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Ernest Mocci, age 85 of Lewes, DE, passed away suddenly on Tuesday, October 9, 2018 at Beebe Healthcare. His loving wife and family were by his side. Ernest was born in Hazlet, NJ on July 29, 1933 (The Feast of St. Lupo). He was the son of the late Amelia and Joseph Mocci who immigrated from Naples, Italy. He was the youngest of 9 siblings.

Ernest graduated from Key Port High School and joined the family agriculture business, Three Corner Farm, based in the Hazlet-Homdel area. In 1958, he married the love of his life, Margaret (Meg) Shanahan and together they raised four beautiful sons. Years later in 1968, Ernest retired from farming and founded Tri-County Distributors in Hazlet, NJ, from which he enjoyed many years of success.

Ernest was a Life Member of the Hazlet Volunteer Fire Company serving in many capacities for 58 years. He was also a member of the "Two Hundred Club" of Mammoth County, New Jersey, which distinguished heroic fire service. He received this award for saving a fellow fireman's life.

Ernest never met a stranger, everyone was like an old friend to him. Upon retiring in 2002, he moved to Wolfe Pointe, Lewes, where he joined the Lewes Volunteer Fire Company. He filled many roles, but he especially looked forward to helping at the Children's Fire Prevention Safety Week in October. In Lewes, Ernest was also active in his community, the Lightship Overfalls, and the Lightship's, "Dirty Hands Gang".

In his free time, Ernest enjoyed driving his 1939 Chevrolet and sharing it with others. He enjoyed traveling the world with his wife and was an avid hunter. He took great pride in teaching his family and friends the safety, licensing, and rules of the sport.

Above all, Ernest loved being there for his family no matter how much he had going on. As a young father he never missed any of his son's events. The same went for his grandchildren who were the apples of his eyes. Ernest was a mentor to his grandson Jake when he obtained his Eagle



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Scout. He never missed a lacrosse game for Alyssa or Dillon, and always looked forward to Alyssa's vocal concerts. He enjoyed dancing and singing with his grandchildren and many cruises with his son Joe and family.

Ernest was a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother and dear friend who will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Mocci was preceded in death by his beloved son, Patrick, in 1996; his 3 brothers; and his 5 sisters. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Margaret (Shanahan) Mocci; his sons: Ernest Mocci Jr. of Reeds, MI, Edward Mocci and his wife Mali of Brick, NJ, and Joseph Mocci and his wife Teresa of Lewes, DE; and his grandchildren: Jake Mocci, Alyssa Mocci, and Dillon Mocci.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday, October 13, 2018, at 11:30 AM at St. Jude The Apostle Catholic Church, 152 Tulip Drive, Lewes, DE, where friends may call beginning at 10:00 AM. Last alarm will immediately follow the services. Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions in Mr. Mocci's memory to the Lewes Volunteer Fire Company: 347 East Savannah Road; Lewes, DE 19958, the Overfalls Foundation: 219 Pilottown Road, PO Box 413; Lewes, DE 19958, or St. Jude Catholic Church: 152 Tulip Drive; Lewes, DE 19958.


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FLORIST NOTE: PLEASE DELIVER ALL FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS BY 3PM FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2018 TO OUR LEWES LOCATION.



Viewing

 **Saturday**, October 13, 2018


 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM ET


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FW

Frances Artelli Watson posted:

I remember Ernie as a wonderful you man, we grew up in Hazlet his sister Rose was one of my friends, I remember going to their home they had a wonderful and warm family. So sorry to hear the news of his passing. My thoughts and prayers are for his family. God Bless you, Frances Artelli Watson

October 18 at 2:30 PM

JM

Joe Mocchi posted:

So sorry to hear about Uncle Ernie. I always enjoyed going down memorie lane with him. God Bless.....Joe Mocchi(Billy's son)

October 15 at 9:33 AM

GM

Gail And Joe Mocchi lit a candle in honor of Ernest.



October 14 at 2:21 PM

GM

Gail And Joe Mocchi posted:

Meg and family, so sorry for your loss. May he Rest In Peace. Joe and Gail Mocchi

October 14 at 1:21 PM

NR

Naomi Rickards lit a candle in honor of Ernest.

Ernie was a good friend. May he rest in piece. Naomi and Michael



October 14 at 8:01 AM

JS

Joy Sabbagh posted:

Mr. Mocchi was a friend to my entire family. My girls adored him and will remember him always. His funny stories and visits with our family will always be in our memories. Our sincere condolences to Meg and the entire Mocchi family.

October 13 at 6:21 AM



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EM

Edward V. Mocchi posted:

Yes, he was truly a "Family Man"! My condolences Mom. Edward V. Mocchi - 2nd eldest son.

October 12 at 7:08 PM

EP

Emily And Jack Pingor lit a candle in honor of Ernest.



October 12 at 3:33 PM

EP

Emily And Jack Pingor posted:

Rest In Peace Uncle Ernie

October 12 at 3:32 PM

RE

Rose & Ernie posted:

Meg and Family our sincere condolences to all. We have lovely memories with Ernie, loved our trips together. We enjoyed traveling around Italy, eating, having fun. One afternoon I remember vividly we went for coffee and fresh pastry. We wanted to taste the warm pastry so we decided we would have half each we down the half and we looked at each other and said oh, what the heck lets have another, boy did we enjoy that! He always had a story to tell and always talked with everyone. Remembered how much he loved his boys and Joe and Teresa's great kids, they were the apple of his eyes, We will miss our friend, but grateful for his friendship. Love, Rose & Ernie

October 12 at 5:56 AM



Sheryl King posted:

Joe ,so sorry for your loss we are here for you and the family if you need us .Herbie,Sheryl,Heather, Stacy King

October 12 at 5:00 AM

GV

Glen Vernon posted:

Meg & Family-I'm so sorry for your loss I will be praying that God will direct you in your time of grief

October 11 at 11:41 AM



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Glen Vernon lit a candle in honor of Ernest.



October 11 at 11:38 AM



Terry Palumbo posted:

How can you describe Ernie Mocchi? We would say he was a friendly, helpful and generous man who always wore a smile for everyone! He would help anyone he came into contact with, friend or stranger! Ernie always had a story to share. A bright light in our neighborhood is gone and we will miss him very much. To Meg and family, our sincere condolences on your loss. You spent a lifetime together. May your faith give you strength in this difficult time. Love, Andy and Terry Palumbo

October 11 at 11:24 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Ernest by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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