



James Angelo Cucinella

November 18, 1923 - December 2, 2013

Five weeks after his bride of 66 years passed on December 2, 2013 in his home, surrounded by his loved ones, 90 year old James Angelo Cucinella of Madison Florida was reunited with his one true love, Marilyn Hallock Cucinella. Forever a man of great character he will be greatly missed by friends and family.

James was born November 18, 1923 in Rochester New York to Italian immigrants, Pasquale and Marguerite. His one older brother Anthony passed away this October. James is survived by seven loving children, Margaret and husband Louis Callaghan of Crawfordville FL, Mark and wife Sandy Cucinella of Empire CO, James and wife Linda Cucinella of Oviedo FL, John Cucinella of St. Augustine FL, Paul and wife Debra Cucinella of Madison FL, Stephen and wife Donna of Tallahassee FL, Lorrie and husband Jeff of Fayetteville NC ; 24 grandchildren, 21 great grandchildren, 6 nieces and nephews and numerous great nieces and nephews, along countless friends and other extended family. James attended grammar school at St Anthony's Catholic School and Jefferson High School, both located in Rochester New York. An athlete, he played football throughout high school and then went on to play semi- professional football. James proudly served in the US Army during World War II and was honored as a disabled veteran. Although James was raised in a home where only Italian was spoken, he pursued further education and earned a Bachelor's of Education degree, along with a Master's Degree. In his teaching career in Rochester New York he was a high school coach and health teacher at Franklin and East High Schools. He also worked for several years in the field of Special Education with high school students. He was instrumental in bringing much joy to the youth of the area through his leadership in starting and directing Camp Three Lakes for the City of Rochester Recreation Department. He also directed summer recreation programs for the Town of Henrietta.

Upon retirement, he and his family moved to St. Augustine FL in 1975. He, along with his wife and sons, started The Bread Shoppe, a business that specialized in original healthy breads, pizzas and sweets.

James and Marilyn were devoted Christians who shared their faith and love generously with others. James was an interesting, humorous, and intriguing story teller. He loved people and loved life. He will be remembered and honored by those who knew and loved

him.

Graveside services will be held at Oakridge Cemetery in Madison on Wednesday, December 5, 2013. In lieu flowers, donations can be made on his behalf to the Giddens International.

Beggs Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements 850-973-2258.

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