



## Carmelo J. Vitanza

July 1, 1925 - March 28, 2024

Carmelo J. “Carmen” Vitanza, age 98, a resident of Drexel Hill and Lake Worth Beach, FL. passed away on March 28, 2024.

Carmen was born in Atlantic City to the late Francis and Pauline (Lagana) Vitanza. He was a graduate of Atlantic City High School and Temple University. Carmen proudly served as a Torpedoman’s Mate 3rd class in the Navy during WWII. He retired from Department of Defense, Defense Personnel Support Center in South Philadelphia after spending 35 years working for the Federal Government working to maintain military support facilities across the globe. As a professional accordion player of 88 years, starting at the age of 9 and continuing until just before his passing, he brought music into the lives of everyone he met. He was proud of his Italian heritage, his wife, Helen, of 61 years who pre-deceased him in 2009, and his large and ever-growing family.

Carmen enjoyed spending time in the second home he built in Ventnor, NJ and his home in Lake Worth Beach, FL. He loved playing the accordion, traveling with his wife and dining at great restaurants. Most of all he cherished the time he spent with his family. Carmen was known for his selfless and generous nature, and larger-than-life personality. He was a loving father, grandfather, great grandfather, and great-great grandfather who will be dearly missed by all his family and friends.

Predeceased by his loving wife, Helen (Primavera) Vitanza.

Survived by his children, Diana Driscoll, Joan Sullivan and Helen (Michael) Rowland; grandchildren, Regina David, Bob Driscoll, Joseph Driscoll, Jennifer Kelly, Matt Sullivan, Tim Sullivan, Michele Swisher, Jessie Sanders and Christina Slate. Also survived by 17 great grandchildren and 3 great-great grandchildren.

Visitation on Tuesday, 9:30 am at Holy Cross Church 651 E. Springfield Road Springfield.

Funeral Mass: Tuesday, 10:30 am at Holy Cross Church.

Interment: SS. Peter & Paul Cemetery

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the St. Jude Children's Hospital at <https://www.stjude.org/donate>.

Condolences: [www.lombardofuneralhomes.com](http://www.lombardofuneralhomes.com)

# Cemetery Details

## SS. Peter & Paul Cemetery

1600 Sproul Road  
Springfield, PA 19064

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 2. 9:30 AM (ET)

Holy Cross Church  
651 E. Springfield Road  
Springfield, PA 19064

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Carmen will be deeply missed by me and my husband, Kirk. We feel blessed to have been able to spend some time with him a few weeks before he was taken to heaven. He was a comfort and loving friend to my mom, Phyllis. I know that they are together in heaven. Our prayers are with Carmen's family.

Pamela Parker-Johnson - April 01, 2024 at 11:05 PM

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“ Claire Gruhler Love You Carmen purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Carmelo J. Vitanza.



Claire Gruhler Love You Carmen - March 31, 2024 at 05:41 PM

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“ Cal and Shauna Chetakian purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Carmelo J. Vitanza.



Cal and Shauna Chetakian - March 30, 2024 at 04:40 PM

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“ Helen Mike and family so sorry for your loss what a wonderful Life he lived it was an honor to have known him may he rest in peace



Bill and Lisa Mitchell - March 30, 2024 at 02:03 PM

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“ *He was a loving and caring man who loved his family so very much.  
A beautiful obituary indeed.*

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**Irene** - March 30, 2024 at 01:28 PM