



## Dr. Salvatore "Sal" Benjamin Corrallo

January 5, 1931 - December 14, 2020

Salvatore (Sal) Benjamin Corrallo, Department of Education researcher, athlete and devoted patriarch, died December 14, 2020 in Naples, Florida, after a brief illness. He was 89.

He was born January 5, 1931, in Lockport, NY, to Benjamin and Louise Corrallo. Sal married Mildred (Murph) Weaver, and the couple had three children before Murph died in 1977 from cancer. He later married Marjorie Hayden, who also had three children, and became the patriarch of their blended family. Their home became the center of holiday celebrations and gatherings for extended family and friends. He is survived by his wife of over 40 years, Marjorie Hayden Corrallo, and their six children: Mark Corrallo (Huiling), Vanessa Mirabelli (Rick), Krista Paquin (Eric), Daniel Krause (CJ), Lisa Hastings (Phil) and Katrina Krause. He is also survived by 10 grandchildren: Jaedi Corrallo, Bianca Olson, Michael Mirabelli, Drew Paquin, Kelsey Paquin, Griffin Paquin, Daniel Krause, Mayrose Krause, Michael Krause, and Kai Hastings; and four great grandchildren, with a fifth on the way. He is also survived by four nieces and nephews. His only sibling, Geraldine Verdi, died in 2019 in Buffalo, NY.

He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and attended the University of Buffalo (UB) on the GI Bill, eventually earning a Ph.D. from the State University of New York at Buffalo. He was elected president of the UB

Student Council as an undergraduate, ran for public office in Erie County NY, and also took great joy from teaching high school math. During his studies for advanced degrees in education, he received a Federal Government Fellowship and moved his family to the suburbs of Washington. D.C. His belief in the importance of education and policy in improving people's lives informed his career at the U.S. Department of Education, where he was project manager of the National Assessment of College Student Learning and authored multiple publications on post-secondary education costs, student aid programs and critical thinking curricula. He believed public service to be a noble profession and it was his deep belief in humanity and his fight against inequities that touched the lives of all who knew him. Throughout his life, he gave generously to over 30 charitable organizations and volunteered tirelessly to causes and organizations important to him and his family.

Sal loved sports from an early age and was an accomplished athlete in his own right. He ran track, cross country and played baseball as a youth. He was captain of his cross-country team at UB and took on the coaching role when nagging injuries during his senior year prevented him from competing. He returned to running again in his forties with his children as an outlet from his deceased wife's illnesses and was ultimately lured to the sport of racewalking. Among his many running and racewalking accomplishments were seven marathons (with a PR of 3:16), ultramarathons and 24-hour relays and he held numerous national and world age-group records in running and racewalking. He served as president of the Potomac Valley Seniors Track Club for many years and chaired the racewalking committee for USA Track and Field (USATF), for which he developed instructional clinics and competitive opportunities for young and elite racewalkers. He was recognized by USATF in 1985 with the President's Award. In 1994, he and his family hosted several Belarusian racewalkers, who came to the U.S. on an athletic and cultural exchange. In retirement, he played softball in Delaware and Florida and set up the bylaws for the Old Timers Softball League in Rehoboth Beach, DE. In

recognition of his many contributions, he was recently inducted into the OTS Hall of Fame.

For the last years as residents of Naples, FL, Sal and his wife, Marjorie, devoted their love and energy to the community of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Greater Naples. It was his wish for the interment of his ashes to be placed in the gardens of their beloved congregation.

A service in his memory will be held after the pandemic. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in his honor to the Southern Poverty Law Center, [splcenter.org](http://splcenter.org).

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home.

# Cemetery Details

## **Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Greater Naples Memorial Garden**

6340 Napa Woods Way  
Naples, FL 34116

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dr. Salvatore "Sal" Benjamin Corrallo*

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October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *Sal first introduced me to the sport of racewalking at a clinic he held on the Mall in Washington DC in the 1980's. He gave me a gift I am still enjoying even now in my early 80's as I racewalk during this pandemic. Sal was such a "light" for us new walkers. He gave so much of his time, energy, and expertise to the Potomac Valley Track Club and to those who knew and trained with him. I have wonderful memories of those days. Marvin and I offer our sincere condolences to Marjorie and family in their loss. - Lois Dicker*

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**Lois Dicker** - January 28, 2021 at 04:52 PM



*Sal, memorable (nick)name. New resident of metro WDC early '90s. Gave me a lift somewhere early in PVTC track and field meets at TC Williams HS. So friendly, memorable guy.*

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**Drew** - March 07, 2025 at 02:59 PM

PD

“ I met Sal through the sport of racewalking, but he was one of those people whose friendship I would have cherished no matter how or where we met. He had a kind and gentle way about him that I will never forget. When I relocated to the Northern Virginia area, he was one of the first people to help me find my way. Through his support and mentorship, I found a part-time job that allowed me to develop important work skills and still train as an Olympic hopeful. In the summer of 1994, he helped organize a trip for my training partner and me to travel to Belarus and learn from some of the best walkers in the world. For years, he hosted the National Invitational in Washington DC that regularly brought some of America's finest endurance athletes together. I remember him taking a group of us to Atlanta to watch the 1996 Olympics, a generous gift that helped encourage me to continue my own Olympic quest. To his family I send my deepest condolences. Sal, you will always be loved.

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**Philip Dunn** - January 04, 2021 at 12:23 AM

DR

*RW Al Heppner maybe  
(question)  
Wow, Atlanta 96*

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**Drew** - March 07, 2025 at 03:25 PM

GW

“ I ran against Sal for USATF Race Walk Chair. Of course he won, in his post election speech, he requested I work with him on an innovative national team program for our elite and junior race walkers. A first time program, he remained behind the scene delegating responsibility to me and others while he helped garner sponsorship for the program. Training camps, sports science and training gear became available to the team which previously were not available. Thanks to Sal!

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**Gary Westerfield** - January 03, 2021 at 11:51 AM

JW

“ Dr. Salvatore "Sal" Benjamin Corrallo (January 3, 1931 - December 14, 2020) served many years as president of Potomac Valley Track Club

*Best remembered as a top-ranked race walker, he was also a talented organized who brought out the best in everyone he knew.*

*He was also active nationwide on USATF's Masters Committee and locally supporting the certification of track & field officials.*

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**Jay Jacob Wind** - January 02, 2021 at 09:14 PM

VH

“ How wonderful to have known this warm, welcoming man, Salvatore, and his family. We only were together a few times to share Holidays but what a grand time he and Marjorie and the entire family had and made us feel really welcome. We will remember how good he was at keeping the "youngins" in check just by a few eye looks or a quiet word-how did he manage that??!! Of course with all the entertaining/parties there were childhood spills and adult spills of drinks and food and lo and behold--Sal to the rescue with the Windex!! He always had it handy-"cleans everything" he would say with a big grin.

*A lovable, kindly man and full of knowledge-Carl and I will miss him but will keep him in our hearts. God and Sal will be watching us for sure as we all seek the Peace he now enjoys.*

*Carl and Vicky Hastings-Hagerstown Maryland*

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**Victoria E . Hastings** - January 02, 2021 at 06:44 PM

BK

“ I am very sorry to hear of the loss of Sal. He was a gentleman in the finest sense and an important athlete and Ambassador for racewalking and in a larger sense for a just world.

*I appreciated his hospitality and remember fondly his and Marge's hosting, feeding, shuttling, and generally looking out for my son and I before and after a race in 1984.*

*So rest in peace Sal. Thank you for what you have done for me and so many others. My thoughts of comfort and care go out to you Marge and your family.*

*Love,*

*Bob Keating*

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**Bob Keating** - January 02, 2021 at 04:44 PM



“ Sal urged me into racewalking in 1976 and the sport has remained a constant to me. I recall many head to head races in those early years--- being encouraged to give the 40k a try-- "enjoying" the 24 hour relay as team mates, along with Marge-- and the fantastic support through a pair of 100ks. A warm human being who did so much on many many levels...

*To Marge, be well..*

*Brian Savilonis*

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**Brian Savilonis** - January 02, 2021 at 03:51 PM