



## Rocco D'Ippoliti

January 24, 1933 - July 20, 2020

D'IPPOLITI, Rocco. July 20, 2020. Age 87. Beloved husband of Teresa (nee: Palleschi) for 63 years. Loving father of Lydia Di Cesare (Roberto). Proud and loving grandfather of Carolina Di Cesare (Raymond DiTunnariello) and Adele Dombrowski (Daniel) and great-grandfather of Alessandra, Roberto, Fabrizio and Massimo. Dear brother of Francesca Fortuna (Giuseppe) and the late Arduino D'Ippoliti, Maria Ippoliti, Domenica Del Greco, Bernardo D'Ippoliti and Biagio D'Ippoliti (Maria). Also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, in-laws and cousins in the United States, Italy and Canada. Visitation Thursday and Friday 3-8pm at Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons, Inc., 54880 Van Dyke (at 25 Mile Rd.), Shelby Township. Instate Saturday 9:30am until time of 10:00am Mass at St. Basil the Great Catholic Church, 22851 Lexington (N. of 9 Mile Rd between Kelly and Gratiot), Eastpointe. Entombment, Resurrection Cemetery, Clinton Township. Memorial contributions are appreciated and will be donated by the family to various causes in Rocco's memory. Please share memories with the family at their "On-Line Guestbook" at [WujekCalcaterra.com](http://WujekCalcaterra.com)

\*\*\*Please be advised that in observance of the governmental order from the State of Michigan we kindly ask, for the safety and well-being of the families we serve, that everyone practice social distancing and wear a mask. Please be aware that a mask is required to enter the church.\*\*\*

# Cemetery Details

## Resurrection Cemetery

18201 Clinton River Road  
Clinton Township, MI 48038

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JUL 23.** 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons, Inc. Shelby Township  
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St. Basil the Great Church  
22800 Schroeder  
Eastpointe, MI 48021

## Funeral Mass

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# Tribute Wall

CK

“ My condolences to the family. He was always smiling, and telling a quick little joke or two. He used to always get my boys (then 4-8 years old ) to laugh. We loved seeing him. Hoping his legacy and memories brings lots of smiles to people's faces. (I kinda think thats what he would want)

Cheryl Kargol - July 25, 2020 at 09:34 AM

RH

“ I remember Rocco always having a smile on his face at St. Basil. Now, he really has something extra special to smile about!

Rita Harning - July 24, 2020 at 09:17 PM

MH

“ We got to know Rocco when we were visiting our mom who was right across the hall at Shelby Nursing Center. We developed a very special friendship over the last two years. We often visited during dinner times, special activities, and outdoors times. He loved to laugh and sing always. We loved seeing him and he will be truly missed. Our love, thoughts, and prayers go out to all the family in all the days ahead.

Love and blessings,  
Mike and Gail Hemme

Michael and Gail Hemme - July 24, 2020 at 04:32 PM



“ Thoughts & Prayers was purchased for the family of Rocco D'Ippoliti.



July 24, 2020 at 01:15 PM

DL

“ Rocco was my confirmation sponsor. Always a very man. My parents were good friends with him and were planning to visit him before the pandemic. We were able to set up a FaceTime visit before his passing. Rest In Peace Rocco.

Dominic LaMarra - July 24, 2020 at 07:57 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rocco D'Ippoliti.*



July 24, 2020 at 07:42 AM

Jen  
Del  
Greco

“ *Jen Del Greco sent a virtual gift in memory of Rocco D'Ippoliti*



Jen Del Greco - July 23, 2020 at 12:44 PM

TO

“ *As a little girl my family lived across the street on Faircrest from Rocco, Theresa & Lydia. Lydia was one of my 1st "best friends". Rocco & my Dad would often yell to each other across the street to have a conversations because that's how Italians do it! I remember us kids running when we heard the Ice Cream truck coming and Rocco would give us money from a little black "change purse" he always had with him. So I suppose Rocco is someone I knew practically my whole life, then ironically he & my Mom ended up at the same nursing home at the end. What a surprise to meet up with him & Lydia after so many years! Sadly we lost our beautiful Mom one month ago and now we must say goodbye to another good friend. My heart goes out to my friend Lydia and her Mom and the entire family Rocco leaves behind. He lived a good, long life but we are never OK letting go. May he rest in peace knowing so much love surrounds him.  
~Toni Bucca Ortman*

Toni Bucca Ortman - July 23, 2020 at 09:53 AM

AK

“ *I loved Rocco very much and have missed him. I loved it when we had lunch together with Fr Paul and I would meet them at the restaurant. Rocco was a very dear man and he loved life very much. God is Blessed to now have him in heaven.*

*Anne Kliffel*

Anne Kliffel - July 22, 2020 at 08:21 PM

JM

“ I am so sad about Rocco's passing. He was always so cheerful, and happy. He brighten up our days while we worked at Shelby. He will truly be missed.  
Sincerely, Julie (from therapy dept @ Shelby)

Julie Manto - July 22, 2020 at 07:32 PM

AK

“ Anna Maria,Dave, Jill, Donna, Brad and our kids purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Rocco D'Ippoliti.



Anna Maria,Dave, Jill, Donna, Brad and our kids - July 22, 2020 at 05:20 PM

L(

“ #8 from Windsor, YOU would say when you would see me!  
I am #8 of 9 children, Rocco's room was across from my Mom's room at Shelby Nursing Home. YOU were such a joy to be around, your laughter was contagious. We loved you like you were part of our Family. You were, The Shelby Family. You loved sharing your wedding photo of you and your wife, it was beautiful of course!

Our 2 years of getting to know YOU was sacred to our hearts Rocco!  
You WILL be missed dearly.  
Condolences to your Loving Wife and Family.

Love,  
Lori Lamoureux (Rejc)

Lori Lamoureux (Rejc) - July 22, 2020 at 02:07 PM

SN

“ Sorry to hear of Rocco's passing. My mom's room was across the hall from Rocco's, at Shelby Nursing Center. My mom, Loretta, had 9 kids, and Rocco would name us by number. He'd always say, what number are you, 6 or 7? I am a twin, he knew that.😍 He was so happy, loved hearing him sing, Brought joy to our hearts!!! Rocco will be missed, his loving heart made so many happy. My condolences to Rocco's wife and family!  
R I P ROCCO.❤️✝️🙏

sharon Niedzwiecki - July 22, 2020 at 01:28 PM

LM

*Awwww!! Rocco! What will we do at Shelby with out you in the hallway yelling #9. Or wait are you #5? (As of recently he would confuse me#9 with my sister #5). He will be missed. Spoke so highly of his wife and daughter. Hated to see you hurting Rocco. I am happy our God has laid you to rest. Hugs and prayers go out to his family! Love you too Rocco-Lisa.*

Lisa Misiak - July 22, 2020 at 02:03 PM

AB

*My deepest sympathy to Rocco's family❤️ we missed you during this crazy covid time Rocco and now I am sad and will miss you calling me (number 5)!! I am 5 of 9 children and my Mom was Rocco's neighbor at Shelby! No more pain and I know you are finally resting peacefully, God Bless you and your family! 🥹*

Ann Baginski - July 23, 2020 at 09:09 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Rocco D'Ippoliti.*



July 21, 2020 at 06:45 PM

LO

“ *Love, Maria Lisi & David Ogilvie purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Rocco D'Ippoliti.*



Love, Maria Lisi & David Ogilvie - July 21, 2020 at 01:41 PM

CA

“ *Newneate!!!! My heart aches so much that the words that usually flow so easily for me are so painful for me to write right now.  
You loved us, your grand-daughters, so much and you always let us know it.  
The memories with you were always full of love and are so plentiful.  
There are years upon years of memories...  
even just at that McDonald's on the corner.  
You walked Adele and I there so many times that even as I grew into an adult,  
you went as far as getting the McDonald's staff to make me a very special  
vegetarian wrap every time I visited you.  
Each moment we spent together was so special because you made it so...you  
made me laugh and always wanted to know how I was doing but never cared  
where I lived or where I was going to school or even if I was in the process of  
moving for the hundredth time...you were simply content with knowing that you  
and I were together, even if it was just via phone.  
Speaking or seeing you always calmed me because your love for me was so pure  
and you simply loved to make me laugh or smile. You are absolutely irreplaceable  
to me.  
The morning you passed, I woke to the memory of us walking around your  
basement when I was a little girl as we shared a can of olives. You knew I loved  
olives so the first thing we would do is go to the cupboard so you could open a  
can of olives for you and I to share...another moment together that you made so  
special.  
You worried for months about my wedding because you wanted more than  
anything to dance with me at my wedding...and, boy, did we dance!!:)  
I grabbed you in your wheelchair and another beautiful memory we made...  
Newneate...my heart, my heart, my heart...so heavy and so sad. But I know you  
worked so hard in your last moments to look at me with all the strength you could  
muster...another example of how much you worked to make me smile and make  
me feel so special over the years. You are absolutely irreplaceable to me and I  
promise to keep your memories close and your spirit alive...love you with all my  
heart!!  
Your first granddaughter,  
Carolina*

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**Carolina** - July 21, 2020 at 12:02 PM

KD

“ *Rocco I'm so happy that Steve met you and brought your family into our lives . I  
wish we had met you Terese and Lydia 40 years ago!  
I'll always remember you sitting at the head of the table while we all gathered and  
ate, drank and laughed ! You will be missed. RIP my friend  
Take care of Steve. You 2 are together again  
Love, Karen DeFer*

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**Karen DeFer** - July 21, 2020 at 09:21 AM

KH

“ I had been on vacation and returned to work today to find out the sad news. That is the hardest thing about our job is losing someone we enjoyed having at our activity. They become like family to us. Rocco was always so complimentary to me about the activities I would do. He loved the News and Views, and would look forward to hearing his horoscope, and then there was Bingo !!! I have so many more things I could say, but will leave you with, oh how we all loved this man !!! He will be missed. ❤️  
Kathy Hankins (Activity Dept. at Shelby Nursing Center.)

Kathy Hankins - July 20, 2020 at 10:46 PM



“ Love's Tapestry was purchased for the family of Rocco D'Ippoliti.



July 20, 2020 at 10:26 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rocco D'Ippoliti.



July 20, 2020 at 09:08 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rocco D'Ippoliti.



July 20, 2020 at 08:51 PM