



## Louis James Balletta

March 28, 1935 - November 8, 2024

Louis James Balletta, born in the Bronx on March 28, 1935, passed away peacefully at Buffalo Crossings Hospice at the age of 89 on November 8, 2024.

Louis was a journeyman electrician when he met his future wife, Josephine Mercado, in the Bronx during the late 1950's. They were married on April 11, 1959 and lived in the Bronx until 1963, when they moved to New Jersey, first to Lodi and then to Manalapan, where they raised their sons Dominick and Michael. In 1999 he retired after 38 years of service as a proud union member of IBEW's Local 3, and moved to The Villages, where they became very active in the local community. Louis spent many years bike riding across the state and region with his riding team, along with taking part in various local activities. His personal favorite was portraying Christopher Columbus for a number of years at the Villages' annual Columbus Day parade and festivities. He was a long standing devoted member and supporter of St. Timothy's Church. He and Josephine were inseparable, taking numerous trips and supporting one another up until her passing in 2017.

He is survived by his sons, his daughter in laws Dr. Ilene Wilets and Debbie Balletta, his younger brother Dominick, grandchildren Ethan, Justin, Stephanie, Michael Jr., and Angela, along with great grandchildren Brooke and Anthony. His extended family also includes Tina, Ronald and Margaret

Bersch, a small army of nieces and nephews, an extensive family network, and a vast circle of friends across The Villages, New York and New Jersey.

A visitation will be held at the Lady Lake Chapel of Beyers Funeral Home on Wednesday, November 13, 2024 where a Prayer Vigil will be held at 11:30 AM. A Mass of Christian Burial will be said 8:30 AM Thursday, November 14, 2024 at St. Timothy Catholic Church.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 13. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Beyers Funeral Home & Crematory - Lady Lake  
134 N US Highway 441  
Lady Lake, FL 32159  
(352) 753-4444

## Prayer Vigil

NOV 13. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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134 N US Highway 441  
Lady Lake, FL 32159  
(352) 753-4444

## Mass of Christian Burial

NOV 14. 8:30 AM (ET)

St. Timothy Catholic Church  
1351 Paige Pl  
Lady Lake, FL 32159  
(352) 753-0989

# Tribute Wall

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“ Rest peacefully now with Anut Josephine. You were the best Godparents one could ask for, I was very lucky to have you both as mine. What I would give for one me time where you grabbed my cheeks and squeezed real tight. Love you and will miss you. Enjoy the family reunion - cook up a delicious meal, meatballs, lazagna baked ziti. All things that I remember. AND THE BEST BAGEL MAKE THE WORLD OVER. Save one for me for when we meet again. Love you, Terry

Terry Mercado - November 12, 2024 at 03:41 PM

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“ Rest in peace Grandpa Balletta. Thank you for being there for years of laughter, love, and family time that will forever be cherished. We miss and love you more than words will ever be able to express. As much as our hearts may break now, they will also heal in the memories we have and knowing you're truly at peace with your beloved, I bet you're smiling that amazing smile from ear to ear. And that is how I'll always choose to remember you. Until we meet again... 🕊



Angie - November 10, 2024 at 01:49 PM

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Debbie Balletta - November 10, 2024 at 08:22 PM

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“ He was the best father in law a woman could ask for. We shared so many good and bad times together. He was always there for me. He will be loved and missed forever. May you rest in peace



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**Debbie Balletta** - November 10, 2024 at 01:04 PM

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Lou was my father-in-law and like a dad to me. He was so very smart, kind, and fun to be with. We will miss him dearly but he will forever be in our hearts and right by our side. ❤️

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**Ilene Wilets** - November 10, 2024 at 01:53 PM