



Vito Rizzi

May 1, 1938 - September 19, 2024

Vito Rizzi passed away peacefully surrounded by family on September 19, 2024. Vito was born in Barletta, Italy on May 1, 1938 to Giovanni and Maria Rizzi. He grew up in a household with two sisters, Lucia and Rosa, and learned carpentry from his father.

During his youth, Vito played defense in the Italian soccer league Serie C. Following a career-ending injury, Vito joined the Italian Navy, serving as a firefighter in Spain and in Naples, Italy.

In 1972, Vito immigrated to the United States, first settling in Hoboken, New Jersey. After connecting with the Italian-American community in Hudson County, he met his future bride, Anna Pischettola Rizzi. The couple married on April 28, 1973 and raised their family of four children, Giovanni, Maria, Rosa and Francesco, in the Marion section of Jersey City. Vito enjoyed a career as a ship's carpenter at Caddell Dry Dock in Bayonne for over three decades. Retiring to Hillsborough, Vito spent many happy years watching as much soccer as possible, designing fine woodworking, and spending time with his children and grandchildren. Vito built furniture and cabinetry and helped with construction in his children's home renovation projects. In addition to being a dog lover, he enjoyed Italian cuisine and game shows on Rai Uno. At the weddings of his eldest son and two daughters, he regaled the crowd with his suave dance moves.

Vito is survived by his wife of fifty-one years, Anna; his children, Giovanni, Maria, Rosa and Francesco; his grandchildren, Joseph, Daniel, Gabriela,

Thomas and Julianna; his daughter-in-law, Kathryn; and his sons-in-law, Mathew and Rick. He was preceded in death by his parents and sisters and his dogs Larry and Bronx.

The Graveside Service will take place at 10 AM on Tuesday, September 24, 2024 at St. Bernard Roman Catholic Cemetery in Bridgewater, New Jersey. Arrangements are under the direction of the Ketusky Funeral Home in Manville, NJ.

Cemetery Details

St. Bernard Cemetery

551 State Route 28
Bridgewater, NJ 08807

Previous Events

Service

SEP **24.** 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



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