



## Domenic DiFrancesco

December 15, 2023

Domenic A. DiFrancesco of Demarest, 78, passed away peacefully on Friday, December 15th, 2023 following a battle with lung cancer.

Domenic (Domenico) was born in Brooklyn, New York of parents Angelo and Helen (nee Cinotto) DiFrancesco in 1945, the oldest of 4 children (brothers Ed, and the late Paul, and sister, the late Helene). Domenic was raised in the southern region of Brooklyn, worked various jobs as a child in his grandfather's bakery & then pizzeria (La Maschera on MacDougal St. & Minetta Lane in Manhattan) until graduating Lafayette High School in 1962. Domenic enlisted in the United States Air Force in July of 1964. After basic training in Biloxi, MS, Domenic was stationed overseas in Brindisi, Italy and then served his country in combat time during the Vietnam War as a morse code intercept operator, mostly in Da Nang. Domenic returned home in January of 1968.

Nearly a month later, Domenic met Virginia (nee Corhan) and as they say, the rest is history. The two were married in 1972 and settled in Demarest, NJ in 1974 with Virginia's father Emil. After completing their college degrees including his MBA, the couple became proud parents to two sons, Lance (1980) and Blake (1981) and lived in Demarest for nearly 50 years as active members of the community. Domenic coached his sons in youth sports as part of the Demarest Athletic Association and served for nearly 30 years in various leadership roles on the board of the Demarest Swim Club, receiving the

Outstanding Trustee award in 2018 from the NJ Pool Managers Association in recognition of his time and effort. During this time, Domenic had a rewarding career as a banker, fulfilling his love of numbers and his childhood aspirations. After an exciting but exhausting career traveling in the early 1980s, Domenic pursued a more local professional path, preferring to stay closer to his family. He enjoyed working at the bank in Haworth, Closter, Dumont, and Tenafly, creating friendships and relationships with customers, neighbors, and colleagues that lasted decades. Domenic was passionate about books, sports – especially those of his children and grandchildren, food and family.

Domenic will be deeply missed by all who knew him. He was kind and patient man, a great teacher, a doting husband, a supportive and understanding father, uncle and grandfather, as well as a master pinochle player and proud cook. He is survived by the love his life, Virginia, his sons Lance and Blake, along with their respective wives Jacquelyn and Callie, as well as three adoring grandchildren: Christian, William, and Julianne; brother Ed and sisters-in-law Carolyn, Laurie and Carol; brother-in-law William and sister-in-law Lilli; nieces, nephews, and cousins. Domenic's work ethic, stoicism, and nurturing personality are highlights of his legacy.

Visitation will be Tuesday, 12/19 from 4-8 PM at the Barrett-Leber Funeral Home, 148 Dean Drive, Tenafly. Funeral Mass will be Wednesday at 11 AM at St Cecilia R.C. Church in Englewood. Interment will be at Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Wrightstown, NJ.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks for donations to be made in Domenic's memory to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital at [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **19**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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

## Funeral Mass

DEC **20**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St Cecilia Church  
55 West Demarest Avenue  
Englewood, NJ 07631

# Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Domenic DiFrancesco.*



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December 19, 2023 at 02:40 PM



“ *Lance, I am very sorry for your loss. I hope you and your family are doing well. Marilyn Agner*

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**Marilyn Agner** - December 19, 2023 at 08:33 AM



“ *Jacqueline F. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Domenic DiFrancesco.*



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**Jacqueline F.** - December 18, 2023 at 07:19 PM



“ *Jacqueline F. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Domenic DiFrancesco.*

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**Jacqueline F.** - December 18, 2023 at 07:19 PM

ML

“ Ginny , Lance, Blake. We our saddened to hear of the passing of Domenic. Please accept the Laginestra’s sincerest condolences 💔  
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michael Laginestra - December 18, 2023 at 06:44 PM

AD

“ *Domenica was someone I looked up to in my youth, and beyond. Achieving educational goals and personal accomplishments he became more of a role model than I knew. His compassion and wisdom will be sorely missed.*

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Alfred DiFrancesco - December 18, 2023 at 04:49 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Domenic DiFrancesco.*



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December 18, 2023 at 01:32 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Domenic DiFrancesco.*



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December 18, 2023 at 01:16 PM

KT

“ Kathy and Katie Thompson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Domenic DiFrancesco.

Kathy and Katie Thompson - December 18, 2023 at 01:16 PM

FT

“ Francisco, Brian & Thais purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Domenic DiFrancesco.



Francisco, Brian & Thais - December 18, 2023 at 11:17 AM

TA

“ The Clemente family, Matthew & Anna purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Domenic DiFrancesco.



The Clemente family, Matthew & Anna - December 18, 2023 at 11:13 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Domenic DiFrancesco.



December 18, 2023 at 10:39 AM

YE

“ Your friends at ETG planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Domenic DiFrancesco.

Your friends at ETG - December 18, 2023 at 10:39 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Domenic DiFrancesco.



December 18, 2023 at 10:29 AM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Domenic DiFrancesco.



December 18, 2023 at 09:55 AM

YL

“ Your friends at Lennox planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Domenic DiFrancesco.

Your friends at Lennox - December 18, 2023 at 09:55 AM

EC

“ In 1986 or so, I first met Domenic on a community board which we both served. I was a newbie to town as well as a newbie to the volunteer world. He made me feel comfortable and encouraged my participation. He was always willing to explain issues. Over the years I often spoke with him about community and banking issues. He had great insights. I valued his wisdom and humor which will be missed! My sincere condolences to Virginia and his sons.

Eileen Corrado - December 17, 2023 at 08:44 PM

SS

Ginny, Lance and Blake —  
Your husband and dad was someone that to me was one of the most honorable and down to earth individuals I have ever met. Always with a smile on his face, you just knew you were in the presence of a very decent man.  
Although I have not seen Domenic in quite a few years, his presence is already missed.  
Sincerely,  
Steve Shur

Steve Shur - December 19, 2023 at 11:15 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Domenic DiFrancesco.



December 17, 2023 at 04:22 PM

TF

“ The Sdeo Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Domenic DiFrancesco.



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**The Sdeo Family** - December 17, 2023 at 01:19 PM

TF

“ The Sdeo Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Domenic DiFrancesco.

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**The Sdeo Family** - December 17, 2023 at 01:19 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Domenic DiFrancesco.



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December 17, 2023 at 12:55 PM

MF

“ Mike Pasciuto and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Domenic DiFrancesco.

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**Mike Pasciuto and family** - December 17, 2023 at 12:55 PM

LG

“ Louise and Tim Grant purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Domenic DiFrancesco.



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**Louise and Tim Grant** - December 17, 2023 at 12:54 PM