



Rocco Joseph Sgobbo

December 14, 1929 - July 8, 2017

Rocco J. Sgobbo passed away peacefully at his home in The Villages with his wife Alexandria and family by his side on 8 July 2017. Throughout his 87 years, Rocco possessed an optimism and positive energy that was contagious and could brighten any room he walked into. He valued service to his country, community, church and above all family.

Rocco was born in Harrison, New York on 14 December 1929 the first of three children to immigrant parents at the onset of the Great Depression. He attended White Plains High School where he excelled at sports, volunteering for the United States Navy upon graduation. His four-year enlistment took him to Korea during the Korean War and introduced him to the field of aviation. Following his discharge from the Navy, he attended the Academy of Aeronautics in New York, NY and embarked on a career in the Aerospace industry that would include working on the Apollo program that put the first men on the moon.

His community service included roles as Commander in the American Legion, President of the Lions Club, President of the Holy Name Society, Chairman of the United Way Drive and Financial Secretary of the Knights of Columbus. Rocco was an active member of St. Timothy Catholic Church and an Oblate at St. Leo's Monastery. His Church activities, spanned eight decades and this lifetime of dedication to the communities he was a member of earned him a

Papal Award as a Knight of St. Gregory the Great in 2008.

Above all, Rocco was a family man who was completely devoted to his wife and 6 children. Even before his own children were old enough to play sports, Rocco coached Little League. When the town he lived in did not have ice hockey for girls and his daughters showed interest and aptitude, he co-founded a girls' team that yielded a number of players who went on to win athletic scholarships to college.

Rocco is survived by his beloved wife of 63 years, Alexandria and his six children, Patricia, Catherine, Barbara, Alexis, Rocco and Andrea as well as his ten grandchildren - all of whom admired and adored him.

A visitation will be held at the Lady Lake Chapel of Beyers Funeral Home on Wednesday, July 12, 2017 from 4:00 to 6:00p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. Timothy Catholic Church in Lady Lake on Thursday, July 13, 2017 at 10:00a.m.

Memorial Donations: In lieu of flowers, please donate to The Villages Hospice House, 601 Casa Bella, The Villages, FL 32162.

Tribute Wall

PA

“ I just recently heard of Rocco's passing. His mom was my dad's sister, he was my cousin. I'm so sorry for your loss and know he will be deeply missed. With deepest sympathy to his wife and children.

Pamela Au - August 28, 2018 at 09:57 PM

CT

I just googled Rocco and found his obituary. I am very sorry for your loss. My grandmother, Carmela Morano and Rocco's dad Vito were sister and brother. We lost touch after he moved to Florida. May he rest in peace.

Carmela Tucci - July 16, 2023 at 07:03 PM

MK

“ Though no one else can lift away the grief you're going through, others want to honor all your father meant to you.

My deepest sympathy in the loss of your father.

Marcia Krause - July 12, 2017 at 01:21 PM

GC

“ Cathy, I am so sorry to learn of your father's passing. My heart goes out to you and your family in your time of sorrow. Love to you all.

Gail Cunicelli - July 12, 2017 at 12:32 PM

PP

“ Very sorry to hear about the loss of an old neighbor.
Paul

Paul E. Poppert - July 11, 2017 at 03:14 PM

KW

“ Thoughts are with you all at this time. I am blessed to have been able to meet Rocco.



Katie White - July 11, 2017 at 08:28 AM

MP

“ I only really had one grandfather but he easily provided the love and support of two. He was and continues to be a source of inspiration for me. I'm gonna miss you, Pop Pop.



Matt Perriello - July 10, 2017 at 07:46 PM

RS

“ Best Dad ever! Showed me the way. My wife, Giovanna and our three daughters Livia, Carla and Gemma will hold fond and loving memories of the many wonderful times we have had.



RJ Sgobbo - July 10, 2017 at 04:49 PM