



Giocondo Marcelli

July 1, 1928 - June 16, 2012

Giocondo (Jack) Marcelli, 83, of Roswell passed away on Saturday, June 16, 2012. He was born in Philadelphia, PA on July 1, 1928 to Giocondo Marcelli and Vienna Bettacchi Marcelli, he was the first of three children. Jack's parents and sisters precede him in death.

Giocondo Marcelli, Jr., nicknamed Jack, served his country with pride and honor during WWII, Korea, and Vietnam. Since childhood he dreamed of enlisting in the U.S. Navy a dream which was fulfilled. His career ended in 1966 retiring from the Navy as a Chief Petty Officer. Jack served on various ships that sailed the Pacific Ocean, Atlantic Ocean, Mediterranean Sea, North Sea, Baltic Sea, Caribbean Sea, and Arctic Ocean. He served in Guam where Japanese soldiers did not know the war had ended and was still hiding in the hills trying to continue the fight. In addition to serving on many ships, Jack had a tour of duty with a Naval Mobile Construction Battalion that constructed a Naval Facility in Barbados, West Indies. Later remaining there as his duty station. Jack was awarded the World War II Victory Medal, American Area Campaign Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Occupation Service Medal, and five awards of the Good Conduct Medal.

After retiring from the Navy, he and his family made their home in Virginia Beach, VA where he was actively involved in his Church and Community. Jack attended Community college and received his AS degree in business administration. He went to work for a national nursing home management company as vice president of accounting functions. Upon retiring from that

position, Jack and his wife Jill moved to Roswell, where he took up volunteering for Sunday Church Services at the Juvenile detention center. Later he took a position with the State of New Mexico teaching math to students trying to get their GED, at the Chaves County Career Center. His primary interest in retirement was to minister to Juvenile prisoners, teaching them the values of a better life.

Jack first married in 1951, Annie Niegocki, she passed away in 1978.

Together they had six children, five of whom are still living. They are Louis and Larry Marcelli, Lorraine Taylor, Gina Theisen, and Anna Marie Sparrow. Jack remarried in 1982 to Jill Mounts Marcelli and added two step-daughters to the family, Dusty James and Celia Morgan. The children are scattered and live in Texas, Florida, North Carolina, Virginia, and Maryland. In addition to the seven children, Jack leaves behind twelve grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

A memorial mass will be held at 10 am Thursday, June 28, 2012 at St. Peter's Catholic Church with Father Charlie Martinez officiating. Interment to follow in St. Peter's Columbarium.

Tribute Wall



“ *Giocondo Marcelli*

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ *Giocondo Marcelli*

Louis Marcelli - June 27, 2012 at 06:21 PM



“ *Grandpa Jack was an amazing person! He was the only grandfather I knew despite him being my grandpa by marriage. I will miss his funniness and great stories.*

I'm so happy Adam and I were able to visit him and grandma Jill at their home in New Mexico. He made us Italian food and showed us the garden he had worked so hard on.

Grandpa Jack will truly be missed and was loved so much by so many people. May he rest in peace (& hopefully play all the golf he wants!)

I will never forget you grandpa Jack!

Love, your granddaughter Courtney (& Adam too!)

Courtney James - June 25, 2012 at 10:15 PM



“ *I will always remember my cousin Giocondo dressed as a sailor when he was in Rome in 1954 with his wonderful smile.*

Giancarlo - June 23, 2012 at 10:40 AM

BB

“ He touched many lives and we are the better for it. He will always have a special place in everyone's heart.
With Love to the Family

Bob & Lorry Baum - June 22, 2012 at 11:53 PM

AB

“ Dearest Pop,
You are now *INFINITELY FREE* once again.... You are *FOREVER & DEEPLY EMBRACED* into the *LIGHT* of *GOD'S ALMIGHTY HEAVEN ABOVE*... There is *ONLY LOVE SURROUNDING YOU & CRADLING YOU* as Your *SPIRIT LIVES ON*...
I will miss you & will *ALWAYS LOVE YOU*. The 5 years I was your son-in-law (and for those 4 years that followed) *ALL* of our conversations were quite meaningful. You surely touched my Life with *Great Tenderness & Authenticity*.
ENJOY YOUR RETURN HOME..BLESSED BE.
Alan Baum

Alan Baum - June 22, 2012 at 03:32 PM

JF

“ What I will always remember about Uncle Jack were his smile and happy attitude, his generosity, and his sense of humor. Most of all, he was a good man who loved the Lord. "Well done, good and faithful servant."

Julie Tatem and family - June 22, 2012 at 02:38 PM

CM

“ I am sad to say that my stepdad, Jack Marcelli, lost his battle with cancer and peacefully passed away yesterday, June 16, 2012. He really was a good man. My mom, Jill, and he got married not long before Danny and I were married, some 27 years ago. I have always had the highest respect for him and am especially thankful that he has helped keep my mom very happy all these years. I will never forget Jack, when he gave me away on our wedding day. I was so happy that he walked with me down the aisle. His gruff, Italian voice will ever be in my head. “Her mudder and I,” he said to the preacher’s question to the crowd. Makes me cry and smile just thinking about him on that very snowy day. He was a retired Naval Officer and an important member of his church and community. He taught me how to play chords on piano, which opened up a whole new world of music to me. Good-bye, Pop. It was a privilege knowing you. I just wish you could have been with us a little longer because you will be missed. But your legend will live on in our home and in our hearts. I hope you can play all the golf you want up in Heaven!

Celia Morgan - June 22, 2012 at 01:43 PM

MB

“ I did not know. I went to your Christmas letter hoping to find your address of some kind only this week. I have loved you both for a long time and I am happy/sad to hear from you. My love and concern for your next life changer. God is good and maintains those whom He loves. His is our strength. You know all this and I know God is in the midst of the family now. Love Marti6

marti burke - June 22, 2012 at 08:38 AM

MC

“ Gina and Ann Marie, I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your father he was such a sweet man. May God bless you in this time of need. Our prayers are with you and your family.
Love Mary

Mary Carr - June 22, 2012 at 08:11 AM

RK

“ Dear Jill - We are saddened by the apparent news of Jack's passing. I didn't realize that the time was near or I certainly would have called you. Our prayers will be with you and Jack's family. May God bless you. With much love, Ron and Connie

Ron & Connie Kloepfer - June 21, 2012 at 10:59 PM

AR

“ I will miss his smile.

Anna Renfro - June 21, 2012 at 09:40 PM

CH

“ Our deepest sympathy goes out to Aunt Jill, & cousins Dusty & Celia, their families, and Jack's family. May God be with you all, through this difficult time. Sincerely,
Ken & Carolyn Hoyle

Carolyn Hoyle - June 21, 2012 at 08:30 PM

DJ

“ I am SO impressed that my beloved Pop wrote his own obit..impressed but not surprised.
Pop had a careful attention to detail in many areas of his life, and his final wishes are a tribute to that.
Pop...it was one of my greatest honors to have spent time with you on this Earth...I will ALWAYS love you and NEVER forget you. Rest in peace sweet soul....
Dusty James Sarasota, FL

Dusty James - June 21, 2012 at 07:07 PM

WB

“ Jill, our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Our prayers are especially offered on behalf of the soul of Jack, that he has been received into Eternity, in light and joy. Faithfully yours in Christ,
Whitney

Whitney Blair - June 21, 2012 at 06:50 PM

DA

“ Remebering Jack at aspecial time of myown life when he and Jill came up to P.A. to be my sponsers when I entered the Holy Catholic church at the Easter Vigil Mass. I will cherish those memories forever. Thank you, Jack. Be seeing you! love, Darlene

DarleneMann - June 21, 2012 at 06:44 PM

RW

“ Hi Jill, you have been in our thoughts and prayers this week. We'll be home in time for Jack's service.

Roman and Deanne Wolf - June 21, 2012 at 06:16 PM

NS

“ *A Storyteller Extraordinaire who will be missed dearly. Thanks for all the great lunches, Jack!*

Nancy Siders - June 21, 2012 at 05:29 PM

DS

“ *Uncle Jack,
You were my hero. From the earliest time I can remember I looked up to you as if you were famous. My mother asked you to be my God Father and you became that in every way. Even when you called the police on me to prevent me from running away as an errant teenager, the officer who held me until my parents could get me, lead me to Christ. Even then you played a huge role. My hope is that some day, I will see you again.
Love Dave*

David Croce Sr - June 21, 2012 at 03:58 PM

DH

“ *I have some good memories of you in VA Beach. You had an amazing life .I am Glad I can say I knew you.*

Danielle Holt - June 21, 2012 at 03:47 PM

BS

“ *A life well lived.*

Bill Siders - June 21, 2012 at 10:07 AM