



DUANE R. PERRELLI

September 18, 1945 - January 9, 2026

IN LIEU OF FLOWERS MEMORIAL DONATIONS MAY BE MADE IN
DUANE'S NAME TO:

MEMORIAL SLOAN KETTERING CANCER CENTER
1276 YORK AVENUE
NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10065
www.mskcc.org

OR TO:

ST. KATERI RC CHURCH
427 STANHOPE ROAD
SPARTA, NEW JERSEY 07871

MEMORIAL MASS:
SATURDAY: JANUARY 24, 2026
11AM
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427 STANHOPE ROAD
SPARTA, NEW JERSEY 07871

INTERMENT OF URN:

SATURDAY: JANUARY 24, 2026
FOLLOWING MEMORIAL MASS
MILTON UNITED METHODIST CEMETERY
MILTON, NEW JERSEY 07438

Duane R. Perrelli, 80 years, of Sparta, New Jersey, passed away at his home on Friday, January 9, 2026, surrounded by his family.

He was born on September 18, 1945 in Passaic, New Jersey.

Duane proudly served in the US Air Force from 1965 to 1968.

He received a Bachelor's degree from Montclair University in Montclair, NJ; his Master's degree from Mary Wood University in Scranton, Pennsylvania, and graduated from the American Academy of Dramatic Arts in New York City.

For 25 years he was an English, Drama, Video and Speech teacher and at West Milford High School until his retirement in 2000.

Pre-Covid, Duane was an usher for the daily masses at St. Peter's RC Church in New York City and on the Environment Committee at St. Kateri RC Church in Sparta, New Jersey.

On Saturday mornings, Duane enjoyed spending time with his Breakfast Club friends.

During his illness, he enjoyed porch visits with his friends and family, as he was a great conversationalist.

In his spare time, Duane enjoyed traveling around the world, watching films and movies, bike riding in Manhattan, eating cheese cake and hot dogs,

watching ships and sunsets on the Hudson River, attending Broadway plays, enjoyed going to the gym and spa, a dedicated marathon runner completing five marathons, and was a proud friend of Bill Wilson.

He was predeceased by his parents Emma Perrelli in 2011 and Frank C. Perrelli in 2013; his son David Perrelli in 2018; his siblings Keith Perrelli in 1967 and Deidre Sponheimer in 2023.

Duane is survived by his beloved long-term partner of more than 30 years Mary Donahue; his former wife Jean Perrelli; his loving children Dan Perrelli and Terry Baldwin (Tommy); his dear niece Marsha Bay (Kyle); his cherished grandchildren Shane and Brea Baldwin, Clea and Isaiah Perrelli, and Cortney McKeon; and his dear nieces and nephews, cousins, and many cherished friends.

A memorial mass will take place on Saturday, January 24, 2026 at 11am at St. Kateri RC Church, 427 Stanhope Road, Sparta, New Jersey 07871.

The interment of his urn will follow at Milton United Methodist Cemetery in Milton, New Jersey.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made in Duane's name to Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, 1276 York Avenue, New York, NY 10065; www.mskcc.org or to St. Kateri RC Church, 427 Stanhope Road, Sparta, New Jersey 07871.

On line condolences and directions: www.sticklesolteszfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

JAN 24. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Kateri RC Church
427 Stanhope Road
Sparta, NJ 07871
<http://973-7291682>

Graveside Inurnment Service

JAN 24. 12:45 PM - 1:15 PM (ET)

Milton United Methodist Cemtery
Dover Milton Road
Milton, NJ 07438

Tribute Wall

EK

“ I was one of his English (Public Speaking) students at West Milford Township High School in the 1970s. I liked him and believe that Mr. Hodde made a wise choice in hiring him. He was good with young people and was like an older brother to me. His family has my sympathy.

Ed Kliska - January 27 at 12:03 AM

RK

“ Sending our sincere condolences during this time of grieving to the Perrelli Family, extended family and friends. Duane's daughter Terry and I really were the test as he always was very protective as a Dad and wanted to know all. Well believe me we endured some memorable times. I remember being initiated as being a part of the family headed to Christmas Eve midnight mass. So many memories that will comfort us during times of grief. Wishing all peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead, and loving memories to forever hold in your heart, may Duane no longer suffer and Rest in Peace. 🙏🕊️

Robyn Krupacs - January 20 at 08:53 PM

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“ To the family of Duane : My condolences to your family. My Mother, Florence Patterson and I came to know Duane's parents through the shared tragedy of the Vietnam deaths of Keith and my brother James Gordon. Over the last 59 years I met Duane at a number of Veterans programs. John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son. that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life" Lillian Patterson Frawley

Lillian Patterson Frawley - January 12 at 01:31 PM



I'm sorry to hear about Mr. Perrelli. He was my teacher in high school. He also knew my father, Al Pecci, very well. Fond memories. Linda Pecci-Jacobs

Linda Jacobs - January 19 at 07:24 PM