



Rocco Gaglioti

November 29, 1946 - March 9, 2019

Rocco Gaglioti of Mount Dora, Florida passed away on Saturday, March 9, 2019 at the age of 72 years. He was born in Calabria, Italy. Rocco was a chef and former restaurant owner in the Mount Dora area for many years, moving there from Orlando in 2008. He is remembered and will be dearly missed by his wife of 46 years, Rita; his mother, Carmela Calabro of Italy; sons, Giovanni Gaglioti of Orlando and Rocco Gaglioti, Jr, both of Orlando; daughters, Sabina Gaglioti and Debora Gaglioti, both of Mount Dora; siblings, Franco Gaglioti, Lino Gaglioti, Nunzia Cristiano, Nina Gaglioti, Enza Barbien, Pino Gaglioti, Leo Gaglioti and Mana Gaglioti; and 3 grandchildren, Sarah E. Gaglioti, Sofia DiFiore and Lani S. Gaglioti.

Family and friends are invited to gather for viewing on Wednesday, March 13 from 3:00 – 5:00 pm, with a funeral ceremony starting at 5:00 pm, all in the funeral home chapel.

Condolences, memories and photos may be shared on the tribute wall.

Rocco Gaglioti di Mount Dora, in Florida, è scomparso sabato 9 Marzo 2019 all'età di 72 anni. È nato in Calabria, in Italia. Rocco è stato uno chef ed ex proprietario di un ristorante nell'area del Monte Dora per molti anni, trasferendosi lì da Orlando nel 2008. È ricordato e mancherà moltissimo alla moglie di 46 anni, Rita; sua madre, Carmela Calabro d'Italia; figli, Giovanni Gaglioti di Orlando e Rocco Gaglioti, Jr, entrambi di Orlando; figlie, Sabina Gaglioti e Debora Gaglioti, entrambe del Monte Dora; fratelli, Franco Gaglioti, Lino Gaglioti, Nunzia Cristiano, Nina Gaglioti, Enza Barbien, Pino Gaglioti, Leo Gaglioti e Mana Gaglioti; e 3 nipoti, Sarah E. Gaglioti, Sofia DiFiore e Lani S. Gaglioti.

La famiglia e gli amici sono invitati a riunirsi per la visione di mercoledì 13 marzo dalle 15:00 alle 17:00, con una cerimonia funebre che inizia alle 17:00, tutti nella cappella delle pompe funebri.

Condoglianze, ricordi e foto possono essere condivisi sul muro tributo.

Events

MAR **Gathering with viewing** 03:00PM - 05:00PM

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Hamlin & Hilbish Chapel

326 E. Orange Avenue, Eustis, FL, US, 32726

MAR **Funeral Ceremony** 05:00PM

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Comments



“ An external video has been added.



Hamlin & Hilbish Funeral Directors - March 12, 2019 at 11:41 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rocco Gaglioti.



March 13, 2019 at 12:08 PM



“ Casa Mia restaurant will always be in our hearts as we always loved going there & being "part" of the family...Our love, thoughts & condolences go to all of you...

Fred & Evelyn Casiello



Evelyn A Casiello - March 13, 2019 at 09:57 AM



“ Martha Curtis-Garry lit a candle in memory of Rocco Gaglioti



Martha Curtis-Garry - March 13, 2019 at 01:23 AM



“ A caring friend... family always came first. One did not have to be blood for Rocco to include you in his "family". Ron met Rocco & Rita before we even moved to Florida & when I came for the weekend to find a place for us to live in December of 1988 as we drove from the airport he told me "I met this wonderful Italian couple, we're going to this little place in Lake Mary to have lunch because I want you to meet them!" That was the start of a friendship that has lasted for over 30 years.

Unfortunately, Ron has been gone for 12 years already, but the bond between our families was forged as we moved through life, work, good times, hard times... the relationship never faltered. We ran businesses together, with one member or another of our families always pitching in whenever was necessary.

Rocco worked as our chef at Pizza Pasta Di Gioia for more than 5 years. His creativity & love of the food he created was always evident. His work ethic was exemplary. There was never a task that he set out to accomplish that he didn't complete. That was so highly evidenced as we went into our next adventure together opening Cafe Stella in Mt. Dora in 2002. In building out the restaurant Rocco, Rita, Ron & I worked together to launch a restaurant that would be a reflection of their beloved Italy creating ambiance & an example of truly authentic Italian cuisine.

After Ron's passing in 2006, Rocco & Rita created their own wonderful restaurants carrying on so many of the traditions that we had developed together & bringing their own unique & charming characteristics along with the warmth & touch of the love of family that was always in evidence. Whenever I would walk in, regardless if I hadn't been there for months or had been there the day before Rocco would throw open his arms & grin from ear to ear welcoming me like I was the Queen of England! Then.. came the question "So what do you want to eat!?! ...and he was off to the kitchen to prepare something delicious for me to enjoy. I always felt like I was coming home!!

We spent birthdays, holidays, family picnics... celebrations of all types as we shared our lives together. We watched as our children grew into adults going through all the joys & trials & tribulations that families experience. We shared the good times & bad together but Rocco's friendship never wavered. The fortitude of his commitment to his family & friends unwavering.

Whenever our daughter Alexis came home from college or her life away from Florida, she always wanted to be sure that we made the time to at least have a meal with Rocco & Rita. When she was getting married & had to have a traditional Italian cookie table it could not be without Rita's famous Christmas treats of struffoli. We went to the restaurant & made batch after batch mixing & rolling & cutting & laughing, enjoying sharing our time together. As we started the deep frying process Rocco stepped in to save the day & set up an assembly line to get the job done!! Covered in flour we turned out trays and trays of the delicious Italian treats. It is one of Alexis' fondest memories from those dizzying days just before her wedding. She was "home" spending time with family & one of the few men who could be considered a father figure to her.

Rocco, we will miss you unendingly. You were a pillar standing proud & strong

against the wind. We are all fragile & it is not until we suffer the loss of someone of your stature that we realize how that fragility can sneak up & remind us of our own mortality. You were like a brother, you were a good & true friend. The hole that is left by your passing is deep & vast. We will go on, bravely, as you would want, but life was a little sweeter when you were here to share it with us.

I believe that you & Ron are enjoying each other's company once again, eating good food, laughing together & sharing a glass of wine as you wait for us to join you to be together again.

Ti voglio bene caro Rocco.



Martha Curtis-Garry - March 13, 2019 at 01:07 AM



“ Martha Curtis-Garry, Alexis and Jeremy Elliott purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Rocco Gaglioti.



Martha Curtis-Garry, Alexis and Jeremy Elliott - March 12, 2019 at 10:58 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Rocco Gaglioti.



March 12, 2019 at 07:51 PM



“ franco M. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Rocco Gaglioti.



franco M. - March 12, 2019 at 06:20 PM



“ Franco Muzzi sent a virtual gift in memory of Rocco Gaglioti



franco muzzi - March 12, 2019 at 06:06 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Rocco Gaglioti.



March 12, 2019 at 01:54 PM



“ Zio Carmelo, Anna Lidia, Franco & Isabella purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Rocco Gaglioti.



Zio Carmelo, Anna Lidia, Franco & Isabella - March 12, 2019 at 12:35 PM



“ Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rocco Gaglioti.



March 12, 2019 at 08:23 AM



“ Kathy, Leonardo and Angelo DiFiore purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Rocco Gaglioti.



Kathy, Leonardo and Angelo DiFiore - March 12, 2019 at 08:07 AM



“ Joseph Hodgkins purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Rocco Gaglioti.



Joseph Hodgkins - March 12, 2019 at 07:56 AM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Rocco Gaglioti.



March 11, 2019 at 03:54 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Rocco Gaglioti.



March 11, 2019 at 03:01 PM