



Carmelo Gagliardi

January 18, 1927 - January 18, 2022

Carmelo Gagliardi, 94 of Hobe Sound, Florida, passed away peacefully at his home on January 18, 2022, after a long and fulfilled life.

He was born in Pedivigliano, Calabria, Italy on July 7, 1927, the son of Ettore and Francesca (Palone) Gagliardi.

Carmelo had an eye for style and fashion. He was a tailor by profession, having started as an apprentice at the age of 9 years old in his home village.

After serving in the Italian Army, Carmelo immigrated from Italy as a young man with just 20 dollars in his pocket and a cardboard suitcase full of clothes.

He was the proprietor of Carmen's Economy Tailor Shop in West Hartford, Connecticut for almost 25 years prior to moving to Florida, where he finished his career serving as Bloomingdales' tailor in Palm Beach Gardens.

Carmelo and his wife, Ninna, will forever be remembered as the Patriarch and the Matriarch of Woodwind Street. Their home was always open to friends and neighbors, whom they considered family. It was common and expected that someone would drop in for conversation, laughs, sometimes tears, but always an espresso, cappuccino, or sip of home brewed limoncello, otherwise known as "Carmelo-Cello."

Carmelo was preceded in this life by his wife of 60 years Ninna (Miano) Gagliardi, Daughter Cynthia "Cinzia" DeConti, Brothers Felice and Paolo Gagliardi, sister Palmina Perri, and brother in law Carmelo Costanzo.

He leaves behind a sister, Maria Costanzo, Son Richard Ettore Gagliardi, and Daughter in Law Lisa (Brown) Gagliardi, Granddaughters Jaclyn and husband Brett Johnson, Kaelyn and husband Hunter Buck, Jill DeConti, Alexis Gagliardi, Grandson Ricky Gagliardi, and two beautiful great grandchildren Madison and Carson Buck. Additionally, he leaves in-

laws Ruggero Perri, Paula Gagliardi, Joseph and Natalina Miano, Joseph and Lucy Scerrato, many nieces and nephews, and a special Goddaughter Geraldine (Grimaldi) Service who provided unselfish love and encouragement his last years.

Funeral services will be held at Mary, Our Mother Of The Light Maronite Catholic Church, 46 Willow Road, Tequesta, on Tuesday January 25th, at 12:00pm.

Burial will be at Saint Mary's Cemetery in New Britain, Connecticut, on Saturday January 29th, at 10:30 a.m.

In lieu of flowers or gifts, please consider making a donation to The Blessing Projects.

www.TheBlessingProject.org

Mailing Address:

The Blessing Projects*

Attn: Rudolph Atallah

One Central Street

Moran, WY 83013

*Contributions will be used to continue building 2 farms used to feed oppressed Christian families in Lebanon.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary's Cemetery

New Britain, CT

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JAN 25. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Mary, Mother of the Light Maronite Catholic Church
46 Willow Road
Tequesta, FL 33469

Burial

JAN 29. 10:30 AM.

Saint Mary's Cemetery
New Britain, CT

Tribute Wall

DR

“ Carmelo was a wonderful and kind gentleman. We were blessed to meet him and his loving family several years ago. Rick, Lisa & Geraldine took wonderful care of Carmelo over the years, they would take turns flying in to be with him. We will all miss this gentle but strong Italian, our hearts are heavy now and as time goes by we will have beautiful memories.

You are with your beloved wife Ninna now Carmelo, our dear friend so - Rest in Peace.

Diane & Roy Speiser



Diane Romeo-Speiser - January 24 at 06:54 PM

PF

“ We will always remember that when we first moved here Carmelo and Nina welcomed us into there. Their home was the center for all parties and neighborhood visits. We consider ourselves blessed to be a part of all the memories we shared with both Carmelo and Nina. 🙏❤️🙏❤️

Peggy and Timm foreman - January 22 at 07:15 PM

LH

“ Carmelo and Nina were lifelong friends. We had wonderful times together. Their home was always a great place to visit and Carmelo would always give us fruit and plants when we went home. My lawn had a fig tree and many other plants that reminded me of him and his love for gardening.

Nina was my prayer partner for years and I treasured her wisdom and friendship. After she went to be with the Lord, Carmelo and I would talk on the phone and share the days happenings. It was always nice to keep in touch.

When I would ask him how he was, he would always say "pretty good!"

I'm sure he missed Nina but he always kept his spirit up and didn't complain.

Ricky, you and Lisa took wonderful care of your parents and God's blessing will be on you.

lori higgins - January 21 at 08:08 PM

KC

“ Rick I will cherish my memories of Carmen always. I am always lifted up when I remember him and your loving mother Nina. Your father Carmen showed me true hospitality as did Nina. I was always transported to Italy when I would visit their home. I was given fig trees from Carmen that grew the most delicious fruit. He shared with me how he propagated them and I soon had a fig orchard. Carmen made a wonderful cappuccino !! Rick you have always been and still are a truly wonderful son for both of your parents. . My sincere condolences, Kathy Colletti

Kathy Colletti - January 21 at 04:43 PM

PS

Rick, I don't know if I can get to the service or not. I'm not driving anymore, so I am totally dependent on others for transportation. Please know how much I loved your parents. Carmen was a very special person in my life, as are you and your family. So many precious memories of them, it is hard to find words to express them. Please consider yourself, and your family "hugged" by these few words. I never knew your folks when they were young. I didn't meet them until the 2000's, when I moved to Florida, but I am so blessed by the pictures of them in their youthful days!

patricia seigle - January 22 at 04:42 PM