



Martin J. Azarian

September 19, 1923 - September 19, 2013

Martin J. Azarian, 90, of Bloomfield and Old Lyme, died Thursday, (September 19, 2013). Born in Hartford on May 30 (the "real" Memorial Day), 1923, Martin was the son of Armenian immigrants, the late Jacob and Nevart Azarigian. Upon graduating from Weaver High School, Hartford, Class of 1942, "Marty" worked as a draftsman at Pratt & Whitney Aircraft, East Hartford. During World War II, Marty served his country in the U.S. Army Air Force, participating in the European theater. Assigned to the 484th Bomb Group, the 15th Air Force, Tech Sergeant Azarian flew as both a ball and tail turret gunner on a B-24 Liberator. On December 6, 1944, a day the family commemorates every year, Marty was shot down over Graz, Austria, captured and taken prisoner of war in Barth, Germany. Six months later, Marty escaped with two other POWs in a rowboat and trekked eastward, walking five days to freedom. Marty began J.M. Azarian Builders in 1948. He married his sweetheart, Carmela A. Dellaripa, on September 6, 1954, moving to Bloomfield in 1957 to the home he built to raise his family. Summertime was in Miami Beach, Old Lyme, where the master builder continually puttered in the shed, always fixing, painting or rustproofing something. He loved walking through the beach streets, right until his final days, with a twinkle in his green eyes, a kind smile and always a minute to chat. Marty was fiercely proud of his Armenian roots. His love for family was undeniable. Marty is survived by his daughters Roseanne June Azarian of Middletown and Carol Elizabeth Macdonald of Chester and his granddaughter Olivia Rose Macdonald, who made him so proud and joyful. Marty is also survived by his sister Agnes Adajian, best friend Robert Rustigian and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Marty was predeceased by his wife Carmela, his son Martin and his brothers Edward and Gregory. The family wishes to acknowledge Dr. Arthur B. Landry, Jr., the cardiologist whose care was always so valued by Marty, whom he called "Buddy." A special thanks to Price Rite, Windsor, for their kindness.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Tuesday, September 24 at 10 a.m. at Sacred Heart Church, 26 Wintonbury Ave., Bloomfield. Burial with military honors will follow at Mountain View Cemetery, Bloomfield. Memorial donations may be made to a charity of your choice. For directions and to share condolences online, visit www.taylorandmodeen.com.

Comments



“ So sorry Roseanne & Carol. I was in California with Vic and family when I heard.Sondra's Aunt, Dot Pacella

A friend - October 01, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Very sorry to lose this honorable, funny, caring, loving man. I'll never forget our times on his boat and the long trip back to Noank from Old Lyme on our sailboat with no wind when he kept trying to gun the motor when I wasn't looking and I kept slowing it down when he wasn't looking. We weren't fooling each other. He lives on in those cherished memories with "Care" and Rose and Olivia and so many others, including me.

A friend - September 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Carol, Rose and Olivia -
My thoughts have been of you often since the sad news. Your dad was a force of nature, all piercing eyes, gravelly voice and wry grin - that's my strongest memory of him, teasing us girls whenever we were over the house in the dip of Wadhams Road. All my love

Beth Curran - Boston, MA - friend of Carol's - September 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Uncle Marty was my hero. Had some great times with him and Marty back in the day. Fun times in the boat. I will miss him

Ron Lyss - Dania Beach, FL - September 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Rose & Carol,

My sincerest condolences. So many great memories,so many great conversations with your dad. Uncle Marty was a one of a kind legend. He always had a smile on his face and was always concerned about my mom. Please stay strong as you both move forward with a new journey of your lives.Remember you have family and friends who will always be there if the need arises. During these difficult times try to reflect on all those great memories that you experienced with your dad. His guidance and direction will never be forgotten.

With sympathy,
Rick T.

Rick Tanasi - Old Saybrook, CT - September 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Rose Sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. Like my Dad, they don't make men like this anymore. True patriots! Keep him close in your heart and memory. That way he always lives on in you and with you.

Bill Field - Monroe, CT - September 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Rose, Carol, I am so sorry for your loss of your Dad. Olivia, your Grampa. He had a big personality. He was an original. He left behind so many special memories for you. In time, I know these memories will bring you comfort and joy. Time has a way of mending our heartbreak.

For me, I feel lucky to have met Mr. "A". He had a way of making you feel like you were something special. What he didn't know, is that he was the one who was special.

I will remember the phone calls, thanking me for the chicken soup. It always gave me such pleasure to make this for him. He thought it would be great if we had a chicken soup pipeline running from my house to his.

I will remember my birthday this year. Mr. "A", Rose, Ethel, Em and myself, having dinner at Georges Pizza. Giant meatballs, a spectacular beautiful cake and laughter. The memory makes me smile and will stay with me forever.

God has blessed me with knowing him.

Judy Eckstrom - Bristol, CT - Friend - September 24, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Roseanne and Family- I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your father. My deepest sympathy.

I spent many a meal in your kitchen with your family and the hallmark was the abundance of caring and warmth.

Thank you for sharing those times. I hope your lifetime of happy memories of your dad will ease your loss.

Lynn

Lynn Taylor - New Hartford, CT - friend - September 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Rose and Carol, we were so sad to hear of your father's passing. I can still see him sitting on my couch chatting with my dad oblivious to the party going on around them. We will all miss his stories and never forget him. Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Peg, Kathy and Chris Britting - Bloomfield, CT - September 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Roseanne, Carol and Olivia, The passing of your dad is such a loss to so many. What a special man! And a Special Generation of people like no other who are slipping away....this is life, we all know, but still hard to take at times. Know that you girls are loved and cared about by so many friends, and know that your dad is looking down on you all, so proud of each of you!

Priscilla Zuromsky - Bloomfield, CT - September 23, 2013 at 12:00 AM