



Silvio Malinari

June 30, 1935 - January 12, 2024

Silvio Malinari (88) of Ann Arbor, Michigan passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family on Friday, January 12, 2024.

Silvio is survived by his son Robert Malinari of Norwich, Connecticut; his four granddaughters Rachel Malinari of Dobbs Ferry, New York, Lindsay Walter of New York City, New York, Emily Malinari of Melville, New York, and Gillian Walter of Chicago, Illinois; and his son-in-law Jeffery Walter of Ann Arbor, Michigan. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife Carol (Raimann) Malinari; his daughter Sandra (Malinari) Walter; his father Antonio Malinari; his mother Pierina (Pezzulich) Malinari, and his brother Rino Malinari.

Silvio was born in Brdo, a small mountain village in Istria on June 30, 1935. During World War II, his village was in a disputed territory occupied by soldiers, going from Austria to Italy to Yugoslavia before becoming Croatia. Silvio immigrated to America in 1946 alongside his mother and brother to join his father (who had arrived during the war) in Brooklyn, New York. Upon arrival, the only language Silvio knew was Chidi Bidi, the local Brdo dialect. After a few years, Silvio fully immersed himself in the English language and graduated high school. He met his wife Carol in Sunset Park, Brooklyn. They married on October 28, 1961. They soon had two children, Robert and Sandra, and put down roots in Lindenhurst on Long Island, New York.

While building a family, Silvio worked on the tug boats in New York Harbor, joined the U.S. Army Reserve, and graduated from the New York City Police Academy at the age of 28. He went on to serve 19 years for the New York Police Department, becoming a detective. After retiring from the force in 1982, he worked in the restaurant business as a manager for Rusty's (owned by former New York Mets player Rusty Staub) in Manhattan and later for the Blue Lagoon on Long Island.

Silvio and Carol spent their retirement traveling between Ann Arbor, Lindenhurst, and Daytona Beach, Florida while enjoying quality time with their grandchildren. They loved vacationing in Hawaii, Alaska, Jamaica, and Bermuda. In 2012, Silvio and his wife moved to Ann Arbor to enjoy the rest of their years with family.

Silvio was best known for never failing to tell a joke. He left each person he encountered with a smile on their face. He was a kind, caring, hardworking man; the backbone of his family. He devoted his life to the happiness of his loved ones and never wanted to miss an event. As he often said, "If you are going to do something stupid, call me first and we will do it together." Silvio was an avid sports fan, always cheering on the New York Giants and Mets. He quickly adopted fandom for his granddaughters' alma maters and the Detroit teams. He had a generous spirit, and no one could leave his presence without flowers, food, Kit Kats, or some pizza money. He loved playing cards and games, and remained competitive in poker and Mexican Train to the end. He was beloved by all, and will be missed dearly.

Friends may join the family for a time of visitation on Saturday, January 27, 2024 at the Robison-Bahn Miller Funeral Home in Saline from 9:00 A.M. until the time of Memorial Service at 12:00 P.M. Memorial contributions in Silvio's name may be made to Active Against ALS, activeagainstals.org, and envelopes will be available at the funeral home. To leave a memory you have

of Silvio, to sign his guestbook, or for directions please visit www.rbfhsaline.com

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 27. 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Memorial Service

JAN 27. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I am highly appreciative of Silvio's eulogy that includes welcomed personal details of of how he spent the precious years of his life. I met Silvio when I was 7-1/2 years old and newly arrived to the USA. Years later I attended his wedding, but I did not know him personally even though Silvio and I are distant cousins on his mother's side, Pezzulich, plus my father's birth home was next door to Silvio's in the tiny Brdo hamlet now called Tercovici (Tercovzi). In Park Slope, Brooklyn, my family and I lived for a few years around the corner from his family's home on 6th Street. After we all moved elsewhere, our two families remained in touch up to his father's passing.

I also appreciate the mention of our native Istrian language. I, too, grew up hearing our various Istrian languages and dialects (both Latin and Slavic), but especially our native Istro-Romanian language that our natives mainly called "vlashki" but which even before the 20th century was nicknamed "ciri-biri", originally meant as a form of ridicule. For centuries, our ancient language was spoken in many towns on both sides of the Ciceria (Ucka) mountains in Istria and all the way up to Trieste. Sadly, today it is just a few heartbeats away from total extinction. Silvio's was one of those precious heartbeats.

I am deeply saddened by his passing and offer my most heartfelt condolences to the immediate family for their personal loss.

Marisa Ciceran



Marisa Ciceran - January 28, 2024 at 02:04 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Silvio Malinari.*



January 24, 2024 at 12:39 PM



“ *I had pleasure of meeting Silvio at the American Legion poker games. I always treasure his story he shared with Bill Howard at our table on how tough his neighborhood was. How when you would try to do your handprints in wet concrete a hand would reach up and shake yours. Thank for the story's and the laughs. Rest in Peace my goof friend.*
Doug Crosbie

Doug Crosbie - January 24, 2024 at 06:46 AM



“ *My deepest sympathy to the Malinari family. I always loved having Silvio for a partner when we played pinochle at the Saline Senior Center...Gerry Hale*

Geraldine Hale - January 20, 2024 at 11:59 AM