



## Branko Badurina

December 29, 2025

Branko Badurina, a devoted husband, father, grandfather, and longtime resident of Cresskill, New Jersey, passed away peacefully on December 29, 2025, at the age of 81.

Branko is survived by his beloved wife of 52 years, Maria, and his four children and their families: Daniel, Anna, Andrew and Branko; daughters-in-law Lynn Anne and Marianne; and his cherished grandchildren Mia, Alivia, AJ, Juliana, Ben and Lila. He is also survived by his brother Ruzario and sister Miljenka. Branko was predeceased by his parents, Anton and Milica, and his brothers Zeferin and Joseph.

Born in Croatia, Branko immigrated to the United States and settled in Hoboken, New Jersey, where he proudly used his culinary training to build a career as a chef. Even after retirement, his passion for cooking never faded. With joy and generosity, he continued to prepare memorable meals for every family gathering, creating traditions and lasting memories that will be treasured forever.

With the loving support of his wife Maria, Branko raised four wonderful children and built a home filled with warmth, laughter, and love. A devoted family man, he delighted in watching sports of all kinds, but nothing brought him greater pride than watching his children—and later his grandchildren—

play.

Branko was deeply loved and will be forever missed by all who knew him.

### Broken Chain

Little we knew that morning,  
God was going to call your name. In life we loved you dearly, in death we do the same. It broke our hearts to lose you, but you did not go alone. For part of us went with you on the day God called you home. Our family chain is broken and nothing seems the same, but as God calls us one by one, then chain will link again.

Rest in peace and we will see each other again one day.

With greatest love and gratitude,  
Maria, Daniel, Andrew, Branko, Anna, Lynn Anne, Marianne, Mia, Alivia, AJ,  
Juliana, Ben, and Lila

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 2. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Barrett Leber Funeral Home  
148 Dean Dr  
Tenafly, NJ 07670  
(201) 568-8043  
<https://www.barrettleberfuneralhome.com/>

## Funeral Mass

JAN 3. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Therese of Lisieux Church  
120 Monroe Ave  
Cresskill, NJ 07626-1405  
(201) 567-2528

## Entombment

JAN 3 (ET)

Fairview Mausoleum  
22 Bergenwood Rd.  
Fairview, NJ 07022