



Armand Maffuccio

October 12, 1921 - August 19, 2019

Armand Maffuccio, a member of the Greatest Generation, passed away peacefully on August 19 surrounded by the warmth and love of his family. Armand was born in the mountains of Monteverde in the Naples region of Italy, on October 12, 1921. He came with his parents, Ralph and Theresa (Mondelli) to America through Ellis Island in 1924 and made Pittsfield his life long home.

Armand was an accomplished baker in both Pittsfield and Great Barrington. In Pittsfield he worked for some of the best and well-known family bakeries such as Joanne's, Pittsfield Rye and Komenicki's. He also was the pastry chef at the old Wendell Hotel and worked briefly at the Williams Inn on the campus of Williams College. Armand was the sole proprietor of the Tyler Bake Shop in the late 60's. In Great Barrington, Armand was a partner with Herman Chrynowski in the A&C Bakery on Main St. in the mid 1950's. His children, grandchildren, family and friends always enjoyed his great pumpkin muffins, warm Italian bread, delicious jelly doughnuts and oversized chocolate chip cookies.

Armand put full-time baking aside in 1970 and went to work for the Pittsfield Public School system as a custodian, where he remained until retirement in 1985. Students from Crosby and Pittsfield High, among other schools, were blessed with his friendliness, humor and genuine concern for their well-being. He continued baking part-time for Pittsfield Rye a number of years into his retirement from Pittsfield Public Schools.

He was a proud World War II veteran, serving in the Navy on the aircraft carrier U.S.S. Enterprise. His ship was in many major battles in the Pacific. He wore his CV-6 hat and clothing often and, of course, proudly.

It's interesting to note that the boat that brought Armand to America was sold to the Japanese, retrofitted into a gun boat and subsequently destroyed by our Navy in the Pacific during WWII and during his tour of duty aboard the Enterprise in the Pacific.

He developed a greater appreciation of his service time during the later years of his life. He was a member of the last reunion class of the Enterprise, visited the memorials in our nation's capitol, participated in an honor flight and recently returned from a visit to a WWII memorial in New Orleans.

Armand was preceded in death by his wife Grace (Polidoro) of 60 years, a daughter Donna who died at birth, his brother Frank and his two sisters, Donna Briggs and Josie Gilardi.

He is survived by his daughter Carol Ann and son-in-law Lou, his son Richard and his wife Carol, five grandchildren, Christine and Michael Maffuccio and Steven, Louie and Jonathan Kuch and by his great granddaughter Anna Maffuccio. Armand is also survived by his dear friend Sandy Fidler. Together they travelled many places in the country, visited Italy, vacationed in the Caribbean and cruised the Atlantic. They shared an appreciation of WWII and enjoyed each other's company immensely.

Funeral Notice:

Funeral services for Mr. Armand Maffuccio will be Thursday, August 22, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. from the Dwyer Funeral Home, with a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. at St. Mark's Church, celebrated by Rev. Christopher Fedoryshyn, Pastor. Burial will follow at St. Joseph Cemetery. Calling hours at the Dwyer Funeral Home will be prior to the Liturgy from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to your local Disabled American Veterans organization, in care of the Dwyer Funeral Home, 776 North St., Pittsfield, MA 01201 in his memory. Donations CANNOT be made online, but may be made through the Dwyer Funeral Home. Anchors Away, Armand.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Cemetery

222 Peck's Rd.
Pittsfield, MA 01201

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 22. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

Dwyer Family Funeral Home
776 North Street
Pittsfield, MA 01201
(413) 442-5094
info@dwyerfuneral.com
<https://www.dwyerfuneral.com/>

Service

AUG 22. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mark's Church
400 West St.
Pittsfield, MA 01201

Tribute Wall

TH

“ It is with deepest sorrow that I read of the passing of Armand, and with it comes my deepest regrets and condolences!
Though I never met Armand, I honor his legacy as a member of the Greatest Generation! My father John Hoffman was also a member of that select group of heroes. It caught my eye that Armand served on the Enterprise. When my Dad was returning from Europe to America in late December of 1945, his troop ship was damaged in a storm in the North Atlantic. The ship limped to the Azores, where he waited for a ship to pick them up. Eventually, the Big E took these soldiers back to New York City, and their families!
Thank you Armand for bringing my Dad back safely from Europe!
In the words of a famous Canadian poet,
"Our Country is in mourning, for a soldier died today...."

Thomas Hoffman - August 20, 2019 at 02:39 PM

RM

Thank you Thomas for such a beautiful remembrance.

Richard Maffuccio - August 25, 2019 at 02:02 PM

RM

Thank you Thomas for sharing that memory. Thank you also for your service to our country.

Richard Maffuccio - August 25, 2019 at 02:06 PM

CK

Thank you so much Thomas. Thank you for sharing this story of the ship my dad was on. I never knew. Love hearing these stories. God bless. Sincerely, Caro Maffuccio Kuch.

Carol Kuch. - September 23, 2019 at 09:40 PM

LK

“ I'll always treasure the many good times we shared. The trips to Naples Florida. All the family outings. Our vacations to S Jersey shores. The cruise to Bermuda. Many good memories. You were my hero. I'll miss you. lou

Lou Kuch - August 20, 2019 at 01:06 PM

RM

He loved you Lou as much as you loved him. Thank you for being there.

Richard Maffuccio - August 25, 2019 at 02:07 PM

DW

“ Carol Ann, Richard and Families, We are very sorry to hear about Armand. So many memories of get together at Uncle Joe & Aunt Theresa's. After he retired as a custodian, he would sub and come in to talk to me as I was the PHS baker always showing me a better way to twist the bread dough. I wasn't allowed to make bread twists but it was fun watching him. He had a great sense of humor and loved his Service years. Loved listening to his stories. He will be greatly missed and our thoughts are with you and his extended family. RIP Armand
The Walz family—Donna, Ken, Chris, Lisa, Jen and families

Donna Walz - August 20, 2019 at 12:11 PM

RM

Thank everyone. Our Dad was indeed a great man and will be sadly missed by so many.

Richard Maffuccio - August 25, 2019 at 02:05 PM



*Lamento pelo falecimento de Armand, ele fez parte de uma geração que teve que suportar os piores momentos da humanidade, mas lutaram com bravura e, hoje, temos um mundo melhor do que teríamos que o Nazismo e o Fascismo não tivessem sido derrotados. Minhas condolências aos familiares e Armand Maffuccio.
Leonel Cavalcanti, Brasil.*

Leonel Cavalcanti Cavalcanti - December 16, 2023 at 01:00 PM

JE

Another hero gone from the greatest. Thank you sir to your service to this great country during and after WW2 Enjoy your many shipmate they left before you. God Bless you

Jerseyjerry - February 02, 2025 at 05:07 PM