



Kathy and Ray Lancia

Kathleen (Cobe) Lancia was born in Providence, RI, but grew up in Tehran, Iran. Her father was in textiles and ran a very large plant there. Living overseas had its challenges, but it was always interesting (especially the earthquakes). Upon returning to the states, she completed high school at Cranston West, ½ of her senior year at Kingston High School and ½ of her senior year at Cranston East in Rhode Island. While at Cranston East she met Ray on her very first day in the guidance counselor's office, of all places. They saw each other in passing in the hallways, and one month later he asked her out. They started dating, and two years later were married. They have been together ever since, married now for 38 years.

Kathy (as she prefers to be called) is presently attending Ashford University, studying to become a transpersonal psychologist. She hopes to go into wellness counseling, eventually helping people deal with lifelong illnesses such as hydrocephalus. She also works for the United Way of the Coastal Empire as Liberty County's volunteer coordinator and as an administrative assistant.

Raymond (Ray) Lancia was also born in Providence, RI, but he grew up in Cranston RI. He graduated from Cranston High East, and went on to work first for Schlitz Beer as a delivery driver, then with United Wire, a wire fabricating firm, and with a security firm. When the economy flew south in 1980, he entered into the Army. Twenty years later, after suffering a head injury during a training exercise that later resulted in Ray being diagnosed with hydrocephalus. He retired from the Army.

Ray is also an ordained and licensed minister who works as a volunteer minister for the Georgia prison system, a member of Kairos International prison ministry, and a Stephen

minister for the Liberty County Community. He also works full time as an environmental inspector on Fort Stewart, and he is going to school full time at Columbia Southern University. He is bound and determined to not allow hydrocephalus to get him down.

Ray and Kathy have three biological children, and several others through foster care. They also have 9 biological grandchildren and many more surrogate grandchildren.

If you have a Facebook account, feel free to friend either Ray or Kathy. They will be glad to chat when they can. Also, Kathy reads every post in the National Hydrocephalus Foundation Facebook account, so you can catch her there.