



Pat Frank Silecchia

June 20, 1917 - October 24, 2017

The ever-dapper Pat Frank Silecchia of Sarasota, Florida passed away on Tuesday, October 24, 2017. He had achieved his long-time goal of living 100 years.

Born in 1917 in Brooklyn, NY to Italian immigrants, Lucia and Ermenegildo Silecchia, Pat was a life-long Yankees fan as far back as the days of the great Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig. During World War II, Pat worked in the Brooklyn Navy Yard welding warships. He then enlisted in two branches of military service and was honorably discharged from the US Army and US Army Air Corps in 1945, just after meeting Helen, an army nurse from South Carolina who would become his wife, dance partner and the mother of his children.

After raising his family in Wyckoff, NJ, Pat retired from Allstate Insurance in 1972 and became an avid golfer. He loved to cook, and he loved to eat. When asked his secret to a long life, Pat always said it was the Italian "Holy Grail:" red wine, garlic and olive oil.

Pat is survived by his loving daughter, Candice Silecchia, his son-in-law, Louis Chalupa, his grandson, Griffin Silecchia and his daughter-in-law, Deborah Silecchia. He is also survived by 15 wonderful nieces and nephews and the second great love-of-his-life, Happy Davison. Pat loved them all dearly.

Pat was preceded in death by his loving wife of 50 years, Helen Silecchia, his

son Dana Silecchia, his sisters Bella Sillechia Scuderi, Claire Silecchia Cerami and Marie Silecchia Rini, his brother Onofrio Silecchia and his parents, Lucia and Ermenegildo Silecchia.

Interment was at Church of the Redeemer's St. Francis Memorial Garden preceded by a friends and family Memorial.

A special thank you to the nurses and staff at Tidewell's Sarasota Hospice House for their care and support, to Gendron Funeral Home for their kindness, to the staff of Brookdale Downtown Assisted Living for their resolve and good humor, and to Church of the Redeemer for their spiritual guidance.

Tribute Wall



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