



Louis Pugliese

August 19, 1929 - January 10, 2018

Louis Vincent “Lou” Pugliese, 88, passed away on January 10, 2018 in Washington Township, PA. A Mass of Christian Burial was held for him at St. Gertrude Roman Catholic Church in Vandergrift, PA on January 15, 2018. Burial will be held at Ivy Hill Cemetery in Alexandria, VA on April 28, 2018.

On April 28, friends will be received at the Jefferson Funeral Chapel, 5755 Castlewellan Drive, Alexandria, VA 22315 (behind Edison High School). Visitation begins at 10 am, followed by a brief memorial service before processing to Ivy Hill Cemetery at 11:30 am for interment at noon beginning with military honors. Instructions and links for out of town friends and family follow this announcement.

Lou was born August 19, 1929 in Vandergrift, PA to the late James Vincenzo & Mary (Bennardo) Pugliese. He was a 1947 graduate of Vandergrift High School and a 1951 graduate of St. Vincent College, Latrobe, PA. Lou also attended courses at Georgetown University Law School, Washington D.C. and completed various graduate studies for teaching.

While in Washington D.C., he met Kathryn “Kathy” Kearns through mutual friends. They were married in 1953 and raised 4 children. The family lived in Washington, D.C., Okinawa, and Arlington, VA, before settling in Alexandria, VA, in December 1959. Family was always very important to Lou throughout

his life. Lou moved from the family home to Greenspring Village in Springfield, VA, where he lived until 2016 when he returned to PA.

Lou served our country with the United States Navy from 1955-1960. He was stationed during those years in Inchon, Korea and Naha, Okinawa, as well as at the Pentagon. He enjoyed the opportunity to travel and see more of the world and often shared stories about his time overseas. After an honorable discharge as a Lieutenant JG, Lou worked as a civilian for the Department of the Army at the Pentagon in Arlington, VA.

In 1966 Lou began his career as a teacher of middle school science classes. He taught one year at St. Louis Catholic School, Alexandria, VA. Most of his teaching time, however, was spent at Stephen Foster Intermediate School and later, Carl Sandburg Middle School, in Alexandria, VA. Lou taught 8th grade science until retiring in the late 1980's. While teaching, he also worked part-time for Fairfax County Libraries, and later, for the Fairfax County Department of Parks and Recreation.

Lou enjoyed bowling, watching sports (especially football - Redskins and Steelers were his favorites), traveling and visiting casinos. He also spent spare time woodworking and cooking. He regularly visited and walked area trails and parks, sometimes inviting family members to join him. After retiring, Lou served as a volunteer at Alexandria Hospital and he called BINGO for several years at the assisted living care unit at Greenspring.

In addition to his parents, Lou was preceded in death by his wife, Kathryn (Kearns) Pugliese, who passed away on October 20, 1989; brother, Gabriel Pugliese; and sisters, Rose & Victoria Pugliese, Mary Ranalli, and Ralphaline Marchesi. He is survived by his children, Cathy & Kenneth Smolinske of Hudson, WI, Lou & Kathy Pugliese of Staunton, VA, Jim & Debby Pugliese of Vandergrift, PA, and Bea & Jon Knudsen of Winchester, VA, as well as

grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews, and many other extended family members.

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Following the interment, friends are welcome to continue to celebrate Lou's life at a luncheon buffet, Embassy Suites, 8100 Loisdale Road, Springfield, VA.

Out of town guests can receive special overnight rates at the Embassy Suites before March 28, 2018 online at:

http://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/personalized/D/DCASVES-LOU-20180427/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG

or by calling 571-339-2000. Please reference the "Celebration of Lou Pugliese" room block (code LOU).

The steps to make reservations are as follows:

Step 1: Control Click on the link OR copy and paste the link into your browser

Step 2: Click book a room

Step 3: Choose your dates (if you wish to make reservations beyond the contracted dates of April 27 and 28 please contact the hotel directly about revising the dates)

Step 4: Select a room type

Step 5: Enter guest information

You may also call 1 (800) EMBASSY (362-2779) and give the group code of LOU to book via phone. Or even call Susan Tanada directly at 703-337-4325

Tribute Wall



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October 27, 2022 at 09:45 PM



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Written in the Stars - April 26, 2018 at 12:00 AM



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Heavenly Heights Bouquet - April 23, 2018 at 12:00 AM