



Orlando Gravina

November 29, 2014

Orlando (Art) Gravina Obituary

Orlando (Art) Gravina, age 99, born in Seneca Falls, New York on March 2, 1915. He was the successful operator of the Memory Mart Hallmark Card Shop in McKeesport from 1962 until his retirement in 1980. Orlando moved with his family from Rochester, New York to Pittsburgh to take over the operation of the card shop, leaving behind a successful career working in the clothing industry. He instituted many efficiencies in shipping during his time spent in the clothing business. After retirement, Orlando became an avid golfer and enjoyed traveling with his wife, Rose.

Orlando was predeceased by his wife, who passed on July 4, 2014, at age 104. He is survived by his son Thomas J. Gravina (Donna), daughter Carol A. Reis (Chuck), and son Robert Gravina (Cheryl) and was predeceased by his son, Arthur Gravina (Joyce). He was the proud grandfather of Beth Neimann (Robert), David Gravina (Lauri), Craig Gravina (Amy), Kevin Gravina and Bradley Gravina. He is also survived by 6 great grandchildren, Jackson Neimann, Emily Rose Neimann, Maia Gravina, Lucas Gravina, Zoe Gravina and Will Gravina.

Orlando and Rose were the subjects of a number of articles in the Pittsburgh papers chronicling their family longevity and noting their long marriage of 75

years. Together, they were two of the oldest residents at the Arbors III at St. Barnabas. Orlando is also survived by two sisters, Florence Fracione, 102, and Evelyn Gravina, 98, both of Rochester, NY, and a brother Reynold Gravina, 96, of Dallas, TX.

Orlando was the neighborhood father to many as his children were growing up. While working two jobs, he still found time to organize Sunday morning baseball games for many trying to learn the game. As a master tournament bowler, Orlando would always find a partner for any son who did not have a father to bowl with in the Father-Son Bowling League which he helped organize. He seldom missed a game in which his son's played or his daughter cheered. He was devoted to his four children and would assist them in delivering newspapers on their routes in the often inclement Rochester weather.

There will be no visitation but friends are welcome to attend a Memorial Service in celebration of his life to be held at St. Richards R.C. Church, 3841 Dickey Road, Gibsonia, PA 724-444-1971 at 12:00 noon on April 25th 2015.

Memorial donations may be made to the St. Barnabas Charities, 5850 Meridian Road, Gibsonia, PA 15044, 724-625-3370

Cemetery Details

Jefferson Memorial Park

Curry Hollow Rd.
Pittsburgh, PA 15236

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR 25. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (ET)

St. Richards Church
3841 Dickey Rd.
Gibsonia, PA 15044