



Rocco J. DeChesser

August 16, 1920 - July 24, 2006

Rocco J DeChesser, beloved husband, father and grandfather passed peacefully into eternal rest at St Francis Hospital on July 24, 2006, surrounded by his loving family. Born on August 16, 1920, he was a lifelong resident of New Britain, CT. He is predeceased by his mother Faustina Petrella DeChesser, his father Louis DeChesser and his sisters and brothers, Mildred Petrella, Elsie Hoffman, John, Reboldo, Michael and Anthony DeChesser. He leaves his devoted wife of 59 years, Helen Giamattei DeChesser. They were so in love that people described them as “two peas in a pod “. He is also survived by his adoring daughters Louise DeChesser-Fredericks and her husband Leonard Fredericks of East Berlin Ct and Marianne Spector and her husband Saul of Farmington, Ct. He leaves his sister-in-law Louise Gilberto and his special nieces Sylvia and Paula Gilberto. He also leaves nieces and nephews, Carol Prey, Geraldine and Randy Hoffman, Louis, Michael, Lawrence, Thomas, John and James DeChesser and Robert Petrella, along with many wonderful cousins and friends. We will all miss his gentle way, sense of humor and contagious smile.

He retired after 37 years of loyal service to Stanley Power Tools as an assembly foreman. He served his country as a member of the 88th infantry division, Blue Devils. In an article in the New Britain Herald dated September 7, 1944, it stated, “Then I saw “Rocky” DeChesser, of 5 Chapman St. Good old Rocky, who was always singing and joking, but when the chips were down, he was poison to the Nazis”. He was an avid fisherman and loved to be near

the ocean. He was active in the Men's Club of St John's the Evangelist Church and a member of the Italian American Men's Club as well as the New Britain Chapter of AARP. His passion was dancing with his favorite dance partner, Helen. He was the "Lindy King" and taught many of us his fancy dance steps. Rocco left a mark on the hearts of all who knew him. He had a million dollar smile and a great sense of humor that was contagious to all. He provided a sense of strength for his family who will celebrate his life by carrying on his legacy. He was truly a man among men who will live on in our hearts forever.

The family sends their heartfelt thanks to Dr. Leslie Blumgart and Dr Karen Brown along with their entire team at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center for their commitment to excellence and compassionate care of our beloved Rocco. Special thanks to Dr John Papandrea for his care of our family.

Funeral services will be on Friday July 28, 2006, 9:15 AM at Carlson Funeral Home with a with Mass of Christian burial to follow at 10 AM at St John's the Evangelist Church in New Britain. Entombment will be in St. Mary's Mausoleum. Calling hours will be held Thursday evening 5pm to 8 PM at Carlson Funeral Home 45 Franklin Square, New Britain. Donations in Rocco's memory can be made to Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center 1275 York Avenue NY, NY 10021 or St John's the Evangelist Church 655 East Street New Britain, CT 06052. Please share a memory of Rocco with his family by "clicking" GUESTBOOK at the bottom of the page.

Tribute Wall

MS

“ hi dad....its almost a year since you left us....we all miss you dearly...there is something that happens every day that makes me think of you....mostly when i look in the mirror....we are taking good care of mom...she is even driving.....who would believe that....we will never fill the gap of your absence....you were so good to us and taught us so much about life and people....how to always be good to everyone.....that's what your heart was like.....i miss you dearly.....i wish i could hug you again.....love mar

marianne spector - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ That was a beautiful obituary about a beautiful man. We'll never forget the dinner we had at Helen and Rocco's when we went to Connecticut for Selise's Bat-Mitzvah. We had such a great time, and were made to feel so welcome. What an honor and a pleasure to have met him.

*With much love,
AZIZA and LEO*

Aziza and Leo Mara - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Dear Helen DeChesser, Louise, Marianne & family,

Expressing our heartfelt sympathy to you and your family on behalf of the Gross family.

Rocco Dechesser's legacy is clearly seen in the very special loving nature of his Wife, Children, Grandchildren and the wonderful family he left behind.

Please accept our condolences at this difficult time -- your Husband and Father was a remarkable man who made a difference in the lives of many people--especially in his family.

With our sincere prayers and wishes for Rocco's Soul being at peace with God and for your strong faith in acceptance of your loss.

Sally Gross and family

The Sally Gross Family - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PW

“ Aunt Helen, Louise, Mary Ann and families:

I am so sorry to hear about the passing of Uncle Rocky. I'm sorry I couldn't be there today to pay my respects but please know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Although the miles and life's circumstances have taken our lives on different paths, there will always be a special place in my heart for family.

Many of my fondest childhood memories are of the old house and gardens on Chapman St. and the hours I spent under the grapevines and exploring the garden. I can remember many special times spent in Aunt Helen's kitchen and I will carry these and thoughts of you all with me always.

Uncle Rocky will be missed by many and was loved by all.

*With deepest sympathies,
Pam*

Pam Prey Warren - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ *Helen, Lou, Mary and Gang,*

We are sooooo sorry for your terrible loss. Rocco was such a loving and fun man--we enjoyed many parties with him. He seemed to really enjoy watching our girls grow up too-- we caught him a few times giggling with them in the corner at some of the parties. We have a new angel in heaven now watching over you.

May you find peace knowing he was such a good man and he loved you so very much.

With our deepest sympathy and love,

Chris, Randy, Kelly and Katy Sparmer

Chris and Randy Sparmer - September 20, 2016 at 12:00 AM