

Mariano N. Yarussi



June 19, 1923 - February 1, 2021

Mariano "Mario" N. Yarussi passed away peacefully in his home on February 1, 2021 surrounded by his loving family at the age of 97. He was born in Niagara Falls, Ontario, on June 19, 1923, the son of the late Nicholas and Angeline (Calabretto) Yarussi.

Mario moved to Niagara Falls, New York, as a young child where he attended local schools. He proudly served with the United States Army during World War II after which he was honorably discharged with the rank of Technician Fifth Grade.

Mario then returned to Niagara Falls where he worked alongside his father at Yarussi Construction, eventually becoming the owner and operator. He retired in 2015 at the age of 92. Mario was one of the most knowledgeable and respected contractors in Western New York.

In August of 1954 Mario married Marie Riccelli at Our Lady of Lebanon Church and later became the loving father of four.

Mario is survived by his wife of 66 years, Marie; his sister, Patrina (late Paul) Morreale; his four children, Nicholas (Eileen) Yarussi, Peter Yarussi, Anne Aquino and Dr. Anthony (Michele) Yarussi; nine grandchildren, Dr. Anthony Aquino, Dr. Michael Aquino, Dr. Vincent (Dr. Tiffany Wendt-Aquino) Aquino, Kristine Yarussi, Ann Marie (Stephen) Kerr, Dr. Kaitlyn (Dr. Ryan Hartman) Hartman, Dr. Elizabeth (Anthony Falzone) Yarussi, Nicholas Yarussi and Anthony Yarussi; and three great-grandchildren, Cecilia Kerr, Lena Aquino and Raya Aquino. Mario is also survived by many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and three siblings, Mary Sepielli, Connie (late Ernie) Lucantonio, Carmella (late Dominic) Baldassarro; and his life long friends, Tony DeMunda and Sam D'Angelo.

Please join in celebrating Mario's life. Visitation will be held on Friday from 3 until 6 PM at Historic Holy Trinity Church, 1419 Falls Street, Niagara Falls. Friends are invited to attend a Mass of Christian Burial with Military Honors on Saturday at 10:00 AM at Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Parish at St. Joseph's Church, 1413 Pine Avenue. Please assemble at church. Private entombment in Riverdale Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Mario's memory may be made to Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph's Parish. Arrangements entrusted to the LABUDA FUNERAL HOME, INC.