

Edmondo "Eddie" J. Russo

November 23, 1937 - March 1, 2024

Edmondo "Eddie" Russo, born November 23, 1937, passed away suddenly on March 1, 2024 at his home in Cairo, New York, leaving an immense absence among those who love him.

Eddie was born in Camerota, Italy, to a large family of 21 children. He and his family endured hardships during WWII, and as an adolescent Eddie had to leave the country to find work to help support his family. He joined his relatives in Venezuela where he lived and worked for 7 years. It was a difficult life and he eventually left to be with his oldest sister in New York.

Eddie served in the US Army during the Vietnam War era and quickly became popular for his affable, outgoing nature. His multilingual skills were an asset and he became a translator for non-English speakers and trained them in his specializations, such as rifles.

After his military service, Eddie returned to Italy where he met the love of his life, Assunta "Susie" Tarallo, on the beach of Marina di Camerota. They married and then moved to Long Island to start a family. Eddie became a U.S. Citizen and was proud to be an American. He later joined The American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Throughout his life, Eddie was hard-working and dedicated to his family. He and Susie opened Russo Ristorante (originally Pizzeria Russo) in 1976 and created a loving place for customers to enjoy recipes from their hometown in Italy. He loved to get to know his customers and share stories with them.

Eddie also ran a produce business for decades and delivered fresh fruits and

vegetables to resorts and businesses throughout Greene County and vicinity. Throughout the years, Eddie donated his time, fresh produce, and cooking for charities and worthy causes, such as churches and the American Heart Association, Cairo Police Department, and St. Anthony's Friary. Also, during Eddie's lifetime he was a long-time member of The Knights of Columbus. Eddie was well known and loved for his enthusiasm for life and people. He was the kind of person who sought to help others, even if he just met them. He was an active member of his community. As a devout Roman Catholic, he attended mass and religious events faithfully. Eddie served as a Eucharistic Minister for decades, at the Sacred Heart Church and then at Our Lady of Knock Shrine, and volunteered in other ways. He was also a member of San Silverio Shrine.

Eddie loved life and left an indelible impression on those who knew him. He had a vivacious personality, an infectious laugh, and a big heart. He devoted his time to helping and doing for others, and especially adored his wife, children, and grandchildren with an immense and profound affection. Eddie is greatly missed, however he would not want anyone to mourn for his passing, but to celebrate his life and each other. He lived by Padre Pio's motto: "Pray, Have Hope and Don't Worry."

Eddie is survived by his wife, Assunta (Susie); his five daughters, Gabriella(Gary) , Gloria(Peter) ,Anna , Maria(Angelo) , Susan(Eli), and all his grandchildren: Nicholas and Matthew , Amedeo , Sofia , Giovanni , Sabrina , and Elisa , Brandon , and Khloe and Stephanie. He is also survived by his siblings, Biagio, Dante, Beatrice, and Gloria.

Eddie is greatly missed and we love him beyond words. His family will always have a special place in their hearts for him. We will always be missing a piece of our hearts and his grandchildren miss their Papi so much.

Visitation will take place on Wednesday, March 6, 2024 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon at Richards Funeral Home of the Mid-Hudson Valley, Inc., 29 Bross St., Cairo, NY, 12413, followed by Mass of the Christian Burial to be celebrated on Wednesday, March 6, 2024, at 12:30 PM at The Sacred Heart

Church, 35 Church Street, Cairo, NY, 12413.

Interment to follow with U.S. Army Military Honors at the family plot of The Round Top Cemetery, South Road, Round Top, NY, 12473.

Arrangements are under the direction of Richards Funeral Home of the Mid-Hudson Valley, Inc., 29 Bross Street, Cairo, NY, 12413.

Condolences and memories may be shared at www.richardsfunrtalhomeinc.net.

Cemetery Details

Round Top Cemetery

South Road
Round Top, NY 12473

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 6. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Richards Funeral Home - Cairo
P.O. Box # 383
29 Bross Street
Cairo, NY 12413
(518) 622-9503
info@richardsbradysfh.com

Mass

MAR 6. 12:30 PM (ET)

Sacred Heart Church Cairo
35 Church Street
Cairo, NY 12413
richardsfuneralhome@verizon.net

Interment With Military Honors

MAR 6. 1:15 PM (ET)

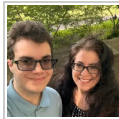
Round Top Cemetery
South Road
Round Top, NY 12473

Tribute Wall

EG

“ Very sorry to hear of your lost, we went to the restaurant for longer than I can remember. My daughters went to school with your daughters. Just heard of your loss today at church.
Hertha and Eddie’s Guenther
Kathy Hintz.
My girls called me Eddie spaghetti....

Edward Guenther - March 16, 2024 at 06:51 PM



Thank you so much for sharing memories. We truly appreciate your condolences.

Gloria Wassell - March 21, 2024 at 01:56 PM

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“ Tracy and Ren (Chandler) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edmondo “Eddie” J. Russo.

Tracy and Ren (Chandler) - March 06, 2024 at 02:15 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Edmondo "Eddie" J. Russo.



March 06, 2024 at 02:15 PM

KD

“ *Kate Durivage lit a candle in memory of Edmondo "Eddie" J. Russo*



Kate Durivage - March 05, 2024 at 11:20 AM

MC

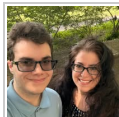
“ *Eddie, you have lived a life of unquestionable faith. You have shared your faith and your love of God with all that you have met. It was honor for me to be your friend. I'll always remember our conversations about Padre Pio. Your efforts to get me to join the Knights of Columbus. Your serving the Best Pizza in all of Greene County. But most of all I'll remember a man who lived his faith in all that he did and spread the love of God where ever he went. You made the world a little better because you were here. God Bless You! God Bless your wonderful family. While they will miss you, let them not weep, for anyone who has known you, knows where you are! Remember us because when our time comes, we need you to intercede on our behalf. Thank You my dear friend for the life that you lived. Today I celebrate your journey.*

Michael J Camadine - March 05, 2024 at 10:26 AM

NI

My condolences to the family sounds like an amazing man who was loved greatly and lived a beautiful life

nicole - March 05, 2024 at 03:16 PM



We are moved by your warmth and fond memories of my dad. Thank you so much for your heartfelt message and condolences.

Gloria Wassell - March 21, 2024 at 02:04 PM

TF

“ *The Staten Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Edmondo "Eddie" J. Russo.*



The Staten Family - March 05, 2024 at 10:01 AM

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“ *Paul Tarasi (Verizon) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edmondo "Eddie" J. Russo.*

Paul Tarasi (Verizon) - March 05, 2024 at 07:29 AM

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“ *Paul Tarasi (Verizon) purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Edmondo "Eddie" J. Russo.*

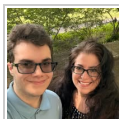


Paul Tarasi (Verizon) - March 05, 2024 at 07:29 AM

MC

“ *In your memory
There will be a tree in the forest you will remain forever in our hearts.*

maria cascone - March 05, 2024 at 03:21 AM



Tanti grazie, Maria.

Gloria Wassell - March 21, 2024 at 02:05 PM

MC

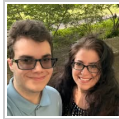
“ Maria C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edmondo “Eddie” J. Russo.

Maria C. - March 05, 2024 at 03:16 AM

JC

“ I first met Eddie in 1997 . He was a dear friend of my sister and brother in law . My daughter was born with an eye disease that we were sure would cause her to be blind . I drove to Cairo from Long Island with my infant daughter to meet with Eddie . He prayed over my daughter the first time we met . I know in my heart she was healed that day. He was always a special person in my families life and he will be missed . We are all so saddened of the news of his passing and pray for his family .

Janet Collica - March 04, 2024 at 09:28 PM



Thank you for sharing your memories of my dad. We find comfort in hearing stories from friends and family.

Gloria Wassell - March 21, 2024 at 02:08 PM

BA

“ Bonnie A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edmondo “Eddie” J. Russo.

Bonnie A. - March 04, 2024 at 07:28 PM

J(

“ Jessica(flowers) homeschool group (tree) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edmondo “Eddie” J. Russo.

Jessica(flowers) homeschool group (tree) - March 04, 2024 at 05:44 PM

J(

“ Jessica(flowers) homeschool group (tree) purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Edmondo "Eddie" J. Russo.



Jessica(flowers) homeschool group (tree) - March 04, 2024 at 05:44 PM

LM

“ Our family has known Eddie and his family since 1976 when we first moved to Freehold. Coming from Brooklyn, we were thrilled to find a “genuine” Italian pizzeria and even happier to become friends with Eddie and his lovely family. When they expanded the pizzeria to a full course restaurant, we enjoyed their great food and conversation with Eddie who always made us feel special and would always sit down with us for a good chat. I held my daughter-in-law’s baby shower there and everyone became so enamored with Eddie. When my parents passed away I had each of their funeral dinners there. Eddie’s sincere words and expression of faith was so comforting to me and from his words of deep faith I know he is now in God’s loving hands. Rest in Eternal Peace, Eddie. Love, Lola &Ed Migliaccio

Lola & Ed Migliaccio - March 04, 2024 at 02:01 PM

BR

“ Beatrice Russo lit a candle in memory of Edmondo "Eddie" J. Russo



Beatrice Russo - March 04, 2024 at 01:24 PM

MF

“ *Maria Rosario Ferretti lit a candle in memory of Edmondo "Eddie" J. Russo*



Maria Rosario Ferretti - March 04, 2024 at 01:23 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Edmondo "Eddie" J. Russo.*



March 04, 2024 at 10:29 AM

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“ *CWA LOCAL 1104 planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edmondo "Eddie" J. Russo.*

CWA LOCAL 1104 - March 04, 2024 at 10:29 AM

LM

“ *La Famiglia Morano purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Edmondo "Eddie" J. Russo.*



La Famiglia Morano - March 04, 2024 at 09:14 AM

VR

“ Vittorio R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edmondo “Eddie” J. Russo.

Vittorio R. - March 04, 2024 at 03:26 AM

RS

“ Renee J South lit a candle in memory of Edmondo “Eddie” J. Russo

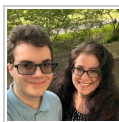


Renee J South - March 03, 2024 at 06:57 PM

RS

“ my father and i went there soo much when Russo's was open and then..even when i met Don..we would go there..Ed was always soo welcoming as were his wife and family..a beautiful restaurant..we loved them..he will surely be missed..prayers to his family and friends.....Don and Renee South

Renee J South - March 03, 2024 at 06:57 PM



Thank you, Renee!❤️ We have fond memories of those times and my dad looked forward to seeing you.

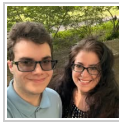
Gloria Wassell - March 18, 2024 at 11:03 PM



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Richards Funeral Home of the Mid Hudson Valley Inc. - March 03, 2024 at 05:07 PM



Thank you to our friends and family for the outpouring of love and support from all directions. We are so grateful for each and every one of you. My family sends their love and appreciation. Life isn't the same without my dad, but it would be so much more challenging if we didn't have the warmth, support, and shared memories of those who knew and loved my dad. Thank you. ❤️

Gloria Wassell - March 18, 2024 at 11:00 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Edmondo "Eddie" J. Russo.



March 03, 2024 at 04:48 PM



“ *To say I want to share one memory would just be impossible. He and his family have been a part of our lives growing up. Many many times you could walk into that restaurant and he was always there to greet you at the table with a smile. His smile will carry on.*

Christina Kuever - March 03, 2024 at 08:36 AM

RH

“ Richards Funeral Home sent a virtual gift in memory of Edmondo "Eddie" J. Russo



Richards Funeral Home - March 02, 2024 at 03:46 PM

RH

Our condolences to The Family of Edmund J. Russo during these difficult days.

Richards Funeral Home - March 02, 2024 at 03:48 PM



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Richards Funeral Home of the Mid Hudson Valley Inc. - March 02, 2024 at 03:45 PM