



Orlando Palleschi

November 12, 1932 - January 6, 2026

PALLESCHI, ORLANDO

Orlando was born in Cerprano, Italy on November 12, 1932 to Antonio and Arcangela (nee Conti). He immigrated to America in 1950. Orlando was in the restaurant business for 70 years opening up The Villa Restaurant in East Detroit in 1956, which is still in operation and family-owned today. Beloved husband of the late Anna "Annie" with whom he wed in 1955. He was the loving father of Loretta (Dominic) Cognetto, Anthony (the late Renee) and Joe (the late Karen). Loving grandfather of Frank (Halina), Orlando, Kenny (Marcella), Jeffrey (Rachel), Anthony (Rachel) and Joey (Tristan). Proud great grandfather of Dominic, Eliana, Viviana and Camila. Dear brother of Rita (Cliff) Ford. Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews Orlando enjoyed his many years of retirement in Florida and was a proud member of The Cepranese Club. Visitation Friday 3-9pm at Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons, Inc. 36900 Schoenherr at Metro Parkway (16 Mile Rd.). Instate Saturday 10:30am at St. Matthias 12311 19 Mile Rd. (W. of Schoenherr) until time of Mass at 11am. Entombment Resurrection Cemetery. Please share memories with the family at their "On-Line Guestbook" at WujekCalcaterra.com

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **9**. 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Wujek - Calcaterra & Sons Inc - Sterling
36900 SCHOENHERR RD
Sterling Heights, MI 48312

Instate / Funeral Mass

JAN **10**. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Matthias Catholic Church
12311 19 Mile Rd
Sterling Heights, 48313

Tribute Wall

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“ They ate the most wonderful family, Orlando will be miss terribly.
Prayers and peace for the whole family. Love you all

tammy dunn - January 09 at 07:38 PM

LM

“ Louie & Shari Messina purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Orlando Palleschi.



Louie & Shari Messina - January 09 at 10:59 AM

LM

“ Louie & Shari Messina planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Orlando Palleschi.

Louie & Shari Messina - January 09 at 10:59 AM

MP

“ When I was 15 years old I got my first job at the villa! I called and asked if they were hiring and Orlando of course answered the phone , he said sure come down and fill out an application! When I got done filling it out the application he recognized my last name apparently my father and Orlando knew eachother very well! Of course I got the job as a dishwasher! I really enjoyed working for Orlando and his family, they treated me like family , and as of this day they still do! His famous quote was when I was washing the dishes , "no take a bath in the water wash the dishes mikey"! Lol... I also had the privilege entertaining my good friend Orlando for the last 4 years at his family birthday party's playing my accordion playing his favorite Italian folk songs ! It was an honor and privilege of knowing Orlando Palleschi! He was a great friend ! You will be truly missed my friend ! Love you my friend ! Rest in Peace, Riposa in Pace ! 🙏❤️

Michael Palomba - January 09 at 09:28 AM

ML

“ For many decades, Orlando provided a great place for musicians to relax and share "war stories", after finishing their gigs. He even allowed the rare jam session to take place, every once in awhile. What great memories he helped create. We always were welcomed as part of the Villa family. We band mates witnessed his children grow into the business, gaining a work ethic that is so rare in this day. I am so sorry that I will not be there to say goodbye to a humble man, who was friend to us all. Orlando, you leave behind so many memories of your warmth, your honest friendship and your still great food. Thank you, my friend, from the bottom of my heart

Sincerely

Mark Logsdon
The Music Shop

Mark H Logsdon - January 08 at 11:33 PM

ML

“ Mark L. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Orlando Palleschi.

Mark L. - January 08 at 11:18 PM

FF

“ From (John Paul Luciani & Family) purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Orlando Palleschi.



From (John Paul Luciani & Family) - January 08 at 08:26 PM

FF

“ From (John Paul Luciani & Family) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Orlando Palleschi.

From (John Paul Luciani & Family) - January 08 at 08:26 PM

JJ

“ It has been a true pleasure knowing you Mr. Palleschi (Orlando) since 1973 when I was a teller at Bank of the Commonwealth. Then when I married into The Johnson Family who owned Lucky II Lounge, we would come to your restaurant at 2am in the morning after the bar closed for Villa Pizzas because you were open till 4am! Those were the good old days! Then I had the pleasure of meeting all of the Palleschi Family. Grandma Palleschi, Annie, Loretta ,Anthony & Joe. My husband Keith & I became close good friends with Loretta & Dominic & met Rita & Cliff. We were neighbors & shared lots of special times together with your Family. Lots of cherished Memories. The Palleschi's & The Johnsons I will miss chatting with you at The Villa!

JoAnn Johnson - January 08 at 07:17 PM

JA

“ Joe and Anna purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Orlando Palleschi.



Joe and Anna - January 08 at 05:31 PM

MP

“ Mike -joann- grace perri purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Orlando Palleschi.



Mike -joann- grace perri - January 08 at 05:07 PM

MP

“ Mike -joann- grace perri planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Orlando Palleschi.

Mike -joann- grace perri - January 08 at 05:07 PM

MF

“ Maryann coschino and family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Orlando Palleschi.



Maryann coschino and family - January 08 at 11:11 AM

KE

“ Kimberly, Dominic & Eliana purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Orlando Palleschi.



Kimberly, Dominic & Eliana - January 08 at 09:45 AM

RF

“ Rosa D’Amico and family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Orlando Palleschi.



Rosa D’Amico and family - January 07 at 08:58 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Orlando Palleschi.



January 07 at 07:02 PM

MW

“ Michele Ward planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Orlando Palleschi.

Michele Ward - January 07 at 07:02 PM