



Mr. Saverio L. Raspa

June 30, 1922 - February 11, 2019

Dearly beloved husband of Elisabetta nee Celia; Devoted father to Anna, Silvana (John) Peconio, Adriana (Joe) Delpino, Gabriella, Saverio (Jennifer Pacheco), Mario (Mark) TortortIELlo; Loving Nonno to Talia (Ted) Delpino Otte, Joseph Delpino, Gary Nocco, Nina and Nunzio Peconio, Saverio Jr.; Cherished brother of deceased siblings, Raffaellina David, Vincenzo and Giuseppe; Respected uncle, cousin and friend to many;. Visitation Saturday February 16th 10:30 A.M. at St. Pius X Church, 4300 S. Oak Park Ave Stickney, IL until time of Mass 1:30 P.M. Interment Mount Carmel Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Alzheimer's association would be greatly appreciated. Alz.org

Tribute Wall

IG

“ *Adriana and family, we were so sorry to hear of your loss. I have heard so many wonderful things about your “papa”. We know you will miss him terribly but we are praying that your strong family bonds will lighten the grief.*

isaac and Beth Gilana - February 20, 2019 at 10:54 PM

TE

“ *Deepest Condolences to the entire family. Saverio was a true gentleman, all class and intelligence. Mike and I enjoyed our long conversations with him. We will greatly miss him. The world has lost a true gentle man. We love you guys. Thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. A truly strong family man who has lived his life with dignity and and grace. What a man. Heaven has gained an amazing angel. RIP Saverio.*



tonie ettorre - February 15, 2019 at 09:47 PM

GI

“ *Mario and family, I am so deeply saddened and sorry to learn of your father's passing.
May he live in eternal peace and comfort in Heaven.
Sending you much love and warm comforting thoughts Mario,
Con amore,
Giovanna (Dimetros)*

Giovanna - February 15, 2019 at 04:03 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Saverio L. Raspa.*



February 15, 2019 at 12:30 PM

DG

“ *Anna, I was so sorry to hear about your father's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

Deb Gothard - February 15, 2019 at 11:28 AM

AD

“ I remember as a little girl, every Sunday, before heading out to church, he would put us on his knees and hymn a tune of one of his Italian favorites, I still remember today. I would look up at him laugh and remembering how much I admired him and how lucky I was to have him as my daddy. Then, there the times we lived in Stickney, after having my kids, they lived across the way, he would come over every Saturday morning to just say a quick hello before his continued walk around the block. we would talk about everything, from my kids, our dreams, to his mother and father and his childhood years. hours later, I'd get a call from my mom asking if he was with me...again. Ask to send him home, She felt he was bothering me. And at times, i agreed, I was a bit frustrated because it would have been my cleaning day since the kids were In Catechism. But how I wish I could have those Saturdays back. Fast forward to his later years, visiting evenings at their home, he's in his chair, I'd go over and ask if he was ready for his shave, he'd have a smile ear to ear, something my dad was all about , was his looks. But first, I would squeeze into his chair as he sat watching Family Fued, each time, he'd yell at me to get off, but I would just hold his shaking hand and continue to stay squeezed into his chair with him, because each time, he would gradually, calm his shaking and his other hand would be on my lap. And I knew he was ok and loved I was squeezed In by his side. My heart is so heavy right now, I miss his peaceful presence, his optimism, his love and genuine self. He will always be my guiding light. Love you so much Poppy❤️

Adriana Delpino - February 15, 2019 at 10:18 AM

MC

We would like to wish you all our sincere heartfelt condolences. We lost a great man, husband, father, uncle and friend to many. He was one of the calmest, most sincere uncle's with many great stories to share. My family are very thankful to him for the opportunity to come to this country and build their family. The memories of all of our holidays and get togethers in front of his home on Bowler St will never be forgotten, all because of a decision he made. He lived a great life and was around for many memororable events. May he Rest In Peace knowing he was loved tremendously by all who knew him. May God bless him always. Love you, The Celia Family. ❤️🙏

Marianna Celia - February 15, 2019 at 12:25 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Saverio L. Raspa.



February 13, 2019 at 05:46 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Saverio L. Raspa.*



February 13, 2019 at 02:09 PM

EZ

“ *Dear Anna, I am so sorry for your loss. I know how much you adored your dad and that this is a difficult time for you. Please accept my warm embrace and know that I am here for you.*



Elena Zanussi - February 13, 2019 at 11:59 AM

MT

“ *I'll never forget the first time I saw my dad cry. We were in the front room watching a Franco Zeffirelli film from 1971 called The Champ starring Jon Voight and Ricky Schroder as TJ. My dad was seated on the edge of the couch as he watched TJ walk up to his dad who laid dead on a platform. TJ in tears called to the Champ, his dad, to "wake up wake up Champ time to go home." TJ kissed his dad on the forehead and then I heard my dad make strange noises. I looked over and he was sobbing with tears streaming down his face. It was in that moment that I understood my father was a strong, sensitive and vulnerable man who was unafraid to show real emotions, and that it was okay. It was an extraordinary lesson. He was an extraordinary man. I miss him so much. It was his time to go home. He was a blessing when he was alive, and now he is my angel in Heaven watching over me protecting me until it's my time to go home. Pa, I will always love you with all my heart and soul. Until we meet again and are reunited with Jesus and Mary and all the Saints and with our dearly departed loved ones, I will pray for the repose of your soul. God bless you. Peace my exquisite gentle man.*

Mario Tortoriello - February 13, 2019 at 01:22 AM

TR

While I never met him, I know how much he meant to my dear friend, his loving daughter, Adriana and his entire family. I hope and pray that this large, loving family can help each other through this difficult time to honor the family values he stood for. Rest in Peace Mr. Raspa.

Tom Rossi - February 13, 2019 at 02:04 PM

AR

Papi as I've called him as a little girl will always be my namesake for him. Slightly remembering his determination of walking home thru the snowstorm that took endless hours in 1967 to make sure that he was at home with his family. This is what my papi was as a man/husband/father up until his last breath. His family was his life.

My favorite memory, amongst many, was when I was in 8th grade and my papi wanted to take me to see a Shakespeare movie in Italian!!!! I thought Shakespeare in Italian - what????? The movie was Romeo and Juliet and not really understanding the words, I was so moved by the movie that I became emotional. My first movie with my papi became my all time favorite.

I loved taking him out to dinners but what was really a joy was when I took him to see Celine Dion. He loved the song "Power of Love" and he thought she was such an amazing singer. He enjoyed the song so much that one of his coworkers bought him the tape. Being that she is one of my favorite singers and I had the opportunity to see her in Chicago (Tinley Park) August 1996, I asked my papi if he would come with me. He said "if you need someone to go with you, he would". I didn't need someone to go with me I wanted him to be with me. As the concert progressed the song "to love you more" was sung and all I remember him saying as he's done so many times watching and or listening to his opera, he chanted "Brava". I was so happy we had that moment together.

I can go on and on but my memories will always be with me both in my heart and mind. Papi: you truly are the best man I have ever had in my life and I will love you always. Anna

Anna Raspa - February 15, 2019 at 12:57 PM