



Mario P. Monti

September 24, 1934 - December 24, 2016

Cohoes-Mario P. Monti, 82, passed away on Saturday, December 24, 2016 at Daughters of Sarah Nursing Center, surrounded by family, after a long battle with Alzheimer's Disease.

Mario was born on September 22, 1934 in Livorno, Italy. He was the son of the late Corrada (Bastiani) Monti.

Mario came to the United States in 1955. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1957. He resided in West Albany with his sister and brother-in-law during his early years in the U.S. while awaiting the arrival of the remainder of his family from Italy. He met his wife Diane and they were married in 1959. He became a carpenter's apprentice which began his lifelong career as a master carpenter and general contractor.

He is a member of the West Albany Italian Benevolent Society, Joseph E. Zaloga Post #1520 and a previous member of the Colonie Elks Lodge #2192. He enjoyed spending time with family and friends, soccer, softball, raquet ball, bocci, darts, bowling, vacationing in Lake Placid and Wildwood, NJ, shucking clams for various clam bakes, cheating at Italian rummy, and betting the horses. He was a connoisseur of Dewars White Label scotch, Coors Light, Merlot, homemade Italian wines, and buffets. He made his friends and family laugh often. Everyone loved Mario. He lived life to the fullest and encouraged his children to do the same.

He is predeceased by his loving wife of 54 years, Diane, and his siblings Giussepina Busch, Paola Besso and Bruno Monti. He is survived by his children Michael Monti Sr., Lisa Kelsey (Mike), Donna Donahue (Tom), Debbie Jensen (Doug), and several grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

The family wishes to express their gratitude to the staff of the Blue Unit at Daughters of Sarah Nursing Center for taking amazing care of Mario for the last month.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Mario's family Thursday, December 29, 2016 4:00 to 7:00 pm in the McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany.

Funeral services Friday, December 30, 2016 at 11:30 am in the McVeigh Funeral Home, Albany.

The Rite of Interment will immediately follow the service at 1:30 pm in Gerald BH Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery.

At the request of the family, in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 4 Pine West Plaza, #405, Albany, NY.

To leave Mario's family a message on their guestbook, light a candle or view other helpful services please visit www.McVeighFuneralHome.com

Cemetery

Gerald BH Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery

200 Duell Road
Schuylerville, NY,

Events

DEC 29 **Visitation** 04:00PM - 07:00PM

McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.
208 N Allen St, Albany, NY, US,
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DEC 30 **Service** 11:30AM

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Comments



“ Deb, I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your dad. While I only knew him through your stories about him the last few years dealing with his Alzheimer's, I could tell your love and concern for him was very strong. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time. Doug P.

Doug Ponisi - December 28, 2016 at 10:18 AM



“ My sincere condolences to you and your family during this difficult time, may the words at Isaiah 25:8 bring you comfort "He will swallow up death forever,And the Sovereign Lord Jehovah will wipe away the tears from all faces"

Montana - December 27, 2016 at 10:10 PM



“ There are so many great memories, my Dad and Mario working together, cracking each other and everyone else around them up. Mario and Miltie doing the "chickenshit mooning" at Aunt Pearl and Uncle George's. Our fun adventure at the condo at Lake Placid with our many colored drinks and druken night on the town. Peace and love to him and to all of you. Louise and Lou Donato

Louise and Lou Donato - December 27, 2016 at 08:15 PM



“ Inga Dillenbeck lit a candle in memory of Mario P. Monti



Inga Dillenbeck - December 27, 2016 at 07:11 PM



“ Our sympathies to the entire family! Uncle Mario, as we had come to call him, was there when you needed him! He was extremely meticulous when it came to carpentry. Oh how he'd yell at me when I changed plans (mid-build) for the WAIBS Columbus Day floats! I always knew he still loved me! He will be missed. Much love.
Carol and Phil Chiarella

Carol Chiarella - December 26, 2016 at 05:34 PM



“ I've known Mario since before I was born. A lifelong friend of my family, myself and best friend to my own Dad. When I was 4 yrs old Mario and Johnny D'Agastino (sp?) were the contractors building an addition on my parents house on Osborne Road. I was such a 'pain-in -the-a**' to those guys as they worked that Mario locked me outside on the roof alone for half an hour. The impish smile on his face as I begged him to let me back in is burned into my brain forever.

As I grew up, Mario was a fixture at my fathers Hardware store as a customer, a builder and a friend. He put several additions on our building and it was always my great privilege to work with him instead of 'working the floor' helping our customers. Even if he put me to work with a broom in my hand, I was happy to work with Mario. He was a no-nonsense man when it came to his work...and even though we all had smiles and plenty of laughs (usually at my expense) He was deadly serious when it came to getting the job done right. Which is why my Dad turned to Mario for all the important building jobs he had.

In 1994 Mario, his son Paul, my father and I worked to renovate an old house on Dott ave that would become my home for 13yrs. Even though it was difficult working with my father at times, Mario worked as the most perfect buffer between us. Knowing my father so well and myself too, he was always there to smooth over the rough spots between us. That house went up 2 stories and Mario directed me to the roof (AGAIN !!) and I spent 2 days chipping away at the old chimney block as he chided me safely from the ground with that smile and famous sense of humor. When we were done, Mario wrote 'Mario '1994" on his old painters hat and hung it on a hook in the garage. It still hangs there today. It was a great time in my life....great because I got to work with him, doing what he loved.

When I opened TJ's in 1996 he was there every Friday for a big fat fish fry. He supported me in so many ways words cannot describe. He always stopped in for coffee and a chat and offered encouragement and words of wisdom to me---even in the darkest of times. Pushing me to keep going and never give up, he was the epitome of inspiration. Aside from my own father, he was the most formative personality I ever had the pleasure, privilege and honor to know.

Sincerely,
Todd J Leach

Todd Leach - December 26, 2016 at 04:12 PM



“ Thomas Riccardo

Thomas - December 27, 2016 at 07:22 AM



“ I've known Mario since the early 1980s years ago while volunteering at the West Albany Italian Benevolent Society would speak often with him and Mario also volunteered his time at the club. One of the old guard in West Albany his generation and the ones before helped build a strong nation with community, prosperous businesses and loving family. He will be missed we need more like Mario these days! It saddens me that the old community that west Albany once was is now fading into history but at least I was just old enough to see the tail end of what once was and it was a special place and time with very good and strong people! Mario goodbye and wonderful journey!

Thomas - December 27, 2016 at 07:31 AM



“ My lifelong friend and trusted person who would always be there whenever called on for any of lifes challenges. A backbone to accomplish the many tasks that he knowingly would be able to do correctly when given the approval. There will be a great void with his loss, especially in the LEACH family

Ron Leach - December 27, 2016 at 08:53 AM



“ Our heartfelt sympathies to the family and friends of Mario. We knew him for many years and, like everyone else, loved him. He was always smiling and very funny. Rest in peace.
John & Dee Williamson

dee & John Williamson - December 27, 2016 at 10:04 AM



“ Too many memories to write down there in my heart and in my head love you guys Debbie
Stazio

Debbie Stazio - December 27, 2016 at 08:04 PM