



Rocco J DeGregorio

August 9, 2017

Rocco Joseph DeGregorio, age 62, beloved husband, father, brother and uncle passed away peacefully on August 9, 2017. Rocco was born to the late Antonio and Patricia DeGregorio (Cione) of Weehawken, NJ.

Rocco was born in Jersey City and raised in Weehawken. Graduated Weehawken High School in 1972 where he was quarterback of the football team. He went on to receive his Bachelors in Accounting and Finance from Rutgers University, Class of 1976, where he was also a devout and loyal fraternity brother at ADE. He pursued a career at ITT as a Financial Accounting Advisor and continued his career in telecommunications thereafter. As a fellow Weehawken resident, he met his wife Mary Ellen, got married and went onto have four beautiful children.

Rocco will be remembered by his close family and many friends as a positive, fun loving and full of life. He loved his wife and family very much. His quick witted sense of humor, love for writing and passion for music made him someone you wanted to talk to. Die hard 54 year Green Bay Packers fan who could spew out any statistic you asked him about. He loved New York City and everything it encompassed, eventually passing his love and devotion onto his family.

Rocco was predeceased by his parents, Antonio and Patricia DeGregorio. He is survived by his wife, Mary Ellen Rush of 35 years, his four children: Logan and her husband Brian, Magee, Cooper and Hunter; and his brother Anthony and sister Patricia. He is also survived by his nephews Vincent, Paul, and

Patrick, and his niece Mary. Rocco will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Memorial visitation will be at Volk Leber Funeral Home, 268 Kinderkamack Road, Oradell, NJ on Tuesday, August 15 from 4pm-8pm.

Cemetery Details

Cedar Lawn Crematory

Corner of Crooks Blvd & McClean Avenue
Paterson, NJ 07503

Previous Events

Memorial Visitation

AUG 15. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Oradell
268 Kinderkamack Rd.
Oradell, NJ 07649
(201) 261-1088
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<https://www.volkleber.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *Volk Leber Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Rocco J DeGregorio*



Volk Leber Funeral Home - August 13, 2017 at 11:06 AM



“ *Rocco J DeGregorio*

October 08, 2023 at 09:59 PM



“ *Rocco J DeGregorio*

October 08, 2023 at 06:27 PM



“ *Rocco J DeGregorio*

August 30, 2022 at 02:48 PM

AV

“ Today, when I was reading the latest issue of Rutgers Magazine, I was saddened to see the name of Rocco DeGregorio listed. As I usually do, I glanced through the "In Memoriam" section and his name popped out. I hadn't even known that he went to Rutgers--I was at Douglass College, the women's college, as it was then known and graduated in 1975. "It's not possible", I thought. "He's too young." And he was. I did a search and found this page which confirmed that "Rocky", as I knew him, had passed away in August, almost exactly seven months ago. I knew "Rocky" when he was a boy living on Gregory Avenue, in Weehawken. I lived around the corner. We went to Daniel Webster School together--I was a year ahead of him and my younger brother was friends with him and his brother. We always were out on the street, playing games, climbing the few trees near Rocco's house. I remember him as always being kind and never getting into fights like many of the other boys in our neighborhood. I viewed the video and felt greater sadness, seeing the family he created, and adjusting my memory of him as a boy to that of him as a man, with a life, with joys and loves. My sincere sympathies to his family. I am so sorry that he was taken away from you so soon. --Anna Gay Del Vescovo

Anna Gay Del Vescovo - March 07, 2018 at 11:25 PM

JB

“ Dear Mary Ellen, children, family & friends- I am so very sorry for your loss . I remember Rocco as being such a caring and kind dad. I am so sorry I didn't attend the service. Please know you are in my prayers. Jill Barbarise

Jill Barbarise - August 19, 2017 at 08:40 AM



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



August 14, 2017 at 08:28 AM



“ 3 files added to the album New Album Name



David Chasmar - August 13, 2017 at 10:05 PM

“ I can't remember when I met Rocco, but I don't remember a time in my childhood when I didn't know him. We must have met in kindergarten at Daniel Webster, or some Saturday at little league baseball on the field on top of the Lincoln Tunnel, or on one of the play grounds in town.

Always playing games and sports somewhere in Weehawken, by junior high at Woodrow Wilson we were great friends. In high school, particularly our senior year, Rocco was my best friend. The mind, a gallery of memories, a kaleidoscope of unpredictable turns, looks back to these early years, and tumbles.

He had a beautiful, olive face, like his mother's.

He was a big kid; and then a big guy, solid like his name, yes, like a rock.

He was good natured and smiled a lot; and then his face reminded me of the sun.

The DeGregorio house had the Italian sun of many smiles in those days. It was more 'Little Italy' there. As my Italian grandmother would do, Rocco's mom was always feeding us. Besides the food, there was a happy feeling in their house. It was good, the foundation of Rocco's romantic feelings, his love of life.

I was always better when he was around, if even only to listen into his inner thoughts and feelings, as friends do, for he was sensitive, intelligent, and totally sincere. And he knew I knew how to listen. He did. We had a great dialogue!

He may have been a prince, or a benevolent king. He stands taller in my memories perhaps, but there was something noble and deep in Rocco. My grandmother Florence Fowler, who also fed all boys, observing his well mannered, considerate ways and speech, said Rocco was a prince, a gentleman of the 'old country'.

In 1976 life would lead me west, to California, and Oregon. As way leads on to way, the world and adventures, I lost touch with Rocco. So I was grateful, after 40 years, when he called out of the blue, to renew. We spoke for a long time just like we did when we were kids. We made up for lost time. Now I have all the time, but I wish he was on my team again.

Much love Rocco!

Dave Chasmar

David Chasmar - August 13, 2017 at 09:39 PM

PA

Dave, your words are so special to me right now. That was beautiful.

Patricia - August 15, 2017 at 12:30 PM

 Antoinette Iacono-

Dave, that truly was a beautiful tribute to Rocky.

Antoinette Iacono-Visaggio - August 15, 2017 at 10:00 PM

PG

“ *Lots of memories of my brother Rocky. He was smart, funny, always smiling, confident, loved music, reading, movies, sports. Rest in Peace Rocky. Love you always, your sister, Patricia*

Patricia Gilstrap - August 13, 2017 at 05:35 PM

MG

I remember Rocky well from growing up on the same block. I am surely be missed by his beautiful family. In recent years, we connected on FB and exchanged messages. May he Rest in Peace. Mike Ganim

Michael Ganim - August 14, 2017 at 01:37 PM

MN

“ *Rocky, and I were in Senior English class together. We had a good time, and he will truly be missed! He was a great friend to all. Prayers to the whole family. Maria Nelson*

Maria Nelson - August 12, 2017 at 11:22 AM

JS

“ I remember Rocco from 2nd grade through high school and can say he was a good man. We played sports together and I remember him helping me in some of the classes I was having problems with. My sincere condolences to Rocco's family.

Joe Szczyradlowski - August 11, 2017 at 08:26 PM



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



August 11, 2017 at 07:26 PM

MH

“ Rocco was always ready to enjoy whatever was going on and always had a ready smile and a great sense of humor. He would drop Magee off for Girl Scouts, or pick her up and I always loved watching his easy, loving way with all of his children! Our hearts and prayers are with Mary Ellen, Logan, Magee, Cooper and Hunter! May you remember the good times and soon get through this bad time!
Love,
Maggie(Harrer), Rick and Katie Henly

Maggie Harrer - August 11, 2017 at 12:53 PM

FE

“ sending prayers,condolences, and love to all of you in this sorrowful time. My longtime friend will surely be missed by so many and he always spoke so lovingly of his 4 children.May he rest in peace..even during Packer games..I surely will miss our football banter
fondly,
felicia and Lito Arago

felicia - August 11, 2017 at 10:06 AM

RK

“ Please accept me deepest sympathies at this difficult time Rocco and I attended High School together and would get together occasionally He will be missed
Raymond Koonce

Raymond Koonce - August 11, 2017 at 05:08 AM