



Orest Mariani

March 23, 1929 - March 10, 2024

Orest Pasquale Mariani

Age 94, of Bloomfield, passed away peacefully on March 10, 2024 surrounded by family. Loving husband of the late Ruth; loving father of Oreste Mariani (Robin Lipscomb)

Anthony Mariani, Patricia (Jack) Nowak, Christina Mariani and Lisa (Tony) Gialloreto; grandpa of Nina Sacco (Brian Schrecengost), Anthony (Christine) Pfeiffer, Alicia (Joe) Dunnabeck and Ralph Swackhammer; great-grandpa of Roman, Rocco and Lucia Bristow, Madison, Morgan and Marissa Pfeiffer, Liliana and Francesca Dunnabeck; son of the late Emmidio and Beatrice Mariani; brother of the late Umberto, Flora, Milana, Guglielmo, Elizabeta, Igino, Ottorino and Viola. Son-in-law of the late Joan and John Hindman. He also leaves behind extended family and friends. Orrie was a proud lifelong Bloomfield resident, he took great pleasure in playing in the Bloomfield Bocce League. He often referred to himself as "just a choir boy" who sang in the choir for Immaculate Conception Church. He was also a regular entertainer singing his beloved Italian songs at Girosolo's Restaurant. Orrie was well loved by all who crossed his path. He had an inviting demeanor and loved using music, bocce and volleyball to make deep personal connections with new and old friends. "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." 2 Timothy 4:7

Visitation will be held on Wednesday and Thursday from 2pm to 4pm and 6pm

to 8pm at the D'Alessandro Funeral Home & Crematory Ltd; 4522 Butler Street Pittsburgh, PA, 15201 where family and friends will gather on Friday at 9am followed by a Funeral Mass in St. Pio of Pietrelcina Parish, St. Augustine Church at 10 am. Interment will follow in Calvary Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in his memory to the Lupus Foundation of America, www.lupus.org

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

718 Hazelwood Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15217

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 13. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

D'Alessandro Funeral Home and Crematory Ltd.
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Pittsburgh, PA 15201

Visitation

MAR 13. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Mass

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

St. Pio of Pietrelcina, St. Augustine Church
225 37th St.
Pittsburgh, PA 15201

Tribute Wall

MW

“ *Mandi L Walter lit a candle in memory of Orest Mariani*



Mandi L Walter - March 14, 2024 at 08:19 PM

LB

“ *A big loss for us but a gain for the Lord. Knew him from volleyball. Always a smile on his face and a nice word for all. Sorry for your loss, we will all miss him.*

Lisa Benz - March 14, 2024 at 01:38 PM

MH

“ *Orest touched so many lives in the very best way. I'm grateful I got the chance to know him. Sending love, thoughts & prayers to the Mariani family.*

Marcellina Hoskowicz - March 14, 2024 at 12:31 PM

DR

“ Our heartfelt sympathies go out to all the Mariani family. Orrie was a true class act who touched so many lives. My husband and I played in his volleyball league at the North Side YMCA for many years. He was always kind, funny, instructive and encouraging and made the game fun for everyone in the gym, whether in his role as a player or referee. I will always remember him climbing up on that ladder to ref the games with total disregard toward that birthdate on his driver's license. He would sometimes join us for the post-game happy hours to share his stories, advice and perspectives. He made the world a better place. Rest in peace, Orrie.

Deb Rowe

Deb Rowe - March 14, 2024 at 11:47 AM

MC

“ My husband and I knew Orrie from volleyball. He was a great player and referee, but an even kinder person. One of the good guys!

Mimi Frey/Bruce Connelly - March 14, 2024 at 10:44 AM

TS

“ The ACSO PM Squad purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Orest Mariani.



The ACSO PM Squad - March 13, 2024 at 01:10 PM

GM

“ *Gayle M. purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Orest Mariani.*



Gayle M. - March 13, 2024 at 11:52 AM

EG

“ *Orie was that "special" person you only meet once in a lifetime. He had all those great qualities. Orie, not only, was an exemplary family man - a loving father, grand father and great grandfather, brother, uncle and faithful companion, he was a great friend to many. We had the privilege of knowing Orie and enjoying his company through the years. He was genuinely kind and thoughtful, fun and loyal, but most of all, so generous in sharing his many talents. He wore many hats... Orie was a faithful Catholic, a forever Immaculate Conception "choir boy," volleyball referee, Bloomfield Bocce organizer, election poll Judge of elections, AARP entertainment committee chair, cabaret singer, and storyteller to name a few. He will be greatly missed!*

May God grant Oreste eternal rest and peace.

Our warmest condolences and sympathy to the Mariani Family.

Esther and Jim Guerriero

Esther and James Guerriero - March 13, 2024 at 11:14 AM

RM

“ Ricco & Mary purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Orest Mariani.



Ricco & Mary - March 13, 2024 at 09:42 AM

AC

“ AMICO and DAISY COOLAIANNI planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Orest Mariani.

AMICO and DAISY COOLAIANNI - March 13, 2024 at 09:38 AM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Orest Mariani.



March 13, 2024 at 09:38 AM

MG

“ I knew Mr. Mariani through his daughter, and my friend and former research nurse, Lisa. I had the privilege to be present for some family gatherings years ago. Later in life I met with Mr. Mariani as he drove and accompanied his good friend, Mrs. Bianco, to office visits as she had increasing health issues. It is clear to me that Mr. Mariani was a man deserving of respect and admiration for his devotion to family and friends. Wouldn't the world be a better place if more people were like him?

Mark Geller, MD

Mark J Geller - March 13, 2024 at 07:59 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Orest Mariani.



March 13, 2024 at 01:05 AM

AS

“ *Abby and Sydney purchased the Arrive in Style* for the family of Orest Mariani.



Abby and Sydney - March 12, 2024 at 09:14 PM

LJ

“ Love, Rodney and Kim Jones purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Orest Mariani.



Love, Rodney and Kim Jones - March 12, 2024 at 09:12 PM

AW

“ Anne Marie Mancuso & Michael Waltman purchased the Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet for the family of Orest Mariani.



Anne Marie Mancuso & Michael Waltman - March 12, 2024 at 06:30 PM

AW

“ Anne Marie Mancuso & Michael Waltman planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Orest Mariani.

Anne Marie Mancuso & Michael Waltman - March 12, 2024 at 06:30 PM

RM

“ Robert, Renee and Ryan Mielnicki planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Orest Mariani.

Robert, Renee and Ryan Mielnicki - March 12, 2024 at 05:59 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Orest Mariani.



March 12, 2024 at 05:59 PM



“ Corrie Woods and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Orest Mariani.

Corrie Woods and Family - March 12, 2024 at 05:45 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Orest Mariani.



March 12, 2024 at 05:45 PM



“ Jim Bristow planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Orest Mariani.

Jim Bristow - March 12, 2024 at 05:33 PM



“ Jim Bristow purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Orest Mariani.



Jim Bristow - March 12, 2024 at 05:33 PM

DT

“ *Mariani Family,*

I'm very sorry to hear of the passing of your father Mr. Mariani. I will always remember him as a young girl and in my years later around Bloomfield on the Avenue he was always such a pleasure to speak with. I always heard nothing but wonderful things about him. God bless him. My prayers to you and your family.

Debbie Turak Terry - March 12, 2024 at 05:25 PM

MN

“ *Mike Worgul, Samir Sarna, & Matthew Ness purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Orest Mariani.*



Mike Worgul, Samir Sarna, & Matthew Ness - March 12, 2024 at 05:19 PM

RM

“ *Rich Mariani planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Orest Mariani.*

Rich Mariani - March 12, 2024 at 03:28 PM

RM

“ *Rich Mariani purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Orest Mariani.*



Rich Mariani - March 12, 2024 at 03:28 PM

AG

“ Angie G. purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Orest Mariani.



Angie G. - March 12, 2024 at 02:32 PM

AG

“ Angie Gialloreto purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Orest Mariani.



Angie Gialloreto - March 12, 2024 at 02:31 PM

JB

“ So sorry for your loss. Loved hearing him sing. Good times being backup singer when he was doing karaoke.

Judy Byrnes - March 12, 2024 at 01:49 PM

VB

“ My heart is heavy as we lost one of the nicest men you’ll ever meet. Mr. Mariani was like a father to me. He’s been in my life over 40 years. He was always smiling and happy. I don’t think i’ve ever seen him angry. He took great care of my mother. He is one that would definitely give you the shirt off his back. I can’t say enough how much he influenced my life. I will never forget him. Anyone who knew Mr Mariani has gained a guardian angel. He was truly a Saint. Till we meet again. Rest in Peace Dad.

Forever in our hearts,
Vincent Bianco and Family.

Vincent Bianco - March 11, 2024 at 10:28 PM

JC

“ I am Tina’s best friend and Nina’s Godmother. Mr. Mariani welcomed me when Nina was born and he and the whole family ALWAYS made me feel like a member of family. He loved it when my husband John and I would come for karaoke night at the Pleasure Bar and, yes he made us sing. He is and was a wonderful, kind, caring and loving person that could carry on a conversation with ANYONE. He will be greatly missed.

Judi Casciato - March 11, 2024 at 08:19 PM

FK

“ Remembering Uncle Orest many stories, beautiful voice, and his love of family. I will miss the phone call on my dad's birthday. He never missed a call since my dad's death in 1984. I will always see his smiling face in my minds eye. To know him is to love him. Enjoy singing with the heavenly host of angels in heaven. Until we meet again. Love You. Flora (Mariani) Kruth and Paul

Flora & Paul Kruth - March 11, 2024 at 07:36 PM