



Joseph Alfonso Iandolo

August 27, 1925 - August 28, 2019

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Joseph Alfonso Iandolo, age 94, of Rehoboth Beach, DE, passed away on Wednesday, August 28, 2019 at his home, surrounded by family and friends. A first generation American, he was born on August 27, 1925 in Jersey City, NJ, and raised in Brooklyn, NY, son of the late Antonio and Caroline (Garone) Iandolo.

A World War 2 veteran, Mr. Iandolo enlisted in the Navy at the tender of age of 17 and served honorably in the Pacific. Upon returning to civilian life, he enrolled in the Engineering Department at Catholic University and earned advanced degrees. While studying in Washington, Mr. Iandolo met the love of his life, Marguerite (Sheridan) Iandolo. They eventually moved to Rockville, MD, where they raised four children.

Mr. Iandolo spent his entire career at the Naval Ordnance Laboratory in White Oak, MD, working on the advancement of Wind Tunnel technology and research and development of surface warfare weapon systems. He received many accolades for his work and often said there wasn't a single day he didn't enjoy his work. He still found time to coach youth basketball and volunteer his time to the Rockville Board of Elections.

In 1983, the couple relocated to Rehoboth Beach, DE to enjoy their retirement. His life in Rehoboth was very full. Mr. Iandolo was very active with the St. Vincent de Paul Society at St. Edmund Church in Rehoboth, where he volunteered for 37 years, helping those in need. He was in the inaugural group, covering all of Sussex County. He would often personally visit the clients, advising them on how to better their lives. His easy demeanor and genuine empathy endeared him to many.

Mr. Iandolo was always quick to help others, dropping everything to tutor a child struggling with math, fix a bicycle, or gently soothe the family puppy who impaled his paw with a fish

hook. A sports lover, he often created ball games on the beach. He was addicted to college sports, particularly his beloved Notre Dame football.

Throughout his life, Mr. landolo was fun to be around and made everyone feel welcome. He was humble and generous and asked for nothing. It wasn't until he was well into his nineties that he made a purchase for himself, an article of clothing that he deemed frivolous, but still enjoyed. He loved to spend time outdoors gardening, reading on the porch with Rehoboth Bay outside, and walking on the boardwalk. His friendships were important to him and extended from neighbors to life-long college friends.

Above all, Mr. landolo cherished time spent with those he held most dear. He was a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather who will be genuinely missed by all who knew him. His values of hard work, drive, and passion for what you do will continue on in the generations that follow.

In addition to his parents, Mr. landolo was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 66 years, Marguerite (Sheridan) landolo on August 23, 2018; his brothers: Angelo landolo and Albert landolo; and his sister, Caroline Caliguiri. He is survived by his children: Cathleen Streich (Eric), Michael landolo (Jackie Granger), Stephen landolo (Mary) and Brigid Heichel (Eric); his grandchildren: Alexander, Matthew (Colleen), Meaghan (Chad), Colleen, Michael (Rachel), Mark, Mackenzie and Jackson; and his great-grandchildren: Charlotte and Cooper.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday, October 5 at 11:30 AM at St. Edmund Catholic Church, 409 King Charles Avenue, Rehoboth Beach, DE where friends may visit beginning at 10:30 AM. Internment will take place at a later date at Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, VA.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to the Wounded Warrior Project, PO Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675, or www.woundedwarriorproject.org.

Please sign the online guestbook located on the tribute page.

Events

OCT **Visitation** 10:30AM - 11:30AM

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St. Edmond Catholic Church

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Comments



“ Dad will always be remembered for his warmth, kindness and good spirit. Love Jeryle

Jeryle Streich - September 13 at 12:32 PM



“ David & Maria Margolin purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Joseph Alfonso Iandolo.



David & Maria Margolin - September 12 at 06:13 PM



“ My last memory of Grandpa is from July, as I sat and talked with him about his early years growing up in Brooklyn, his service during World War II, and his time in Washington D.C. when he met Grandma. And that night, we sat down and randomly watched an episode of the Twilight Zone. The episode was in black and white, just like the wartime photos Grandpa showed me. It was a perfect day and I will cherish this memory forever! I know he is with Grandma now and will be looking over us all.

Mark Iandolo - September 11 at 04:13 PM



“ Grandpa Joe had one of the best speaking voices I have ever heard. I fell in love with his deep Brooklyn accent from the moment I first heard him speak! Having grown up right outside of New York City, his voice always felt like "home" to me. When he told stories of his experiences in the past, it had the effect of transporting you back in time to the scene that he described. I will always remember his warm, congenial nature, his beaming smile, and his love and care for the cat that would frequent his front porch. For the two years I knew him, it was like having a grandpa of my own again. I'm so glad I got to know you, Grandpa Joe. We will miss you! - Kate Youssouf

Kate Youssouf - September 11 at 10:19 AM



“ Such a wonderful gentleman. He will surely be missed by many, yet he leaves beautiful memories so he will not be forgotten. Ray Donaldson

Ray Donaldson - August 31 at 07:12 AM