



Roberto Spadoni

November 8, 1938 - November 5, 2024

Roberto Spadoni, beloved husband, father, and grandfather, passed away peacefully on November 5, 2024, at the age of 85, surrounded by loved ones in Dearborn Heights, Michigan. Born on November 8, 1938, in Montecatini Terme, Italy, to Emilio Spadoni and Isotta Pacini, Roberto lived a life rich with dedication to family, hard work, and community.

Growing up during the tumultuous years of World War II, Roberto spent his youth in the picturesque regions of Tuscany and Lombardy, moving between the Pistoia province and Milano while his parents served in the military and worked in the restaurant industry. In 1960, he began his military service in the Italian Air Force, proudly serving as an Airman First Class in Bari, Italy, until his honorable discharge in 1962.

After his service, Roberto returned to Milano, where he met the love of his life, Attilia Locatelli. They married on November 9, 1964, in Cremona, Italy. In June of 1970, with dreams of new opportunities, the couple migrated to the United States, settling in the vibrant city of Detroit, Michigan. Roberto devoted over three decades as a professional waiter at Roma Café, Detroit's cherished Italian eatery, where he became a familiar face to countless patrons. He retired on his 65th birthday, November 8, 2003, leaving a legacy of warmth and impeccable service.

Roberto's passions extended far beyond the restaurant. He was a skilled bowler, known for achieving numerous perfect 300-point games, and he found great joy in gardening and hunting.

Roberto's greatest pride was his family. He is survived by his loving wife of nearly 60 years, Attilia Spadoni; his devoted children, Stefano Spadoni (Virginia Spadoni) and Mirella Spadoni (partner John Coleman); and his treasured grandchildren, Nico Spadoni and Luca Spadoni. He is also lovingly remembered by many friends and former colleagues. Roberto was predeceased by his dear brother, Moreno Spadoni, in 2009.

Visitation will be held on Friday, November 8, from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 Ann Arbor Road West, Plymouth. A funeral service to celebrate Roberto's life will take place on Saturday, November 9, at 11:00 a.m. at the same location.

In lieu of flowers, the family invites memorial contributions to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, 1820 Mount Elliott St., Detroit, MI 48207, a place close to Roberto's heart, where he admired the spirit of community service and care.

As we grieve the loss of this remarkable man, we are reminded of a favorite quote Roberto held close: "Grief is like the ocean; it comes on waves ebbing and flowing. Sometimes the water is calm, and sometimes it is overwhelming. All we can do is learn to swim." — Vicki Harrison.

Roberto Spadoni will be deeply missed, but his warmth, humor, and unwavering love will forever echo in the hearts of those who knew him.

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Cemetery Details

St Hedwig Cemetery

23755 Military Road
Dearborn Heights, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 8. 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Plymouth
46401 Ann Arbor Road West
Plymouth, MI 48170
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Funeral Service

NOV 9. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Plymouth
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Tribute Wall

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“ *The McCaig family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Roberto Spadoni.*



The McCaig family - November 08, 2024 at 09:06 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Roberto Spadoni.

November 07, 2024 at 02:35 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Roberto Spadoni.



November 07, 2024 at 02:35 PM

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“ *Terri & Dave Agius planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Roberto Spadoni.*

Terri & Dave Agius - November 07, 2024 at 10:04 AM

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“ Terri & Dave Agius purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Roberto Spadoni.



Terri & Dave Agius - November 07, 2024 at 10:04 AM

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“ On behalf of the Capuchin friars in Detroit, I send sympathies and prayers to the Spadoni family upon their loss. I pray eternal rest for Roberto and I pray that God's peace will comfort the family in their grief. I am thankful for Roberto's support of the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. May God bless you all.



Br. Brenton Ertel OFM, Capuchin - November 07, 2024 at 09:53 AM

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“ The very first time I met Mr. and Mrs. Spadoni at their home in Dearborn years ago, it was immediately evident that Roberto was a man who loved his family, who was passionate and caring.

A man who didn't shy away from honest conversation to make his point, but always as a gentleman!

May his impassioned, emphatic spirit reside, even if only a little bit, within all of us forever more.

Mark and Monica Rei

Mark Rei - November 06, 2024 at 04:47 PM