



## Mario J. Menicucci

May 27, 1922 - November 11, 2014

MENICUCCI, MARIO J.

Mario J. Menicucci, age 92, passed away peacefully at his home on Veteran's Day, November 11, 2014, surrounded by his family. He was born in Albuquerque, New Mexico on May 27, 1922 to his parents Amerigo and Davina Menicucci. He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Theresa, who still resides in the family home. He is also survived by his six children, daughter, Gemma and husband, Russell Morris, daughter, Roberta Menicucci, son, John and wife, Muffin Menicucci, son, Mark and wife, Susie Menicucci, daughter, Laura and husband, Danny Miller, and son, Philip and wife, Susan Menicucci. Mario is also survived by 17 grandchildren; Marisa (Freddie Peyerl), Justin, John Jr. (Betsy), Janea, Joseph, Jason (Shaina), Brian (Gina), Sarah (Derek Riewe), Kevin (Laurel), Jeremy (Charissa), Adam (Stacy), Eric (Ashley), Ivan, Neal, Theresa, Noah and Samuel, and 31 great-grandchildren, and 2 more on the way in 2015. He is also survived by his sister, Rena and husband, Al Arrigoni; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his sister, Louise and brother-in-law, Bill Stein. A member of the Greatest Generation, he served his country proudly in the Army Air Force during World War II. He finished his service working with the federal Lend-Lease program in Australia and New Zealand. Along with his father, Amerigo, his uncle, Julio, and his cousins, Charlie and Dante Menicucci, he operated Super Service Station and Tire Co., and Super Oil Co. in downtown Albuquerque, a service business built upon trust and integrity. He was a

member of Our Lady of Fatima Parish since 1950, a member of the Knights of Columbus, the Elks club, American Legion Post 13, the Brothers of the Good Shepherd, and after surviving colon cancer 28 years ago, a member of the Ostomy Association of NM. Mario was a master gardener, growing figs, tomatoes, green beans, lettuce, and squash to supply all of the family. He loved the outdoors. He was happiest fishing and dove and quail hunting with his sons and grandsons. He loved to picnic and hunt mushrooms in the Jemez Mountains and get away to a small family cabin in the Jemez. Among the Italians in Albuquerque, he was the consummate mushroom hunter, with everyone calling him in late summer to see where the mushrooms were. Up until several years ago he bowled in his league every week and played bridge with a wonderful group of men. He was a quiet man of great faith, never complaining about anything in his life. He lived his life for his family. The family would like to thank the special caregivers of SolAmor Hospice for the care and dedication they gave Mario over the last two years and to his primary care physician, Dr. Francesco Standoli. Pallbearers will be his grandchildren. A Rosary will be recited on Friday, November 14, 2014 at 7 p.m. at Our Lady of Fatima Church, 4020 Lomas Blvd NE. Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated on Saturday, November 15, 2014 at 10 a.m. at Our Lady of Fatima Church. Interment will follow at Mount Calvary Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Casa Angelica, Our Lady of Fatima School, or the Brothers of the Good Shepherd.

# Cemetery Details

## **Mt. Calvary Cemetery**

1900 Edith Blvd. NE  
Albuquerque, NM

# Previous Events

## **Rosary**

NOV **14**. 7:00 PM (MT)

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church  
4020 Lomas Blvd. NE  
Albuquerque, NM

## **Mass of Ressurrection**

NOV **15**. 10:00 AM (MT)

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church  
4020 Lomas Blvd. NE  
Albuquerque, NM

# Tribute Wall

MG

“ *Margaret Grammer Gay lit a candle in memory of Mario J. Menicucci*



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**Margaret Grammer Gay** - November 19, 2014 at 04:54 PM

AT

“ *Dearest Theresa, Gemma, Laura, Mark and the entire Menicucci family, My deepest sympathy and heart felt condolences. Mario fought the good fight. He will be missed with fond memories. From my childhood I remember Mario as a kind man. From his service it was apparent he lived out a life that was very giving and kind, very loving - a Christ like man indeed. The service was beautiful with his family there to surround you with love Theresa, through beautiful song, (gorgeous voice from Ivan Miller) and loving arms. May Jesus bring you His peace & strength that only He can give.*

*Grace and Peace,  
Amy Wilson Turner*

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**Amy Turner** - November 18, 2014 at 05:20 PM

LB

“ Dearest Gemma and the entire Menicucci family,  
My heart aches for all of you. I know you're going to miss your dad so much. A part of life none of us wants to experience. A sad inevitable one. You all have such deep faith. We all know your dad is experiencing the awesomeness of God's glory. To know he's at peace, without pain, and basking in the Light of Love surely gives you peace.

I didn't know your dad only met him. My tribute to him is: he and your mom raised one of the greatest, outstanding families I know. You are all wonderful, Christ-like individuals. I could list the values and attributes of all of you and go on and on. However, I think Christ-like says it all. What greater legacy could a man have. You all were truly blessed to have him as your father.

All my love,  
Linda Gutierrez Barber

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Linda Gutierrez Barber - November 16, 2014 at 06:15 PM

GS

“ Gary S. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Mario J. Menicucci.



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Gary S. - November 16, 2014 at 12:51 PM

RD

“ I lived with my grandparents one street over from the Menicucci's. Theresa is my grandfather's neice and my mother's cousin. I often saw Mario in the neighborhood, at church and family gatherings. Over the years, my wife and I were always greeted warmly by Mario, and his happy demeanor will always be part of our memories. Our condolences go out to Theresa and all of Mario's family!

*Rick and Carol Dow*

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**Rick Dow** - November 15, 2014 at 10:43 PM

KM

“ My sincere condolences to Theresa and the rest of the Menicucci family. Through my eyes Mario was a imposing giant of a man who was committed and dedicated to Theresa kids, family, faith and friends. Mario's high level of integrity, honesty, compassion and generosity are just a few of the traits of the man we all respected, admired and loved.

*Mario you will be greatly missed my friend and thank you for, being MARIO!*

*Our thoughts and prayers are with you all,  
Janice & Kevin Morrato*

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**Kevin Morrato** - November 15, 2014 at 05:05 PM



“ Mario lived his faith in perfect unity with Christ's message. I will never forget how many times he helped my father, James, my mother, Esma and myself through difficult times. When my father would say, No I can't let you do that it is too much," Mario would say, "What are we here for but to help each other." That is living ones faith. I will miss him dearly and remember him always. Love and Blessings to Theresa and all the family. Thelma Giomi

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**Thelma Giomi** - November 15, 2014 at 12:40 PM

LB

“ So sorry to hear of the passing of this wonderful man. Always willing to lend a hand with a big, warm smile on his face. Hope you have a winning hand in the poker game up there.  
Laurie (Morrato) Broadfoot

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**Laurie Broadfoot** - November 15, 2014 at 11:53 AM

PP

“ God Bless Mario as well as the rest of your entire family. Many fond memories of childhood and all the wonderful group of mom and dad's good friends. Many are gone and missed and we pray for the remaining . May your love and memories warm your heart. Patty Padon

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**Patty Padon** - November 15, 2014 at 10:13 AM

JS

“ My deepest condolences to all the Menicuccis as we mourn the loss of Mario. What a wonderful long life, with such a loving family and so many descendants. We will never forget the many kindnesses he and all of you extended to my family over the years. May he rest in peace in Jesus' arms. Love to all, Joe Schubert

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**Joe Schubert** - November 15, 2014 at 09:01 AM

MB

“ Sweet Laura and Family. I am so sorry for your loss. Laura, you are an amazing daughter to your Dad. So dedicated to be there for him. I love the picture of Mr Menicucci. I remember that face at the "Super Station" as my Gram used to call it. He kept many of her cars running for her. Her name was Frances Smith and she was good Friends with all of the " older" Menicucci's. She will be happy to see him coming to heaven. You are in my thoughts and prayers as you say Good bye to Dad. But-- We'll all meet again. Praying Gods Love and Grace- Monica Blaschke

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**Monica Blaschke** - November 14, 2014 at 08:16 PM

JJ

“ Nonno's memories will never cease. We will always remember the hunting trips, visits to the Jemez and going to the service station seeing Nonno downtown. Nonno never, ever complained. I am very proud to carry forward the family name from Nonno to my dad to me and my brothers. We will miss you Nonno. Ciao for now.

*John, Betsy, Sadie, Teagan, Jack and Kinsley Menicucci*

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**John A Menicucci, Jr.** - November 14, 2014 at 01:36 PM

MB

“ *The Gang.*



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**Mitz Bower** - November 14, 2014 at 01:30 PM

RD

“ Our condolences to the Menicucci family on the loss of your this very special man in your lives. And to you Gemma, who showed such kindness to me when my Mom passed in 2008, I send a special heart hug. Sincerely, Rosemary (Alvino) and Don Ditmore

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**Rosemary Alvino Ditmore** - November 14, 2014 at 11:59 AM

AM

“ My deepest condolences to all of you. I have such wonderful memories of growing up with all of you and Mario always being such a wonderful and loving man. May God be with all of you during this time of loss. Anna Morrato

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**Anna Morrato** - November 13, 2014 at 07:11 PM

CO

“ I so enjoyed working with Mario and Theresa several years ago as his home PT. He was a remarkable man and always in good spirits. He always tried whatever task I had in store for him. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Menicucci family. God Bless. Cathie and Dave Ottmar.

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**Cathie Ottmar** - November 13, 2014 at 11:56 AM

DB

“ Mario was such a sweet man.. He reminded me so much of my dad. Mario was so nice to me after the passing of my dad. Hopefully they are together now, drinking some wine, and catching up. I loved Mario. Our thoughts and prayers are with Mario's family. What a dear man. Debby and Steve Burke.

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**Debby Burke** - November 13, 2014 at 08:57 AM

MO

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with your family in this time of sadness and grief. May your memories of the good times carry you through. Mario is now with the ultimate master gardener. God bless you. With our love and prayers. Mary and John*

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**Mary Othmer** - November 13, 2014 at 08:45 AM

KD

“ *On behalf of the French Family of Companies, we express our deepest condolences.*

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**Kirbye Davis** - November 12, 2014 at 02:18 PM