



Gaetano Naccarella

February 11, 2020

Gaetano Naccarella passed peacefully on his 92nd birthday, February 11th, 2020. He is predeceased by his four siblings, his daughter, Giulia, and sons-in-law Michael and Thomas. He is survived by his wife Carmela, loving children Maria, Antonella and husband John, and Gaetano (Guy) and wife Tracey, his grandchildren Jacqueline and husband Matt, Thomas, Andrew and wife Jessica, Jonathan and wife Katherine, Jayme and Allison, Julianna, Jason, Cristina, and Matthew, and his great-grandchildren Colin, Evan, Cameron, Ryan, and Vivienne.

Gaetano's life spanned three continents, four countries, countless cities, and thousands of miles, all in search of a better life for he and his wife Carmela, and his ever-growing family. He worked jobs in construction in Montreal and New York City. Always a handyman, he was known to recycle little pieces of New York City infrastructure for his many home improvement projects.

He loved his family very much and would often be the first to shed a joyful tear at the accomplishments of his children and grandchildren, his absolute prides and joys.

Once he retired, you could often find him sitting in the sun in the backyard or on the front porch, or tending to his garden full of tomatoes and his beloved fig trees. His annual tomato harvest and wine making festivities kept our bellies full and our faces smiling. He loved to watch RAI Italia and Turner Classic Movies, familiar sounds often heard throughout the house. He read any National Geographic magazine that crossed his place at the kitchen table and completed the crossword puzzles in the daily newspapers religiously. Gaetano often wore his trademark flannel and various baseball caps (mostly his favorite, a Cresskill-Alpine baseball cap) in any kind of weather, from 20 degrees to 80, snow or sunshine.

While we are sad that he is no longer with us, we know that he is surrounded by loved ones in heaven who have been waiting patiently for his arrival, and all of the pasta fagioli he could possibly eat. We are beyond blessed to have had him as a father, grand-father,

great-grandfather, and friend in our lives for this long. We are honored to carry on the legacy he worked so hard to create, and will do everything we can to continue to make him proud.

The family will receive friends and family at Barrett Funeral Home, 148 Dean Drive, Tenafly on Friday, February 14 from 2 - 5 PM. Funeral Mass on Saturday, February 15 at St. Therese of Liseux Church, 120 Monroe Ave, Cresskill. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 220 E 42nd St Ste 435, New York, NY 10017, (www.StJude.org) or Tomorrows Children's Fund, 30 Prospect Avenue, Hackensack, NJ 07601, (www.tcfkid.org).

Cemetery Details

George Washington Memorial Park

234 Paramus Road
Paramus, NJ 07652

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **14**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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

Funeral Mass

FEB **15**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Saint Therese of Liseux Church
120 Monroe Avenue
Cresskill, NJ 07626

Tribute Wall

MP

“ *Dear Maria,
Typical Michelle style, on Saturday afternoon, I hurried and got down to Barrett's before the wake was over for your dad to find the parking lot empty. I came home and got on line to realize it was Friday. I am so sorry I missed you and am so sorry for the loss of your dad. What a beautiful life as I read his obituary. With Jack our of Cresskill High School, I won't run into you at events there but I wanted you to know I am still thinking of you and all that made TMS special.*
Love,
Michelle and Rose Marie (my mom) Preolo

Michelle Preolo - February 17, 2020 at 02:40 PM

MN

“ *Today we say goodbye to an important part of the Naccarella family and the biggest regret is to not have had the chance of meeting him during these past years. We wish it could be possible to be there with our family in this moment of grief and we send our most heartfelt condolences to everybody.*

Maria Naccarella - February 14, 2020 at 04:01 PM

LB

“ *I will miss my other Dad calling out to me “ Lucia, have some wine” My thoughts and prayers are with his entire beautiful family. My your warm memories comfort and heal your hearts.*

Lucia Bromberg - February 14, 2020 at 01:46 AM

JE

“ *We will miss Guys daily walks down Burton Place and his genuine concern for our family these past 8 years. Rest in peace Guy Sr .*

With love, Joe, Jen, Valentina and Christopher

jennifer - February 13, 2020 at 08:45 PM

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jennifer - February 13, 2020 at 08:43 PM

SS

“ We are greatly saddened to hear of Popi's passing. We know how special he was to you. You have our heartfelt sympathy. He was a caring, generous and unique man. We always enjoyed the heartwarming "Popi" stories shared with us. Although we did not know him very well, he touched our hearts with his generosity with the gift of one of his beloved fig trees. You have lost someone very special.
May the love of family and friends comfort and strengthen you in the days ahead.

Jerry and Sue Scaffetta

Susan Scaffetta - February 13, 2020 at 07:42 PM

TF

“ My heartfelt sympathy goes to the entire Naccarella family. Please know that our family has you in our thoughts and pray that your family finds solace in knowing that your husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather is at peace with God in Heaven.

The Wengerter Family

The Wengerter Family - February 12, 2020 at 05:37 PM