



Rocco F. Siravo

March 11, 2025

Rocco F. Siravo, affectionately known as “Rocky” peacefully passed away on March 11, 2025 at the age of 89. He was born on October 17, 1935 and was the youngest of eight children. Rocky is preceded in death by his wife, Anita (née Cattalo), and his seven siblings Mae (Espodito), Joseph (Patsy), Annie (William), Lucy (Joseph), Anthony, Rita (Francis), and Rose. Rocky is survived by his three sons; Domenic (Annette), Rocco (Marybeth), and Anthony (MaryKate); his nine grandchildren, Danielle (Paul), Stephanie (Gregory), Domenic, Isabella, Rocco, Anastasia, Anthony, Allison and Alexis; and his great grandson, James Rocco. Rocky is also survived by his dear friend, Shirley Rotella.

Rocky played basketball at South Philadelphia High School where he met Anita, his wife of 54 years. He served honorably in the United States Army and upon his discharge began working at the Philadelphia Inquirer. Rocky he worked his entire career at the Inquirer where he was recognized as a skilled printer and a great friend to all. Rocky loved spending time with his wife, his family, and his friends and was especially happy when he could do all three at the Casinos in Atlantic City, stopping on the way at the shrine of Padre Pio. Rocky was devoted to his family and taught his children the meaning of “family first.” He enjoyed cooking and family gatherings, especially on Christmas Eve with every present for the grandkids signed “from Santa.” Rocky loved sports and was an avid fan of each of the local teams, especially the Eagles for whom he once held season tickets in the infamous 700-level at

Veterans' Stadium.

Rocky spent a great deal of time with his grandchildren who knew him as "Poppi." He loved attending their social events from sports, to plays, to parties and was always there with love and pride. He took his role as unofficial leader of their family group chat seriously, providing daily sports scheduling info, real-time updates to local scores, and the occasional pop culture comment.

Relatives and friends are invited to his Viewing and Funeral on Monday, March 17, 2025 at St. Richards Church, 3010 S. 18th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19145. Viewing will be after 9:30 AM to 10:45 AM, with mass immediately following at 11 AM. Interment will be at Holy Cross Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Padre Pio foundation of America (www.padrepio.com) or the Alzheimer's Association (www.alz.org)

Share Online Condolences at www.rachubinskiandrogersfh.com

Cemetery Details

Holy Cross Cemetery

626 Baily Road
Yeadon, PA 19050

Previous Events

Viewing

MAR 17. 9:30 AM - 10:45 AM (ET)

St. Richards Church
3010 S. 18th St
Philadelphia, PA 19145

Mass of Christian Burial

MAR 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Richards Church
3010 S. 18th St
Philadelphia, PA 19145

Tribute Wall

GS

“ Please accept our love and condolences on the passing of "Big Rock". Fond memories all the way back to when he coached us in football back in grade school. Always was a gentleman and a great sense of humor. Best to the family. Greg Santore

Greg Santore - March 16, 2025 at 06:50 PM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Rocco F. Siravo.



March 14, 2025 at 08:19 PM



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

March 14, 2025 at 08:19 PM

AN

“ Ally Naranjo purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Rocco F. Siravo.



Ally Naranjo - March 14, 2025 at 06:06 PM

BT

“ *Bill and Terri purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Rocco F. Siravo.*



Bill and Terri - March 14, 2025 at 01:36 PM



“ *Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Rocco F. Siravo.*



March 14, 2025 at 07:40 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Rocco F. Siravo.*

March 14, 2025 at 07:40 AM

PB

“ *So very sorry and sad to hear of the passing of Uncle Rocky yesterday. He was truly a gentle man and a family man. All of the sisters and brother- in-laws are now together again laughing and telling jokes. We were sent out of the room so we couldn't hear them laughing so hard! So many wonderful childhood memories of Uber Street, Packer Park swim club and fun at the shore. Rest easy Uncle Rocky, you were blessed with a beautiful family and legacy of love, xoxo Patty*

Patty Gatta Biondi - March 13, 2025 at 08:33 PM

RH

“ Robert Hollenshead purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of Rocco F. Siravo.



Robert Hollenshead - March 13, 2025 at 06:55 PM

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“ Robert Hollenshead planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rocco F. Siravo.

Robert Hollenshead - March 13, 2025 at 06:55 PM

TG

“ The one thing that my mother and her sisters were very good at was finding their lifelong companions. Uncle Rocky along with my dad Larry, Uncle Pete and Uncle Charlie were four of the finest men I had the pleasure know and to call family. I would love catching up with Uncle Rock at family events, he never had a bad word for anyone and a great storyteller with an infectious laugh! He was an incredible husband and father. As parents, him and Aunt Anita raised three wonderful men. I will miss you Uncle Rock, the world was a better place with you in it.

Tony Gatta - March 13, 2025 at 03:24 PM