

RAFFAELE DEPASQUALE



Raffaele DePasquale passed away peacefully on the morning of Wednesday, December 4, 2024. Born in the mountains of Abruzzo, Italy, in the little paese of Gamberale, he was the son of the late Domenico DePasquale and Giuseppina Deluliis. He is survived by his wife, Maria (Sciulli); children, Lisa (husband Adam Marthens) and Davide; brother, Carmine (wife Colette); sister, Bice (late

husband Antonio Montalbó); cousins, Sabbia Varrati and Henrietta DiNardo; as well as his five nieces and nephews, and their children. He was preceded in death by his parents; and recently his aunt, with whom he was very close, Maria Varrati.

While the majority of his working life was spent with the Cement Masons' Local 526, Raffaele's early years were in pursuit of the hospitality industry, where he developed his wellknown passion for entertaining. He imbued this passion into his home kitchen, finding joy in cooking everything from simple weeknight dinners, to elaborate spreads for family occasions and holidays.

Raffaele was always happiest when he was making the people he loved happy with food and drink. He could always be counted on for a great story or the latest soccer news, and was a formidable opponent at Italian cards and "morra." Memories of him and the moments he helped to create will live on fondly in the hearts and minds of so many.

He shared a deep connection with the older members of his extended family, always being greeted with overwhelming warmth and genuine joy by grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins. Those that he has joined in his passing will be welcoming him with open arms.

Family and friends are welcomed at the **JOHN N. ELACHKO FUNERAL HOME**, 3447 Dawson St., Pittsburgh, PA 15213, for a Celebration of Life on Thursday, December 12, 2024, from 1:00 pm until 4:00 pm, with Blessing Service. Please visit Raffaele's memorial page at

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