



William Michael Santo Jr.

May 3, 1926 - October 10, 2017

William Michael Santo, Jr. age, 91, of Newark, DE, died Tuesday, October 10, 2017. Born on May 3, 1926 in Norwalk, CT, he was the only son of William Santo and Lillian Bolha Santo. Bill was a graduate of Norwalk High School and Arnold College. He proudly served in the US Army during WW II. Bill was a physical education teacher for over 40 years in NJ and all three counties in DE. A coach of all high school sports, his real passion was football. He was a member of the American Football Coaches Assoc., DE Interscholastic Football Coaches Assoc., and De State High School Football Tournament Committee. He retired in 1992 from Christiana School District. A simple man of old school values, Bill appreciated old TV Westerns, family beach vacations, and filming his sons playing various sports. He loved cheering on the Green Bay Packers and reminiscing about his coaching glory days. Extremely proud of his Italian and Hungarian heritage, he enjoyed cooking his beloved mother's recipes.

Bill is survived by 3 sons: William Santo, Victor Santo, and Blaine Santo; 4 daughters: Marian Santo, Joan Dolan (Edward), Shelley Sapp (Richard), and Linda Denney (Randy); 9 grandchildren: Jesse, Cody, Riley and Brodie Sapp, Jackie Horsey, Heather Santo, Terri, James, and Steven Denney; and 7 great grandchildren.

Interment with military honors will be 2 PM Thursday, October 19, 2017 at

Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery. The family would like to express special appreciation for the exceptional care “Coach” received at Churchman Village during his final days. For directions or to send an online condolence visit www.stranofeeley.com

Previous Events

Burial

OCT **19**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery - Bear
2465 Chesapeake City Rd.
Bear, DE 19701

Tribute Wall

SJ

“ *Mr. Santo was my home room teacher from 10th grade to 12th grade. We'd always stand outside home room every day talking and getting in some laughs. My condolences to the family.*

shawn Jackson - October 17, 2020 at 09:11 AM

VA

“ *My husband and I both new Mr. Santo from our years at Glasgow High School. We have many fond memories of him. He was my husband's freshman football coach, and I still have a mean hook shot in pickup basketball (Taught my kids to shoot the Santo way) We were both sorry that we did not find the obituary until after the services as we would have been honored to meet his family. May your memories bring a smile to your face as they did to ours.*

Valerie - October 20, 2017 at 10:07 PM

MR

“ *God bless you all in this time of grief. He will be remembered as a great and kind man. -- Robert and Marge Newlin*

Margrit and Robert - October 19, 2017 at 11:38 AM

JW

“ *Prayers and comfort to the Santo family.*

Joan Wilson - October 19, 2017 at 09:08 AM

BG

“ *My condolences to Bill and the entire Santo family during this time.
-Bob Grier*

Bob Grier - October 16, 2017 at 10:47 PM