



## Americo "Mike" Ciani

March 2, 2018

Ciani, Amerigo (Meg/Mike) J.--- passed away on March 2, 2018 at the age of 94 of natural causes. He was the beloved husband of the late Pauline Nasta Ciani, loving father to Susan and her husband, Lee Wallin, cherished Grandfather (Papa) to Eric, Steven and his wife Stephanie, Lisa and her husband Matthew Geiss, and adored Great Papa of Miles Wallin.

Mike was born in Bronx, NY in a small two bedroom 2 family house to Lorenza Delia Ciani and Guiseppi Ciani. His close knit family grew to seven children, one brother and five sisters. In 1943 he enlisted and proudly served in World War II in the U.S. Coast Guard. He served as a Motor Machine Mate/Fireman aboard the Destroyer Escort USS Vance repairing diesel engines and desalination machines. When ordered to battle stations his post was to report to the gun on deck. After the war he worked as a Building Superintendent for the NYC Housing Authority. In 1967, he and his loving wife and daughter moved to Cresskill, NJ.

Mike was vibrant and living independently until his passing. As a father, he had a simple lifestyle, was funny, kind, proud and grateful for everything. He especially appreciated good Italian meals prepared for him to take home. He doted on his grandchildren throughout their childhood. He consistently attended his grandchildren's sporting games, award ceremonies, scouting ceremonies, celebrations, and most importantly, weekly Sunday dinners.

Before his passing, Mike was able to welcome the newest member of the family, Great Grandson, Miles.

Mike's hobbies were watching sports, maintaining his 1996 Volvo, playing golf and going to the horse race track.

The Viewing will be on Thursday March 8, 2018 from 1 PM until 4 PM and 7 PM until 9 PM. A service will be held at Barrett's on Thursday at 8:30PM . The procession will leave Barrett's for the internment on Friday March 9, 2018 at 11AM heading to the Tappan Reformed Church Cemetery in Tappan, New York, 32 Old Tappan Rd, Tappan, NY 10983

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to these two causes that were close to his heart.

- NewYork-Presbyterian Komansky Children's Hospital

Department of Pediatric Cardiology

[http://give.nyp.org/site/TR?px=1034378&fr\\_id=1080&pg=personal](http://give.nyp.org/site/TR?px=1034378&fr_id=1080&pg=personal)

- Villa Marie Claire Hospice Home [www.villamarieclaire.org](http://www.villamarieclaire.org) "Ways to Give" tab

Or Villa Marie Claire 718 Teaneck Road Teaneck, NJ 07666 Phone: 201-833-3105

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 8. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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

## Visitation

MAR 8. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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## Service

MAR 8. 8:30 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

MA

“ Marge lit a candle in memory of Americo  
"Mike" Ciani



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**marge** - March 08, 2018 at 10:40 PM

DG

“ I grew up with Uncle Meg, Aunt Paula and Susan. I spent many nights on Castle Hill Ave. and once they moved to Cresskill I was at their house everyday. What great times we had! We'd go bowling, swimming, ice skating and after a snowfall you couldn't get us back in the house. We bought our first Beatle albums, learned to drive, graduated from high school and Uncle Meg was there for all of it.

Eventually we went our separate ways but Uncle Meg was always there. Sometimes I'd return and just go hang out with him. We'd watch TV or talk or whatever. It didn't really matter. It was the visit, the time together that was important. As time passed, I saw him less and less, but my attachment to him never changed. He was still my Uncle Meg: still happy to see me, still welcoming, still smiling. In those moments, during those visits, everything was right with my world because being with Uncle Meg meant that I was home. It doesn't get much better than that.

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**Debbie Giumarra** - March 08, 2018 at 02:22 PM

MC

“ So many great memories and many thanks for Uncle Meg and Aunt Paula including me in fun things with my dear cousin Sue when we all lived in the Bronx. Always thought he had the coolest car when he had his 1963 White Buick Skylark convertible with red interior. Most recently I am so very grateful that he had the chance to see my mom in her final days last summer and put a smile on her face with his smile. It was also so much fun seeing and having the time to talk with him at Lisa's wedding last fall. He looked great.

*Michael Castelli*

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**Michael Castelli** - March 08, 2018 at 11:20 AM

JC

“ Uncle Meg has left an indelible impression in all of our hearts. My dads' older brother will be greatly missed by all, and his memory will be cherished always. May he be embraced by the grace and love of God, and his family be blessed by His grace.

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**Joe Ciani** - March 08, 2018 at 11:14 AM

JO

“ I received the notice of Americo's passing from Lisa, his granddaughter. I am Joseph Betters, webmaster ussvance.com and served on the USS Vance. In the 60's and not the 40's. Condolences to the family he will be missed.

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**Joe** - March 08, 2018 at 07:25 AM



“ *Uncle Meg was in my life from the start. Never heard a bad word from him nor a bad word against him. He was Sunshine. As a kid he would take us ice skating at the Tenafly pond. Never forget that fun. No one like you .. Love you Forever make a bet for me until I can get there.*

Marguerite Giumarra - March 06, 2018 at 09:25 PM



“ *Marguerite Giumarra lit a candle in memory of Americo "Mike" Ciani*



Marguerite Giumarra - March 06, 2018 at 09:20 PM



“ *Difficult to share a memory when for over 60 years we shared so many . Have always had in my heart with my sister Pauline One of the very best couples i have known we shared good times and difficult But always caring for each other With Heavy Heart i ll be missing you always Marge Giumarra (your sister in law )*

Marge Giumarra - March 06, 2018 at 03:42 PM



“ *Marge Giumarra sent a virtual gift in memory of Americo "Mike" Ciani*



Marge Giumarra - March 06, 2018 at 03:29 PM

SS

“ Always a smile, an encouraging word, or something really funny, Uncle Meg was a good person, loving husband and father, and integral part of our family. He was my godfather and truly a gift from God to me and to us all.

Susan Scalone

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**Susan Scalone** - March 04, 2018 at 10:01 AM