



George Gabriel Graziano

December 28, 1921 - February 25, 2022

George Gabriel Graziano passed away peacefully on February 25, 2022, in Delaware. George was born on December 28, 1921, in Jersey City, New Jersey to his loving parents, Saverio and Catherine Graziano. He was predeceased by his wife Madeline; sister Tina Giannattasio; and brothers, Frank, and Joseph. He is survived by his sisters Anne Garrison and Florence Graziano.

George grew up surrounded by an extended family – grandparents, aunts, and uncles in Jersey City. He often described his childhood years as idyllic, despite the times. His family gathered frequently, and as traditional Italian families do, they enjoyed their homemade wine, delicious food, and often joined together playing music.

While working at Westinghouse, George met the love of his life, Mandy, to whom he was married for 68 years. An enlisted man, he proudly served in the U.S. Navy from 1943-1946, as an aircraft mechanic, serving a portion of his service in Pearl Harbor.

As they married and settled in the suburbs, George owned a successful business for many decades and was admired by his loyal clientele.

In the years that followed, they raised three daughters, who each married Irishmen whom George considered his sons, Judith and John O'Reilly of Little Egg Harbor, New Jersey, Susan and James O'Doherty of Lewes, Delaware, and Linda and George McGrory of North Haven Connecticut.

His grandchildren and their spouses, George (Lori), James (Lindsey), Jason (Pilar), Christine (Eric), Alison and Caitlin (Drew) adored him and his special times with each of them during their childhoods, often including a trip to the ice cream parlor.

Those cherished traditions continued as he was blessed with 9 great grandsons: Shane, Nicholas, Luke, Joseph, Dayton, Mason, Aidan, Milo, and Cole. After three decades of male births in our family, George was thrilled at the birth of his 2 great granddaughters,

Gisele, and Hailey.

George was a “people person”; he enjoyed family times, entertaining, parties, in depth discussions, music, dancing, being at the beach, and always, great food. He also enjoyed reading and learning about history.

He would fix just about anything and was always forming inventions and patent ideas... some as recent as last month. His philosophy of life was to maintain a physical, mental, and nutritional balance and as an early adopter on fitness, Jack LaLanne was often on the household TV.

He recently reached the age of 100 years, and his family believes his formula for a life well lived was his strong faith, no matter how fast the world changed, accepting new ideas, an attitude of gratitude, a life focused on simple pleasures, and love.... always centered on family.

“You’ll know the people that feed your soul because you’ll feel good after spending time with them.”

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A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Catherine Church, Glen Rock, New Jersey on Saturday, April 2, 2022, at 10:30 AM.

In lieu of flowers, contributions will be greatly appreciated to Homes for our Troops, 6 Main Street, Taunton, Massachusetts 02780 or www.hfotusa.org.

Please sign the virtual guestbook located on the tribute page.

Tribute Wall

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“ We will miss George greatly! He was a gracious and gentle man who made an impact on everyone he met! We so enjoyed spending time with him. His love of life and his love of family were unsurpassed! We are so very sorry for this loss, but we know he led a wonderful life. There can be no doubt that God is rewarding him well now! Our prayers and deepest sympathies go out to the entire family, especially our dear friends Susan and Jim. Your dad is certainly smiling down on you now. Feel his wonderful presence and cherish your beautiful memories. God bless you all! Love, Diane & Tony Turner

Diane Turner - March 01 at 06:46 PM

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Judy John and family Bill and I send our love and prayers!
We loved spending time at your family gatherings. I would sit and talk with your dad he's just the nicest man I ever met he reminded me of my dad. He always had a smile on his face no matter what. You had such a close relationship the whole family, and all the special memories that you'll have and hold dear in your heart. He will be greatly missed. We are sending our prayers and love knowing he's with Mom now. Sending prayers to Susan and Linda we wrap our arms around your whole family. Christina and Allison sending love and hearts. I love debbie Bill Billy and Nicole ❤️❤️
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Deborah Enderby - March 01 at 07:25 PM

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We have only known George for a short time through Susan and Jim! George was just such a wonderful and sweet person, taking care of his wife Madeline when she was in the nursing home. He was so interesting to listen to, his memories and history so amazing. Smiling and gracious and a dear person.
Yes, he will be missed terrible, but the great memories will hopefully help during this time of grief.
Fondly.
Gaby and Jim Linnen
Lewes, Delaware

Gaby Linnen - March 02 at 03:30 PM

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George and Madeleine were my neighbors on Franklin Place in Glen Rock for many years until Madeleine's death. We always had fun sitting outside in their side yard just talking. Here is to a life well lived and well loved. RIP George.

Diane Herrlett

Diane - March 09 at 11:20 AM