

Oland Canterna(1926 - 2016)

Oland "Dodo" Canterna, 89, of Latrobe, passed away Friday, June 17, 2016, at his home. He was born Oct. 29, 1926, in Freeport, a son of the late Dominic and Isabel (Demme) Canterna. Dodo was a 1944 graduate of Freeport High School, where he played basketball, baseball and football. He attended the University of Pittsburgh, where he was an outstanding basketball and baseball player. His college career was interrupted when he served with the [Army](#) Air Corps during [World War II](#). He signed a major league baseball contract with the then Boston Braves in 1949 and played minor league baseball in Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland and West Virginia from 1949 to 1951. He received his bachelor's degree from the University of Pittsburgh in 1953, his teaching certificate from the Department of Education in 1956 and his Master of Education in 1960, also from the University of Pittsburgh. He was employed by the University of Pittsburgh, where he was the freshman basketball coach under the legendary Doc Carlson. He then came to St. Vincent College in 1953 and was the basketball coach until 1972. He also coached baseball at St. Vincent from 1955 to 1965 and from 1979 to 1988. While at St. Vincent, Dodo also served as athletic director and assistant alumni director. He coached Latrobe American Legion Baseball for eight years, taking them to the regional and state finals, and also helped coaching his grandsons through Little League and High School baseball. Dodo was inducted into several sports halls of fame including: Westmoreland County, Armstrong County, A-K Valley, West Penn, American Legion, Italian-American and Western Chapter of Pennsylvania. He was honored with the Tri-State Intercollegiate Association Distinguished Service Award and was named a Letterman of Distinction by the University of Pittsburgh. He was a resident of Latrobe since 1954, where he served on the Greater Latrobe School Board as vice president and president. He also served on Latrobe Borough Council as vice president, president and mayor. He currently was serving on the board of Arnold Palmer Regional Airport as chairman. He was a member of Holy Family Roman Catholic Church, where he served as an usher and was president of the Ushers Club. Dodo had many other civic memberships including: Thomas B. Anderson American Legion Post 515, Paul Lizza [VFW](#) Post 3414, [Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks](#) Latrobe Lodge 907, Fraternal Order of Eagles Tony Angelo Aerie 01188, Latrobe Sons of Italy, Columbus 500 and Westmoreland Athletic Club. He was a former member of the Latrobe Rotary Club and formerly served on the boards of the Latrobe Chamber of Commerce and the Eastern Westmoreland Development Corporation. In addition to his parents, Dodo was preceded in death by five brothers: Nicholas, Charles, Albert, Domenic and William Canterna. Dodo is survived by his wife of almost 63 years, Shirley Ann (Eversole) Canterna; seven children, Mark Canterna (Kelly), of Union, Ky., Marcy Canterna, of Delmont, Lisa Melago (William), of Latrobe, Paul Canterna (Farnoosh), of Los Angeles, Calif., Gina McClintic (David), of Vista, Calif., Donna Canterna, of Seattle, Wash., and Patti Crocker (Tom), of Latrobe; his sister, Elizabeth Canterna, of Freeport; 12 grandchildren, Michelle, Emily and Renee Canterna, Mark (Gena), Matt (Nikki) and Nicholas (Cara) Melago, Dalon, Dominic and Derek McClintic and Anthony, Maria and Julie Crocker; a great-granddaughter, Bianca Melago; a sister-in-law, Lucy Canterna, of Freeport; two brothers-in-law, Arnold (Paula) Eversole and William (Ruth) Eversole; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Friends will be received from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, June 23, 2016, and 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, June 24, 2016, in the HARTMAN-GRAZIANO FUNERAL HOME INC., 1500 Ligonier St., in Latrobe. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 25, 2016, in St. Vincent Basilica, 300 Fraser Purchase Road, Latrobe, PA 15650, with the Right Rev. Douglas R. Nowicki, OSB, Archabbot, as celebrant. Everyone please go directly to the Basilica. Interment with full military honors by VFW Post 33 Honor Guard will follow in Unity Cemetery, Unity.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the National Parkinson Foundation, 200 SE 1st St., Suite 800, Miami, FL 33131, or online at www.parkinson.org, or to the [American Diabetes Association](#), P.O. Box 11454, Alexandria, VA 22312 or online at www.diabetes.org. To post an online condolence, please visit www.hartman-grazianofuneralhome.com.

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