remembering those dates and the nights or gathering at the Steak & Ale and Augies ,to stealing deals playing Euchre, bring back large smiles.

He was a great listener and had firm opinions that were typically backed up by facts. Sometimes, even when presented with overwhelming facts, he would still maintain his belief that he was correct as was the case with what haggis. Several of us were at dinner during Distributech discussing haggis, Ralph believed it was port sausage and the rest of us knew it was lamb based. Even bringing up Google to prove our point would not convince Ralph.

His ability to be friendly and still argue his points made him an indispensable asset at SISCO and the electric utility industry. He was well respected by SISCO competitors and the industry at large. His intellect was proven time and again in his engagement with standards development.

We had some knock-down and continuous professional discussions, but at the end of the day could still go to lunch or out for a drink with our friendship surviving all of the professional disagreements. I will miss our lunches and discussions and the world has lost a wonderful and caring individual.

Herbert Falk

Herbert Falk - April 17, 2021 at 10:22 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Ralph Edward Mackiewicz.



April 17, 2021 at 07:54 AM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Ralph Edward Mackiewicz.*



April 16, 2021 at 03:46 PM

DS

“ *I had the pleasure of working with Ralph on a recent project. We had many great conversations over the last year or so. I could not believe this when I saw the news. My deepest sympathies to his family. - Dave Schaefer, AVEVA Software, LLC.*

David Schaefer - April 16, 2021 at 02:09 PM

TT

“ *Triencon Services Team purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Ralph Edward Mackiewicz.*



Triencon Services Team - April 16, 2021 at 10:48 AM

JP

“ *Ralph was a great boss and friend and who helped me advance in my career at Westinghouse. Our thoughts are with Christe and the rest of the family.*

Jeff and Deb Purdue

Jeff D. Purdue - April 16, 2021 at 10:06 AM

JB

“ *We are so sorry for your loss. Your true love story is beautiful to all who know you. I'm keeping you in my thoughts and prayers. Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day. Unseen, unheard, but always near, so loved, so missed, so very dear!*

Jacky Brito - April 16, 2021 at 08:18 AM



“ *Heavenly and Harmony was purchased for the family of Ralph Edward Mackiewicz.*



April 16, 2021 at 07:14 AM

DM

“ *I have known Ralph through IEEE/IEC activities for over 3 years. We used to meet in quarterly meeting and also exchange several innovative ideas thereafter. Ralph was humble, respectful, helpful, very-knowledgeable, understandable - a right mix of these qualities hard to find in any, making him special. Sincerely, a huge loss to the industry and even bigger to the family and community he served and made a positive impact. Ralph will be missed and remembered by his unique contributions.*

May God give strength to family to bear this immense loss.

-Deepak Maragal

Deepak Maragal - April 16, 2021 at 12:12 AM

AW

“ *Ralph was a big man, both in both stature and in the contribution he brought to those around him. He had a wide circle of influence, impacting people across the globe. Most will never know the extent of how their lives have been impacted by the many things he was involved in. I know I will miss his presence, his supportive demeanor and the wise perspective he brought to our discussions. I share in our collective sadness at his passing and offer condolences to his family and all those who hold him close.*

Andrew West - April 15, 2021 at 07:33 PM

K(

“ *I have known Ralph and his loving family since I was a young child. He and his family are and will always be my family. This unexpected heartfelt notice from family “hit home”! This lovely, caring, smart and great husband will be remembered. I loved his smile! He laughed the same as his father. Ralph loves his wife beyond! His sister Denise owns a piece of his soul. He is joined with his family now. No pain, no suffering! Time will now be the ones he loved their best friend! Never forgetting his love for family, friends, and his love for life! We will always be those silly kids back then! Say “hi” to your family and mine too! I know you are with them!!*

Kathie Flick (Taylor) - April 15, 2021 at 07:07 PM

PC

“ *Power System Comms and Cybersecurity Committee purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Ralph Edward Mackiewicz.*



Power System Comms and Cybersecurity Committee - April 15, 2021 at 04:47 PM

AG

“ *Ralph's work with the IEEE leaves a legacy that has made the world a better place.*



Allen Goldstein - April 15, 2021 at 04:33 PM

CP

“ *I met Ralph about 20 years ago at DistribuTech and he emailed me a copy of his presentation on the benefits of networking for substation automation. Over the years he frequented IEEE meetings and that is where I met up with him, besides conferences, and the UCA International Users Group. He was always easy to talk to and full of ideas, contributing his thoughts at pretty much every opportunity. Over the last four years he provided invaluable input that supported the growth of the newly reformed Power System Communications and Cybersecurity Committee. He was a tremendous colleague and I will miss him. But now he has an opportunity to develop a new kind of technology in a new kind of place. Power on, Ralph.*

Craig Preuss - April 15, 2021 at 04:33 PM

PJ

“ I have known Ralph for less than 2 months. I had invited Ralph to present the IEC 61850 standard to our team which included power engineers in Kazakhstan. He presented to our team on April 1, 2021 starting at 6 AM for 3 hours, non-stop. We were fortunate and blessed that we got a chance to be awed by his passion for the subject, and bask in the knowledge and insights that he provided. We are truly grateful to Ralph for the tremendously valuable contribution he made to our team.

It does seem like a higher power needs Ralph's skill in automating a different kind of power system.

Our sincere condolences to Ralph's family and colleagues.

Pramod Jain - April 15, 2021 at 03:52 PM

ME

“ Mike & Diane Eick purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Ralph Edward Mackiewicz.



Mike & Diane Eick - April 15, 2021 at 03:26 PM

TM

“ Ralph was an really nice guy and one of the smartest persons I have ever met. When I was a kid fresh out of college, Ralph took me under his wing and showed me how to develop computers. I was amazed by the depth of his knowledge in microprocessor hardware and firmware development. After that he was successful in Marketing management. Very few people have the skill set to succeed in a transition like that. Rest in peace Ralph, you were an amazing guy.

Christie, we were so sad to hear about Ralph's passing. This must be devastating for you and we are very sorry. Take care, Tony & Faye

Tony and Faye Maresh - April 15, 2021 at 02:20 PM

WG

“ I still remember when I first came to SISCO, Ralph was one of the people interviewed me which was over 10 years ago. He was very kind in my memory. During the work we had been together, he was a really smart and efficient person. As a good teacher, he gave me a lot of good suggestions and guide. I still remember when I got the request from USICS for request for evidence on my green card application, I went to Ralph and he helped me to prepare so many materials and told me 'Let's use all these materials to hit USCIS hard'. His humor really released my stress due to RFE request from USCIS. Thank you Ralph for everything you helped and guided! You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

Wanxin Gao - April 15, 2021 at 01:39 PM

JM

“ We relied so much on Ralph that is loss to us is immeasurable. He really is in our thoughts and prayers.

Joe Martin - April 15, 2021 at 01:12 PM

PC

“ Power System Relaying and Control Committee purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Ralph Edward Mackiewicz.



Power System Relaying and Control Committee - April 15, 2021 at 01:12 PM

LK

“ Love, Steve Patrishkoff, Dave & Mary Klonowski purchased the A Full Life for the family of Ralph Edward Mackiewicz.



Love, Steve Patrishkoff, Dave & Mary Klonowski - April 15, 2021 at 07:52 AM

“Ralph will be greatly missed by us. He was a loving, kind, caring, smart man. He was talented in many ways. It is so sad that he has passed on. It will be difficult for Christie and Denise and John as he was a wonderful husband and brother, brother in law...their "Rock." Our hearts are sad as we loved Ralph and appreciated the way he valued family and our get togethers. He was a fantastic cook, expert at technology, photography and enjoyed Nascar and football, a good Scotch or wine. His wife was the love of his life and their dog was his special four legged pal. Somehow, life goes on but without Ralph, it will be not as sweet. We already miss him and wish his passing wasn't true. But it is and we shall do our best to comfort and to remember and to toast to Ralph who left this world too soon and with his special kielbasa & smoked sausage & kraut recipe. God Bless You Ralph. God Bless Christie, Denise and John and his brother Mark and wife Ann. All our Love and Sympathy.
Steve Patrishkoff, Dave and Mary Klonowski

Mary Klonowski - April 15, 2021 at 07:36 AM