
Ernest R. Latessa

Ernest R. (Ernie) Latessa, 87, of Delray Beach, FL, died peacefully on Monday, June 8, 2015 at Pinecrest Rehabilitation Center. He was the loving husband of Jeanette F. (Borlo) Latessa. Born in Providence RI, he was the son of Ernesto Latessa and Rosa M. (Palmieri) Latessa. Besides his wife, he leaves his children: E. Michael Latessa and his wife LeAnn of Rockville MD, Tina Latessa Furdon and her husband Jim of Natick MA, Robert Latessa and his wife Patricia of Cincinnati OH, Beth Ann Latessa of Walpole MA, Brian Latessa and his wife Monique of Bristol RI, and his former wife and mother of his children, Grace Galassi Latessa. He was the cherished grandfather of Krista, Bobby, Jenna, Corey, Alex, Lauren, Matthew, Kelsey, Andrew, Ben, Domenique, Luke and great grandson, Jax. He was the brother of Claire Choiniere of Wakefield RI, Norma Corley of Bradenton FL, Edward Latessa of Providence RI, and the late Marie Sheehan of North Kingstown RI. Ernie attended La Salle Academy in Providence RI where he was a member of the all-state high school football, baseball and hockey teams. After graduating from La Salle in 1946, Ernie served two years active duty as an infantryman with the [United States Marine Corps](#) (Fleet Marine Force). A lifelong sports enthusiast, Ernie played baseball professionally in the minor leagues as a catcher for the St. Louis Cardinals organization. While living in Lebanon PA and Wellesley MA, Ernie remained active in sports playing softball, tennis and was an avid golfer until recently. Ernie loved his family and good music. Over the years he served on various boards, including the Lions Club, and on numerous community drives and campaigns. He was employed in media sales throughout his career working for various TV, radio and other media outlets in Pennsylvania, New York, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island. His Funeral Service will be held Saturday, July 25, 2015 at 9:00 am in The Canston-Murphy Funeral Home of Wickford, 140 West Main Street, Wickford Village, North Kingstown. Burial with Military Honors will follow in the RI Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Exeter. Calling Hours are respectfully omitted. In lieu of flowers, gifts in his memory may be sent to La Salle Academy c/o Athletics Department, 612 Academy Ave, Providence, RI 02908. For online messages of condolence, visit www.cranstonmurphy.com.

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