



Pete Rossi

February 5, 1933 - June 26, 2021

Pete Rossi of Center Ridge, Arkansas was born on February 5th, 1933, to Paul Rossi and Jane DeSalvo Rossi. Pete had two older brothers Angelo and Tony, who were educated at Subiaco. He also had two older sisters, Sr. Mary Paul who was a nurse for 50 years, and Sr. Elizabeth who taught school for over 50 years, all of which who are deceased. Pete is survived by his younger sister Bernadine Noll, of Morrilton, AR.

When Pete was 16 years old, his father passed away from cancer, and he had to take over the family farm with his mother and younger sister. When he was 18, he was drafted into service in army engineering. During that time Pete became extremely sick and was hospitalized for 6 months in California. After returning home to help with the farm, he studied and went to V.A. night school. Later, Pete attended Petit Jean Vo-Tech and received his master electrician's license. He also earned an Arkansas water well license. During this time, he and his brother Tony had a winery for many years.

Later, he worked at Arkansas Kraft paper mill for 11 years. Pete then ventured out and opened his own business, Rossi Electric, which he ran for 28 years. Pete used his knowledge and business to help friends, neighbors, farmers, and poultry growers. This often included opening late at night if they needed help.

Pete loved to sing. He was a member of Wagon Wheel Jamboree, Silver and Gold, Morrilton Our Town Singers, and most important St. Joseph's Choir. He was a master of making peanut brittle, one year making over 400 lbs. He was also good at making Italian Sausage. Some years he would make over 1,500 lbs. for friends and family, and that much or more for the church. Pete was Parish Council President for 8 years and a member many more at St. Joseph's Catholic Church. He loved to travel, and he and his wife toured all but 3 states: Alaska, Rhode Island, and North Dakota. They also traveled to parts of Mexico and Canada.

He married his wife, Jeanette, on August 6th, 1955. For 65 years they shared a life filled with faith, love, family, and friends. While he had many hobbies, his main love was his family, in which he was extremely blessed. Pete and Jeanette had three children: Michael Rossi, and his wife Tami of Guy, AR; Andrea Dobbins (deceased); and Marilyn Stobaugh, and husband Robin of Center Ridge, AR. He was also blessed with 4 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great grandchildren, which include: Jamianne Johnson (5

children and 2 grandchildren) of Center Ridge, AR; Taylor Polk (2 children) of Center Ridge, AR; Angela McGuigan and her husband A.J. (3 children) of Dover, AR; and Kaitlyn Stell and her husband Cody (4 children) of Greenbrier, AR.

Funeral Mass will be 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, June 29, at St. Joseph Catholic Church with Father Joseph Friend, Father Jack Harris and Father T.J. Hart officiating. Burial will be at St. Joseph Cemetery by Harris Funeral Home of Morrilton.

Pallbearers will be Rick Beck, Steve Paladino, Kenneth Ferrell, Wesley Honeycutt, Preston Honeycutt, and Ralph Noll

Rosary will be 5:30 p.m. June 28, at Harris Funeral Home with visitation to follow until 8:00 p.m.

Cemetery

Events

St. Joseph Cemetery

Center Ridge, AR,

JUN Rosary 05:30PM - 06:00PM

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Harris Funeral Homes - Morrilton
1325 Oak St, Morrilton, AR, US, 72110

JUN Visitation 06:00PM - 08:00PM

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Harris Funeral Homes - Morrilton
1325 Oak St, Morrilton, AR, US, 72110

JUN Funeral Mass 10:00AM

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St. Joseph Catholic Church
343 Catholic Point Rd., Center Ridge, AR, US, 72027

Comments



“ Such wonderful memories of Pete and time spent at your home with Andrea, he was an amazing and kind man. Sending love and prayers to all of the family.

Sandy K DeSalvo

Sandy - July 02, 2021 at 10:13 AM



“ Mark, Debra & Mason Bittle, Glen & Heather DeSalvo purchased the With Our Deepest Sympathy Gift Basket for the family of Pete Rossi.



Mark, Debra & Mason Bittle, Glen & Heather DeSalvo - June 29, 2021 at 11:59 AM



“ My heartfelt condolences. Pete was a good man.

Mark Cambiano - June 29, 2021 at 05:53 AM



“ Prayers for Family and Friends, may God be with each of you in your time of Sorrow.

Frances (Camper) Mahan - June 28, 2021 at 10:40 PM



“ The Veach & Stanley family purchased the With Our Deepest Sympathy Gift Basket for the family of Pete Rossi.



The Veach & Stanley family - June 28, 2021 at 09:10 PM



“ Dear Rossi family, we are so sorry for your heartbreak in the loss of such an incredible man, husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather. Pete was so beloved by everyone he met, and the Veach/Stanley family adored him. His compassion and kindness is legendary, and his love was genuine and deep. Personally, he was like a second father to me, after losing my own too early, and his trademark gentleness and understanding came straight from his caring heart!

A visit to Arkansas was never complete without stopping by to talk and to get one of his bear hugs! And together with his beautiful, loving wife, Jeanette, we always picked up where we left off. The hospitality and generosity of this home was known throughout several counties!

I'll never forget a beautiful memory in the past 2 years of Pete taking the time to show me his sausage operation ("shhh...it's a secret," he said! lol) and explain every single step to me with such excitement and passion that I also got excited (and I don't eat meat!) We had such fun!

He is already so missed....but what I will miss most is that beautiful, gentle smile, those twinkling eyes, and his deep and slow "hello, darling!" Pete, we love you, and will see you again! We ask our Heavenly Father to comfort the hearts of your beautiful and grieving family. Love, always and forever, Karen Veach Schon - Twin #1

Karen Veach Schon - June 28, 2021 at 09:00 PM



“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Yellow and White was purchased for the family of Pete Rossi.



June 28, 2021 at 03:32 PM



“ DEAR MARILYN, I AM SO SADDEN TO HEAR THE PASSING OF YOUR FATHER. AS YOU COMPREHEND THIS PROFOUND LOSS LET YOURSELF CRY KNOWING EACH TEAR IS A NOTE OF LOVE RISING TO THE HEAVENS. MAY GOD SHINE LIGHT UPON YOUR DARKEST DAYS.
GINA RAMSEY

KAREN R RAMSEY - June 28, 2021 at 03:21 PM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Pete Rossi.



June 28, 2021 at 10:11 AM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Pete Rossi.



June 28, 2021 at 10:09 AM



“ With many fond memories of Mr. Rossi and heartfelt prayers for his family! John and Dawn (Peterson) Fitch



Dawn Fitch - June 28, 2021 at 08:20 AM



“ Prayers and love to the family. Uncle Pete was such a wonderful man to know. He will be so missed.
Henrietta Flowers



Henrietta Flowers - June 27, 2021 at 10:59 PM



“ Dear Jeannette and Family,

I am so very sorry to hear of Mr. Pete's passing. You have our hearts and prayers! May Pete know the love and eternal peace of Jesus! Can't you see the joy of Sisters Elizabeth and Mary Paul and many others in heaven?

We know you will miss him deeply. Pete was a sweetheart! His talents for making peanut brittle and preparing sausage and the car rebuilds still shine in our memory. We love you, Jeannette. We will be praying for you, and we hope that you will know we Sisters miss you! Our loving condolences go with you!

Sister Kimberly Prohaska OSB and The Sisters of St. Scholastica Monastery

Sister Kimberly Prohaska - June 27, 2021 at 08:47 PM



“ Pete was one of my mom and dad’s best friends! So many wonderful memories growing up. He will be greatly missed. Heaven gained another angel with a beautiful voice. Sending peace, prayers, and love to Jeanette and the whole Rossi family.
Love DeAnn Roach

DeAnn Roach - June 27, 2021 at 07:36 PM



“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All White was purchased for the family of Pete Rossi.



June 27, 2021 at 07:30 PM