



Hubert Opici

March 13, 1916 - September 11, 2018

Hubert Opici, of Palm Beach Gardens, FL, died peacefully on September 11, 2018, surrounded by his family. He was 102 years old.

Born on March 13, 1916, Hubert was raised in Wyckoff, NJ by his parents, Joseph and Esther Opici. After graduating from Ramsey High School (NJ) in 1934, Hubert joined his family's small wine business—the American Beverage Distribution Company of New Jersey—as a delivery boy. Hubert put his wine career on hold to volunteer for the Armed Forces in 1942, but he returned to the family business several years later. Through Hubert's dynamic leadership and passion for wine, the company grew by leaps and bounds into what is now the Opici Wine Group, an importer and distributor of an international portfolio of fine wines & spirits.

Hubert is recognized as an icon in the wine industry and was named “American Wine Legend” by Wine Enthusiast Magazine in 2014. Fondly known by those in the industry as “Mr. O,” Hubert loved visiting with accounts and suppliers, who he considered family. Donning his signature flat cap, Hubert was always ready to share a bottle of Gavi di Gavi and a piece of tiramisu.

Hubert enjoyed listening to Frank Sinatra and reading the NYT and WSJ every morning, but nothing could compare to his love for his wife of 65 years,

the late Rose Marie Opici. The two were inseparable and enjoyed traveling the world, dining out, dancing, and spending time with their family.

Known to his family as “Papa,” Hubert is survived by his daughter Linda Opici; his grandchildren, Dina Opici and Don Opici; and four great grandchildren – Julia, James, Luca and Logan.

A wake will be held from 4:00 -7:00 pm Thursday, September 13, 2018 at Taylor & Modeen Funeral Home, 250 Center Street, Jupiter, FL 33458. A private funeral service will take place on Friday, September 14th. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the WSWA Educational Foundation, <http://www.wswa.org/about/foundation> "Add special instructions to seller": IN MEMORY OF HUBERT OPICI or mail check to WSWA Education Foundation, 805 15th Street N.W., Suite 1120, Washington, D.C. 20005, Add Memo: IN MEMORY OF HUBERT OPICI. Online condolences may be offered at www.taylorandmodeen.com

Cemetery Details

Riverside Memorial Park

19351 SE County Line Road
Jupiter, FL 33469

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 13. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Taylor & Modeen Funeral Home
250 Center Street
Jupiter, FL 33458
(561) 744-2030
<https://www.taylorandmodeenflorida.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *Hubert Opici*

October 22, 2023 at 10:17 AM



“ *Sympathy to you, Linda, and your family. I will always remember how kind your parents were to me when I worked at ABD in 1962-1964. My 1st job out of school and they could not have been more kind, patient & understanding. They were truly special.*

Marsha Ratering Keegan - September 15, 2018 at 01:58 PM



“ *My deepest sympathy to Linda and the entire Opici family. Mr. Opici was a very sweet man who always wore a smile. He will surely be missed.*

*Donna Carrollton
(waitress at Nick & Johnny's Osteria)*

donna carrollton - September 14, 2018 at 11:40 AM



“ *Linda, sending you and your family sincere heartfelt condolences. Your long time Centenary alum and friend, Evelyn Klebe Hepper, Class of 1955.*

Evelyn Klebe Hepper - September 14, 2018 at 10:49 AM

OB

“ There is only one “Mr O” .
Mr. O set the bar for conducting a business with class and distinction. My condolences to Opici Family.

OB - September 13, 2018 at 04:45 PM

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“ LINDA,DINA AND DONNIE, ITS WITH GREAT PLEASURE TO HAVE WORKED WITH MR"O" AT ABD, MY CONDOLENCES GO OUT TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY

TONY ROSCIANO

TONY ROSCIANO - September 13, 2018 at 03:47 PM

LW

“ Linda,Dina, and Donnie I can't thank you all enough for letting me share in part of your life and time with Mr. Opici. My condolences goes out to everyone in the family. I had some good laughs and good times with Mr. Opici and even though it was a short amount of time I got to see how much love is shared together in this family. You took great care of him and now he can rest with Rosie. I will miss his laugh and his big smile and most of all his sweet kiss. I love all of you and I am so glad you were given such a long and blessed time with sweet Mr. O.

Laurie Wofford - September 13, 2018 at 12:04 PM

MK

“ *Linda and family:*

I am deeply sorry about the loss of your dad and extend my heartfelt sympathy and condolences to you and your family.

Respectfully: Michael

Michael Krawitz - September 13, 2018 at 09:20 AM

AC

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this time! Thankful for the lovely memories that you have! May God strengthen and be close to you!*

Thankful to have had the priveledge to know Mr.O and serve him as a nurse!

Anita Cone

Anita Cone - September 13, 2018 at 07:24 AM