



Elio "Leo" Scarpa

September 1, 1933 - March 10, 2018

Elio "Leo" Scarpa, 84, of Toms River passed away on Saturday, March 10, 2018.

Elio "Leo" Scarpa was born on Sept. 1st, 1933 in Jersey City, NJ to parents Anthony & Sylvia. Growing up Elio had a passion for sports. He played baseball, basketball and football for Ferris High School. He was All County and earned letters in all three sports. Leo was inducted into Ferris High School Hall of Fame for "Most Outstanding Athlete" (1950-1960). He was also named "Most Outstanding Catholic Baseball Player in Hudson County".

In 1952, Leo signed as a pitcher for the St. Louis Cardinals organization and played in the Canadian PONY League, the 3I League in Peoria, Illinois until 1956 when he was drafted into the United States Army, where he served as a communications officer. In 1958 he returned to Port Arthur and Victoria, Texas League before arm trouble ended his pitching career.

In May 2010 Leo accepted a huge honor being inducted into the Hudson County Sports Hall of Fame.

Leo owned several family operated sandwich shops in Jersey City where he was well known and respected throughout the community. He later moved with his family to Toms River where he was employed by the Toms River Regional Board of Education where he eventually retired as supervisor of the Building and Grounds Department. During his time as supervisor, he received several awards and accolades for his work ethic and dedication.

Leo was a generous man who was loved by all who were fortunate enough to have met him. He loved spending time with his family, he loved collecting cars, he loved to dance, and was very artistic.

Leo was predeceased by his wife Patricia, daughter Debra Stark, and a brother Michael. He is survived by his children Elio and his wife Nicole of Toms River, Patricia Vangelakos of Jersey City, Colleen German of Lanoka Harbor and Kevin Bugasch of Florida. He will be dearly missed by his grandchildren Elio Jr., Mia, James, Julia, Jennifer, Gina, Aileen, Jamie, James, Allison, Katie, Vanessa, and Andrew and 6 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his brothers Nicholas and Anthony.

A visitation will be held on Tuesday, from 2-4pm and 7-9pm and Wednesday from 10am-

11am at "The Family Owned" Carmona-Bolen Home for Funerals, 412 Main Street Toms River. A religious service will take place 11:00am on Wednesday at the funeral home. Burial will follow at Greenwood Cemetery, Brielle.

Cemetery

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1009 Cedar Lane
Brielle, NJ, 08730