



## Ralph Rodas

April 28, 1958 - September 8, 2024

Ralph Rodas passed away peacefully in his sleep on the morning of Sunday, September 8, 2024. The third oldest of seven siblings. He was born April 28, 1958 in Danbury, CT to Mr Ralph Rodas and Mrs Virginia Nelson. His grandmother affectionately named him 'Peel,' which he was known to by his family and friends.

He went through the Danbury School system until the family moved to New Haven, Connecticut, where he went to Sheridan Middle School and graduated from high school in the community. He always wanted to do hair, so after graduation he went to Cosmetology school and achieved his dream of being a hairdresser. He was pretty darn good at it too.

Most of his clients stayed with him throughout his entire career. He worked at "Macy's" for several years and then went on to work at "With These Hands" with Henri. He always dreamed of having a daughter. Along came Bryanna, the light of his life. He was a doting and loving father.

He was definitely an acquired taste, either you liked him or you did not.

I have to say that most people truly loved him.

Once retiring from the field, (he never really retired because he was still doing


a handful of clients at his home.) The friendships, relationships, and bonds that he created lasted a lifetime. Shy or introverted was never in his vocabulary. He was Very outspoken.

From New Haven, Ralph moved to Bloomfield, CT, married, and from that union was blessed in his words, 'With God's greatest gift in life, his Beautiful daughter.' He returned to Macy's department store to work in men's retail. He was a member of Trinity Temple Church of God in Christ before moving his membership to Latter Rain Christian Fellowship.

Ralph loved cooking and entertaining. The company, love, laughter, of his family and friends was his Paradise. He also loved theater art, and the movies. The Broadway play Cats was a fascination. He also enjoyed a day at the mall or a wonderful consignment shop. He continued working at Macy's department store up until his retirement.

He leaves to cherish his memory his daughter Bryanna Rodas, (3) Sisters; Darlene Rodas, Paula Carrasquillo of Syracuse New York, Tatinishia E. Tallman Franklin (Curtis) of Rockingham NC, (1) Brother, Frankie Rodas, A Godson, Logan Parker Scott Heyward. Along with a host of close relatives and friends.

In addition to family, there are several, but four exceptional friends, Mother Marie Baker, Hattie (Mimi)Thorton, Toni Perry-Perez, and Wanda Morton, who made a significant impact in his life for over 30 years.

Ralph let 'Everyone' know how Special they were. He will be remembered for not only his very candid 'outspokenness,' but his friendliness and generous heart. His absence will be sorely missed! 

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

OCT 5. 4:00 PM (ET)

The New Trinity Temple Church of God in Christ  
285 Dixwell Ave  
New Haven, CT

# Tribute Wall

LA

“ *Rest in peace and sleep well my friend*

*Tish*

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**Latisha** - October 14, 2024 at 08:24 AM

RE

“ *I met Ralph through a mutual friend, and from the moment we met, we instantly clicked!*

*The rest was history, Ralph was always a joy to be around. What i loved most was his outspoken honesty.*

*He truly will be missed!*

*Love,  
Resa*

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**Resa** - October 05, 2024 at 04:25 PM



CE

“ *Carlean & Calvin Exum purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Ralph Rodas.*



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**Carlean & Calvin Exum** - October 04, 2024 at 02:27 PM

HP

“ To Rodas Family: sharing words of comfort on your beloved lost :Ralph had great talent as hairstylist when in New Haven, he and late Henri had clients from various towns. Enjoying doing their hair, and showing class of fashion working or enjoying his weekend shopping 🛍️ May his soul SIP

Helen C Powell - September 30, 2024 at 08:41 PM

TP

“ My heartfelt condolences to Bryanna and Mr. Rodas' family and friends. If you know, you know Mr. Rodas as I affectionately called him. We shared a saying when times became difficult that said 'don't nobody know but Jesus'. We'd laugh about it, embraced peace and, trusted God at His word. Mr. Rodas, my life will never be the same without you. I thank God and you for allowing us to share so many fond memories. Especially, the time you did my hair and unbeknownst to me, I went from having black hair to sporting honey blond. I loved it though. I cannot say "I am going to miss you because, in reality, I already do. Rest in peace, my friend/brother. Always.

Toni Perry-Perez - September 30, 2024 at 08:39 PM

DR

“ Boy oh boy. What can I say? I miss you terribly even though we prepared for this day, you can never be prepared to lose your best friend. I love you, my Pete. Your sister (Aunt Wucy) Darlene

Darlene Rodas - September 30, 2024 at 11:49 AM

WE

“ Wanda & Walter Morton aka O'Sis & Elder lit a candle in memory of Ralph Rodas



Wanda & Walter Morton aka O'Sis & Elder - September 30, 2024 at 10:48 AM

WE

“ My most sincere and heartfelt condolences to the family and friends. Well I must say I enjoyed over 4 decades of "I'm just gonna be real" as my brother Ralph would often say. Ralph called me O' Sister and sometimes laughing hard, at times Ralph would call me "Mother Missionary." I called Ralph "Younger Brother or Broski❤️"  
Ralph affectionately called my husband Walter, "Elder", who Ralph highly respected and always received our prayers (especially Elder's prayers).🙏  
Younger Bro you are tremendously missed, from the serious talks, laughter, lunches, the Big E so many many great memories. And Ralph's famous expression for me "I can't with you" meaning my "one liners" were too much and we'd laugh and laugh. Forever remembered, Younger Broski❤️❤️  
Mucho Amor  
O' Sis and Elder

Wanda & Walter Morton aka O'Sis & Elder - September 30, 2024 at 10:47 AM

MD

“ My condolences to Ralph's family and friends in your loss. RIP



Mamie Darden - September 28, 2024 at 12:16 PM