



## Ralph H. Dignan

February 12, 1927 - January 7, 2014

Ralph H. Dignan, age 86 of New York and more recently of Upper Sandusky died Tue Jan 7, 2014 in St. Francis Home, Tiffin. He was born Feb 12, 1927 in London, Ontario, Canada to the late Edward Phillip & Marion I. (Weber) Dignan.

Mr. Dignan is survived by his life partner of 23 years Mafalda “Muffy” Ferraro of New York, 2 brothers Edward Phillip (Amy) Dignan of Quebec, Canada, Gerry (Dolores) Dignan of Vancouver British Columbia, a sister Marion “Betty” Steel of Georgia, his niece and caregiver Erin (Joseph) D'Ettorre of Upper Sandusky, many nieces and nephews, and great nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a sister Mary Jane Furanna of London Canada.

He attended St. Ann's Catholic Church in Ossining, NY for the last 23 years, and he supported the Maryknoll Mission of NY. Mr. Dignan worked in construction all of his life. He built vacation homes in Canada, Hawaii, California, Pennsylvania, New York, and Florida. He was a volunteer coordinator with Habitat For Humanity for 25 years where he supervised the construction of over 200 homes in New York state. Mr. Dignan was fond of traveling and enjoyed flying and driving on many trips with family and friends. He also enjoyed staying educated on all the latest building materials and ideas in ECO friendly construction. Mr. Dignan was a proud supporter of “The people’s Pope” Pope Francis.

Ralph's mantra is posed as a challenge "What is left after the Spirit leaves the body for others to aspire to continue!"

A memorial service will be held in London, Ontario, Canada in early summer. Memorial donations may be made to Open Door Resource Center in care of Bringman Clark Funeral Home 226 East Wyandot Ave. Upper Sandusky, OH 43351. Visit [www.BringmanClark.com](http://www.BringmanClark.com) to send a condolence, share a memory, or up-load a photo.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Laurita Zontek lit a candle in memory of Ralph H. Dignan*



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**Laurita Zontek** - June 08, 2014 at 02:14 PM

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“ *Ralph and Muffy were my neighbors for 16 years. Ralph was one of the nicest, smartest and funniest men I have ever known. I have so many fond memories with both Muffy and Ralph. I enjoyed spending many hours with Ralph just talking about his family and years in Canada (selling shoes, building houses), his siblings, nieces and nephews and how much he loved his family (all the pictures they had in their garage of family on the wall and stories to tell). We had so much fun every year at their famous "Halloween Parties" for the neighborhood... I could go on and on. I always said, "I want to be like Muffy and Ralph" when I grow up, because "nothing stopped them"! Ralph had one of the most positive attitudes of anyone I have ever known and I truly loved him. Rest in peace, my dear friend.*

*Love Lisa Puglia*

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**Lisa Puglia** - February 03, 2014 at 07:59 PM

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“ Good bye Uncle Dig.

*You were always a fun and loving presense in my life from letting me "drive" by sitting on your knee in the car at Grand Bend and treating me to my first rare steak when you refused to pay for a steak cooked well done to making me laugh dispite myself. You loved all of us all like each of us were the most important person in the world and we all love you back.*

*I will miss you but I will never stop loving you. Hope you and Mom are having a good reunion. Keep watching over us.*

*Mary Beth*

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**Mary Beth Furanna** - January 14, 2014 at 08:51 AM