



## Raymond Joseph Kalista, Sr.

April 30, 1930 - November 30, 2018

Raymond Joseph Kalista, Sr., 88, of Mooresville, passed away on Friday, November 30, 2018 at the Gordon Hospice House in Statesville.

He was born on April 30, 1930 in New York, NY, to the late Rose Kalista. Mr. Kalista was a US Army veteran serving at Fort Bragg from 1947-1950. He was a firefighter for the NY Fire Department and a member of the Masons. He was known as "Ranger Ray" at the Mooresville Golf Course, where he was a ranger. Mr. Kalista was an active member Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Mooresville.

Mr. Kalista married, Geraldine Ross Kalista, the day he got discharged from the Army, January 17, 1950. Also survived by his children, Raymond J. Kalista, Jr., Richard Kalista (Cindy Dyar-Kalista), Joseph A. Kalista (Bernice Steele-Kalista), Michelle Kalista; nine grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

The family will receive friends on Tuesday, December 4 from 12:00-1:00 PM with a service following at 1:00 PM at Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints with Bishop Keith White officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Gordon Hospice House, 2341 Simonton Rd, Statesville, NC 28625.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home & Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Kalista family. Condolences may be made to the family at [www.cavin-cook.com](http://www.cavin-cook.com).

# Previous Events

## Receiving Friends

DEC 4. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints  
148 Lazy Lane  
 Mooresville, NC 28115

## Funeral Service

DEC 4. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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148 Lazy Lane  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Raymond Joseph Kalista, Sr.*

February 14, 2021 at 11:24 AM



“ *Raymond Joseph Kalista, Sr.*

February 14, 2021 at 11:04 AM



“ *Raymond Joseph Kalista, Sr.*

February 14, 2021 at 11:03 AM



“ *Prayers for the family during this time. Michelle, I am thinking about you and your mom. Please let me know if I can do anything to help you. I will be thinking about you in the days to come. Love you! Lisa Hicks*

**Lisa Hicks** - December 03, 2018 at 10:28 AM



“ *I will always remember Ray's smiling face and loving ways he lived his life at church. Since I moved away from the area and out of state things have not been the same. It is great knowing that I will see him again and see his smiling face. He was always smiling at me when he saw me and my family at church. My prayers are with all the family during this time. Love to all of you. Barbara Rummage*

**Barbara Rummage** - December 02, 2018 at 07:36 PM

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“ Loving thoughts as I look back on my life that Big Ray became part of when i was nearly eight. The Kalista family is very special to me and now my family. We are sad over his passing, but grateful in the knowledge of seeing him again. Our heartfelt condolences to all the family, hug our dearest Gerry💕💕

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**Teresa R.McDaniel** - December 01, 2018 at 11:28 AM

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“ Our deepest Sympathy to you and your family. You remain in our thoughts and prayers. May each of you be filled with Gods Peace, Strength, and Comfort. Love You! Lu Anne, Jasper, and Kiersten.

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**Lu Anne Burgin Bettencourt** - December 01, 2018 at 11:02 AM