



Carl A. DeSimone

June 9, 1914 - March 27, 2019

Carl A DeSimone 104,died peacefully on March 27, 2019 at the Daughters of Sarah Nursing Center in Albany,NY. Born on June 9, 1914 in Gloversville, NY, the son of the late Stefano and Rose Persico DeSimone. In 1917 the family moved to the Napa Valley California so his father could oversee a vineyard and where, as Carl remembered, “the artichokes were as big as grapefruit.” Carl fondly reminisced about good times there with his brothers Chris and Tom and his sister Caroline. When Stefano died unexpectedly in 1924, Rose brought the family home to Gloversville. After graduating from Gloversville High School in 1932, Carl apprenticed with his brother –in-law Harry for three years, learning to table cut gloves at Enrico Sanges and Martorelli Glove Companies. In 1935 he became a full-fledged table-cutter and for 25 years he was employed by several glove companies, among them were Joseph Perrella and Mario Papa and Sons. In 1960 he went into business for himself, setting up shop in his home basement. He sold his table-cut trunks to Grandoe Glove Co., primarily for eight button women’s gloves made popular in the 1960’s by Jackie Kennedy. Following that he continued to table-cut privately,providing work for a number of women who did the sewing, the silking and the laying-off. For the next 30 years he personally sold his gloves. He traveled from Gloversville to Syracuse, Newburgh and to so many little towns in between. How often did a carefree day trip with his wife Mary find Carl seeking out retail stores at which to sell gloves? He even set up accounts with stores when they vacationed in Maine, Vermont and New York City.

Throughout his long life, Carl continued to improve himself as well as to provide for others. He took eclectic courses, including many at FMCC. Many of these classes reinforced his belief that everyone, including himself, should look compassionately on others. "Because our formative years make us who we are", he volunteered for many organizations such as Big Brother mental health and drug rehab programs. He was troop leader for his son, Steve's Boy Scout Troop. The DeSimones loved music, even carrying their huge Victor Victrola on the train from California. This passion never left Carl. He enjoyed being a member of the Concordia Club Choral Group for many years. His children were blessed with music growing up, all of them pursuing it in various ways. In his 80's Carl began to write songs, singing them to his daughter Carol, so she could notate them. In his 100's he still sang with his daughters and with his beloved aide Navlett. With music, old movies, frequent visits with his daughters, grandchildren and great grandchildren, 'Gigo' was happy and peaceful. Carl was pre-deceased by Mary Leo his beloved wife of 71 years; his cherished son Stephen; his brothers Chris and Tom, and his sister Caroline Esposito. Survived by his daughters Carol(Margaret Murphy) of East Greenbush and Stephanie(Richard)Bollam of Voorheesville. He is the grandfather of Hillary(Aaron)Siebeneck; Jeremy(Rebecca)Bollam; Mark(Julia)and Thomas(Karin)DeSimone of California; and Michelle Zambri(Liz Loucks) of Gloversville; and by 13 great grandchildren. Carl died as he had lived, considerate of his family and thanking his caregivers continually. We sincerely thank each and every nurse and aide and so many others at the Daughters of Sarah. God bless you all. We are grateful that we entrusted our father's care to you. "I SO WANT TO BELIEVE THAT THERE WILL COME A DAY WHEN WE WILL ALL(OUR FAMILY) BE TOGETHER AS WE WERE IN THE PAST, LIVING AS ONE GREAT ENDURING EXPERIENCE THAT WILL NEVER DIE". Now you know dad. Family and friends are invited to attend a Memorial Mass on Wednesday June 5,2019 at 11AM at the Church of the Holy Spirit, 153 S. Main St, Gloversville with the Reverend Simon Udemgba as celebrant. Memorial contributions may be

made to Mother of Mercy Hospital in the Nuba Mountains of Sudan, where Dr Thomas Catena from Amsterdam, works as a medical missionary. Checks may be made out to African Mission Healthcare Foundation, PO Box 8598, Pueblo, CO 81008. Please write "Dr Tom Catena" on the memo line. On line condolences to www.amicofuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

JUN 5. 11:00 AM (ET)

Church of the Holy Spirit
153 S Main St
Gloversville, NY 12078-4219
(518) 725-3143

Tribute Wall

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“ *Christine DeSimone Forest lit a candle in memory of Carl A. DeSimone*



Christine DeSimone Forest - May 31, 2019 at 06:02 PM

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Close to my heart, always. Give Steve a hug for me.

Christine DeSimone Forest - May 31, 2019 at 06:06 PM

KA

We love this man and this family with all our heart. Godspeed Carl; and give Mary and Steve a big hug for us. Until we meet again.....Love, Katie and Patrick

Katie - June 01, 2019 at 01:55 PM

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Dear Carol and Stephanie- Sending our condolences to both of you and your families. We know what a good man he was as your Mom and Dad were very Kind to our sister-in-laws' Mom - Gail Pellegrino when they were in the same apartments with her in Albany. Our dad, Carl Cuccurullo was your father's cousin. Some of us got to visit with him when we visited Gail. Sincere sympathy to all of you for the loss of such a wonderful man. Sincerely The Cuccurullo Family - Tony, Carol, Gloria, Barbara, Rosemary and Debbie and our spouses,

Carol Cuccurullo Paciolla - June 02, 2019 at 09:33 PM