



John E. Massirio

September 15, 1917 - May 22, 2003

John E. "Long John" Massirio, 85, of Berlin, husband of Nancy Riggio Massirio, died Thursday May 22, 2003 at New Britain General Hospital. A lifelong Berlin resident, son of the late Eugene and Maria Bonella Massirio, John owned and operated Johnnies Package Store in Berlin until his retirement in 1983 after 42 years. He was a member of St. Paul's Church in Kensington and the AARP; he was a member, former board member, and in his younger years was an accomplished softball pitcher for the Italian Independent Political Club in Kensington.

Besides his wife Nancy, he is survived by a son, James Massirio and his fiancée Mary Ann Bagley of Middletown; a sister, Josephine Suits of Berlin; 2 grandsons, John Massirio of Berlin and Luke Massirio of Kensington; several nieces and nephews; he was predeceased by 3 brothers, Eugene "Mush" Massiro, Luigi Massirio, and Charles Massirio; and a sister, Lillian Ravizza. Funeral services will be held Tuesday 9:15 AM at Carlson Funeral Home, 45 Franklin Square, New Britain, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial 10 AM at St. Paul's Church, 485 Alling Street, Kensington. Burial will be in St. Mary Cemetery, New Britain. Calling hours are Monday evening 6 to 8 PM at the Funeral Home. Donations may be made to Maple View Manor Recreation Fund, 856 Maple Street, Rocky Hill, CT 06067. Please share a memory of John with his family on our online guestbook by clicking "sign memorial guestbook" at the top of the page.