

# PASQUALE "PATSY" RIZZO

March 21, 1936 to October 7, 2023



Age 87, of Mt. Washington, on Saturday, October 7, 2023. Pasquale immigrated to Pittsburgh from Piaggine, Salerno (Italy) in 1954 with his father at the age of 18. He began working as a busboy, then a waiter at the William Penn Hotel (at that time known as the Penn-Sheraton Hotel). Over his first few years in this country, he and his father worked to bring over other family members and they began their life

together in the USA. He returned to Piaggine in 1961 to marry his love, Rosa. He then settled with his family in Mt. Washington, along with many friends from his same village in Italy, building a community of paisans.

He also worked at first Avetta Seafood, then Benkovitz Seafoods always working a second job as a waiter, going from the William Penn to South Hills Country Club and ultimately at Sgro's Restaurant. Preceded in death by his parents, Vincenzo and Lucia Rizzo; sisters, Angelina Sacco and Rosa Cubito; brothers-in-law, John Sacco, Carmelo, Cubito, and Guiseppe Petraglia; niece, Teresa Petraglia; and nephew, Rosario Cubito.

Survived by his family, sister (living in Piaggine) Maria Petreglia; wife Rosa Rizzo; daughters, Anna (Ray) Mihalko, Donna (Mike) Palus; grandchildren, Leanna (Adam) Crowley, Anthony Palus, Emily Mihalko, R.J. Mihalko, and Julia Palus; great-granddaughter Nora Crowley. Many nieces and nephews and friends. His family was his joy. He loved being a husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather and Zio. Throughout his life, he had a passion for wine-making and vegetable gardening which kept him busy throughout retirement. He shared the fruits of his labor proudly with family, friends, and neighbors. Visitations on Wednesday from 2-8 p.m. at the **BRUSCO-FALVO FUNERAL HOME**, 214 Virginia Ave., Mt. Washington (412-381-2323). Funeral Mass in St. Mary of the Mount Church/ Mary, Queen of Peace Parish on Thursday, 10 a.m. [www.bruscofalvo.com](http://www.bruscofalvo.com).

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