



Remo La Rocca

September 26, 1933 - April 1, 2020

Remo La Rocca, 86, of Mont Clare, Pennsylvania, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, April 1, 2020 at Paoli Hospital surrounded by the love of his family. Born on September 26, 1933 in Terracina, Latina, Italy, he was the son of the late Pierina La Rocca and Vincenzo Gianetti.

Remo served in the Italian Air Force until he immigrated to the U.S. at the age of 27 and became a proud American Citizen. He cared for his family working as a civilian hardware and software engineer at The White Sands Missile Range, Honeywell, ATandT and GE Aerospace. He retired in the 1990's from his position as project manager with Unisys in Malvern PA.

When he immigrated to the United States, Remo became a proud American citizen and enriched the lives of all around him with his passion and love for his Italian heritage and culture. He was an adventurer with a wandering spirit borne of a tragic childhood of a wartorn Italy. This wandering spirit took to him to many worldly destinations throughout his life where he worked and lived. He was fluent in three languages; Italian, English and Spanish and was able to communicate in French and German.

He had a passion for cooking Italian cuisine. His culinary skills delighted family and friends with his regular Sunday dinners and annual "Feast of the Seven Fishes". This was a passion he passed on to his children and grandchildren. He had a musical talent and could be heard throughout the house singing or whistling beautifully while doing the things he enjoyed, especially cooking.

Remo was an aficionado of all things aeronautical with a keen knowledge of flying and aircraft. He would regularly attend airshows and passed that passion onto his son. He never missed the opportunity to see his beloved Frecce Tricolori, the Italian Airforce Aerobatic team, in action. He was a lifelong swimmer, swimming into his 70's. As an avid reader, he could discuss any topic with sophistication. He was gregarious and enjoyed engaging in conversations, preferably over a long meal sharing food and wine.

Dad was a loving father. His grandchildren brought him tremendous joy and he was ever present in their young lives, helping to raise them and attending their activities and events. He was loved and will be dearly missed by his children, grandchildren, extended family and friends throughout the US and Italy.

Mr. La Rocca is survived by his children: Isabella La Rocca, of Danville, KY, Dr. Sandro La Rocca, of Yardley, PA and Giuliana E. Hilend of Royersford, PA; grandchildren: Matthew, Hannah, Connor and Olivia; sister: Felicetta del Signore, of Nettuno, Lazio, Italy; and numerous nieces and nephews throughout Italy, El Paso, TX , Austin, TX and Mexico. He is preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, two sisters, former wife of 57 years: Alicia and his grandson: Patrick Andrew Hilend.

Funeral services will be held privately at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Remo's name to the Italian Coronavirus Appeal, <https://en.emergency.it/donate>. (The site is best accessed with Google so that the Italian can be translated to English.) Arrangements are being handled by the Campbell - Ennis - Klotzbach Funeral Home, Inc., Phoenixville. Condolences may be offered online at <http://www.PhoenixvilleFuneralHome.com>.

Comments



“ Isabella, Sandro and Giulana, My heartfelt condolences to all of you and your children.

Growing up 4 houses down the street on Brenda Lane, I have a lot of great memories of the LaRocca Family, especially how Remo and Alicia would always make you feel welcome at their home, and of course when playing at their house with Sandro, you might get the opportunity to eat some of the delicious food they cooked, pizza and spaghetti were the only Italian foods I knew growing up, but Remo changed my understanding of Italian cuisine at an early age, he was sure proud of his leg of lamb, 16 years ago when I visited them, he told me next time to give him a 2 week notice, so he could marinate the leg for me. Thank you for the great childhood memories, Rest in Peace Remo!

Tom O'Donnell, Braidwood, IL. - April 16, 2020 at 09:39 AM



“ Our uncle Remo and our aunt Licha always welcomed us in Pennsylvania during Thanksgiving with a fabulous feast. We loved them and missed them much. Remo was an outstanding person with so many qualities, and we loved to talk about computers. He was a pioneer in the IT world, a very smart person indeed. He was an excellent cook as well. We need more people like him on this world. God bless Remo and his family.

Alejandro & Myriam Carrillo, El Paso, Texas, 13-Apr-2020

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(May you rest in peace Remo)

Jeff Collins - April 10, 2020 at 06:15 PM



“ So Sorry to hear About Remo Such a nice man always enjoyed saying hello to him& Mom when I would stop by on Brenda lane. May Our Lord Jesus Christ comfort you.
Marion Dicaprio& Family

Marion Dicaprio - April 10, 2020 at 10:39 AM