



Vincent Ventresca

November 23, 2019

Of Monroeville, on November 23, 2019, at 90 years old, Vincent Ventresca peacefully passed away surrounded by his loving family. Vince was raised in Coraopolis, PA and joined the Navy after graduating from high school. As a talented musician, he was accepted into the Naval Band. Before being stationed in Hawaii he spent a year on the USS Coral Sea and traveled the world. Utilizing the GI bill, Vince went on to graduate from Duquesne University earning his master's degree in music. It was at Duquesne where he met his devoted, loving wife of 62 years, Mary (Cerra) Ventresca. Vince was the cornerstone of the family and the rock supporting his five children. His quick wit and joking nature was only surpassed by his loving, generous spirit. Besides music, Vince enjoyed gardening and visiting with his friends of Friday evenings. Vince was a strong figure in the Monroeville community as he was a longtime member of St. Bernadette's Church and the music/band director at Gateway School District. He positively impacted many students in the Monroeville area. Vince took an early retirement from Gateway after 30 years in the district to pursue his passion for music. As a professional musician he played for the Civic Light Opera for more than 30 years, he traveled with Broadway shows, and he played for celebrities that performed at the Holiday House and many venues in Pittsburgh's Cultural District. He was one of the few lucky people in life whose career was his passion – music. Vince was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Teresa Ventresca of Coraopolis, and sister in-law Marilyn Ventresca. He leaves behind his

treasured wife Mary (Cerra) Ventresca; his brother Eugene Ventresca; his beloved children, David Ventresca (Jolene), Natalie McElhaney (Chook), Joseph Ventresca (Paul), Joyce Ventresca and Jean Markewinski (Dennis); his grandchildren, Stephen Lyon, Scott Lyon (Bethany), Andrea Castro Cara (Francisco), JJ Mignogna (Alana), Ryan Dormer, Maura Messer, Gary Messer, Jr., Lauren (Akira) Farmer and Griffen McElhaney; his five great grandchildren, Ava, Nico, Smith, Vienna Mignogna and Brodie Lyon; as well as many nieces and nephews who all will miss his friendly face and loving heart. Friends will be received on Tuesday, November 26th from 2-4 and 6-9 p.m. at the GENE H. CORL INC. FUNERAL CHAPEL AND CREMATION SERVICES OF MONROEVILLE, 4335 Northern Pike (412-372-2100). Mass of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, November 27, 2019 at St. Bernadette Church, Monroeville. Interment following in New St. Joseph Cemetery. In lieu of flowers please make donation to the Military Family Relief Assistance Program (MFRAP) Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, Bldg. 0-47, Fort Indiantown Gap, Annville, PA 17003-5002 Phone: (717) 861-6500 or to the Gallagher Foundation (hospice), 1370 Washington Pike, Suite 401B, Bridgeville, PA 15017, who took care of him in his final days.

Cemetery Details

New St. Josephs Cemetery

1443 Lincoln Hwy.
North Versailles, PA 15137

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **26**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Gene H. Corl Funeral Chapel Inc.
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Visitation

NOV **26**. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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Mass of Christian Burial

NOV 27. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Bernadette Catholic Church
245 Azalea Drive
Monroeville, PA

Tribute Wall

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“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family, Joe, during this difficult time. Please know we are thinking of you and your family.*

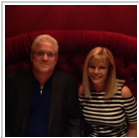
Sarah Windisch & Erik Frankenstein - November 25, 2019 at 05:44 PM



“ *David Matsey lit a candle in memory of Vincent Ventresca*



David Matsey - November 25, 2019 at 02:53 PM



“ *What a wonderful wonderful man ,father , husband and friend Mr. Ventresca was. God bless him and God bless his family David and Lisa Matsey*

David Matsey - November 25, 2019 at 02:46 PM

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“ *I have very fond memories of Mr. Ventresca and my flute lessons. Such a talented musician and a lovely man. May he Rest In Peace.*

Cindy Martinelli Rizza - November 25, 2019 at 05:40 AM

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“Prayer for the loss of such a fine Man. Your father's gift of Music is one that I will treasure all of my life! Your Dad has been the cause and reason that I am who I am today. I hold the up most respect for him as my teacher and friend. It was your dad, Mr. V who took me under your wing with all his generous lessons and free reeds when I could not afford them.

I would not be the music teacher I am today without him. To this day, each year I give a promising student that cannot afford lessons the "Ventresca Music Scholarship" in paying forward all that Mr V gave to me. I hold your Dad so close to my heart, that I consider him my second father! I am honored and humble to have had the time and knowledge that your dad has given to me.

*He sits beside me on every note that I play and every lesson that I teach as my backbone, teaching lessons to this day for 42 years. Mr V will continue to sit in a very special part of my heart. Fly free and go forward my Mr V and teach the Angel Band to play beautiful music. I will see you some day and will be so happy to play duets with you once again in heaven.
Love always and big Italian Hugs
Nan Mancuso*

Nanette Mancuso - November 24, 2019 at 08:50 PM