
Ralph Renzi
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1921 - 2015 Ralph R. Renzi died 10 October 2015 in White Plains, NY. Ralph was a life-long Berkshire County native and the last surviving of 12 children of Antonio and Rosaria Renzi. He was born in Pittsfield on May 24, 1921. He graduated from Pittsfield High and from Williams College, Class of '43. During World War II Ralph served in the European Theater of Operations in the 44th Infantry Division as a Sergeant, and then later as a 2nd Lieutenant, having received a battlefield commission in recognition of his leadership abilities. The Division spent 190 days in combat during which time Ralph was awarded a Purple Heart after being wounded in action. His other decorations included several battle stars, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, and the Bronze Star Medal. He married Helen Greco on June 19, 1949. He was a reporter for the Berkshire Eagle, and then News Director and Editor of the Williams College Alumni Review from 1952-1968. He owned and operated Renzi's College Bookstore for 16 years, and for 25 years wrote a column called STREETTALK for the Advocate. He was a founder and longtime trustee of the Williamstown Theater Festival. He is survived by Mary Jo Renzi; Maggie Renzi and John Sayles; Marta Renzi and Daniel Wolff; Mark Renzi; sisters-in-law Kathryn Greco and Del Renzi; by his grandchildren, Rachel and Jessica Renzi, Luke Robertson, Amos and Lorenzo Wolff, Marco and Julianna Jolly Renzi, and his great-grandchildren, Cecilia and Amelia Renzi-Arevalo; and several generations of nieces and nephews. Donations can be made to the Williamstown Theater Festival, Williams College, and the Williamstown Youth Center. SERVICES: Ralph's children are planning a memorial celebration for the Spring in Williamstown. Condolences can be sent c/o Mary Jo Renzi: 1817 Leonard Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95404, or : maryjorenzi@gmail.com

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