



## Laurence R Pagani

January 6, 1943 - November 12, 2019

Laurence R. Pagani of Willingboro died on Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at Cooper Hospital in Camden. He was 76.

Born in Mansfield, Ohio, to Richard and Helen (Long) Pagani, he was a graduate of St. Peter's High School, class of 1961. Larry's career was spent in the food service business which began at Gervis Brown Derby in Mansfield, OH. He moved to NJ in 1974 to manage the Ponderosa Steak House in Willingboro, where he met his wife of 44 years. He retired from Burlington County Special Services School District where he was Food Service Director for 32 years. Larry was a ham radio operator for many years and coached baseball in Willingboro and Burlington City. He enjoyed gardening, golf, and watching football, basketball and baseball games.

He is survived by his wife Terri (nee Gruber); 4 children, Melissa Pagani, at home; Todd Pagani (Margie) of Massillon, OH, Angela Wood (Mike) of Spencer, IA and Elaine Bradley (Bruce Keller) of Mansfield, OH; grandchildren Kristen Pagani of Massillon, OH, Gregory Pagani (Emily Bryant) of Burlington City, James Gethers of Burlington City, Jaylen Clarke at home, Anthony Bradley, Ian Bradley (Amanda) and Jessica Meek (Brian), all of OH, Brittney Webster (Matthew), Ryan Wood and Meghan Wood (Eric Meighan) all of IA; and great-grandchildren, Corey Vogelsong of OH, Brayden and McKenna Pagani of Burlington; and Lucy and Grace Meek, Caleb and Cameron Bradley all of OH, Josephine Meighan; and Cecelia, Leroy, Wyatt, Tayler and Tori Webster, all of IA.

He is also survived by 5 siblings: David Pagani, Carol Lewis (Monroe), Kenneth Pagani, Cathy Musille (Tom), and Christine Mickley (Eric), all of OH. Other survivors include mother-in-law, Audrey Gruber of NC, sister-in-law, Pat Ryder of PA and nephew, Henry and family; brother-in-law, John Toutant of Lumberton, nephew, JP Toutant and niece EJ Toutant, brothers-in-law, Tim Gruber of PA and Jeff Gruber (Angi) of TN and nephews, Christopher, Patrick and Douglas and their families; uncle, Dale Long (Lil) of OH and many nieces, nephews, cousins and in-laws.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sister, Mary Lou Pagani, brother, Bob Pagani, great-grandson, Sebastian Pagani, sister-in-law, Debra Toutant and father-in-law, Arthur Gruber.

A Celebration of Life service will be held on Saturday, November 16 at 11 am at the First United Methodist Church of Delran, 32 Conrow Rd., Delran, NJ 08075. Calling hour is at 10 am at the church. A luncheon at the church will follow the service.

Contributions in Larry's memory may be made to the First United Methodist Church Youth Group at the address above.

Arrangements by the Perinchief Chapels, Mount Holly.

# Events

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**NOV**   **Visitation**   10:00AM - 11:00AM

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**NOV**   **Service**   11:00AM

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# Comments

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“ Dear Terri and family,

I would like to take this time to extend the right hand of fellowship in Love of God and Love of Neighbor, as I express my sincerest condolences to you during this time of your loss of your loved one - Laurence. When Jesus called Laurence to his heavenly home, the Lord recognized Laurence with the promised words, “Well done, my good and faithful servant...enter into my Kingdom prepared for you....”

I recall as my ministry of memory is that you would enlist Laurence to provide his time and talents of catering/food services for various functions and events at First United Methodist Church of Mount Holly during your employment and ministry participation. The food and presentation was always professionally done and delicious, and enjoyed by many. Everyone was appreciative of the gift that both you and Laurence shared with the church during these special times. Laurence was known and recognized as kind, caring, and as always putting his best foot forward when his time and talents were needed. He was a faithful follower of Christ.

We can find comfort in the words in the Gospel of John 14:1-3 with the promise that Jesus would come back for each of us and bring us safely home:

“I Am the Way, and the Truth, and the Life”: “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, and where I Am you may be also.”

Our family recently experienced the loss of our mother (who was also a wife, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt, and a friend to many), and I have experienced the pain in the loss of a loved one. I wanted to share with you words of encouragement, which is that we are called to remain faithful and stay awake for signs from heaven, for Laurence (and my mom) just might be an angel in our midst when we least expect it.

May God bless each of you in your time of grieving; and, I encourage you to be strong in Him, and continue on your journey as a faithful servant. I will keep you in my prayers.

In Christ Love,  
Liz Cronrath, Member  
First United Methodist Church of Mount Holly