



Rudolph Hector Levantini

September 29, 1926 - February 9, 2017

Rudolph Hector Levantini, 90, of Fort Myers, FL passed away peacefully on Thursday, February 9, 2017 at Hope Hospice at Shell Point Village. Rudy was born September 29, 1926 in Springfield Gardens, NY a son of the late Hector and Mary (Calvi) Levantini.

Along with his three brothers, Mr. Levantini was a veteran of the United States Navy.

While serving in the Navy at the same time as his brothers, he also played for the Navy Baseball Club where he was voted MVP by his Navy squad. Prior to his hitch in the service, Rudy was under contracts to the Cleveland Indians, and farmed out to the Batavia Clippers in the Pony League where he performed brilliantly for two years. He played third base. Rudy authored two books, was an avid poet and a black belt in jiu-jitsu Shodan.

Survivors include his beloved wife of 70 years, Vicenza Jean (Alagna) Levantini; daughters, Linda McFadden of Fort Myers, FL, Maureen (Gabriel) Benigno of Fort Myers, FL; grandchildren, Nicolas (Melanie) McFadden, Damian (Teri) McFadden and Demitri (Shelly) Levantini; great grandchildren, Joshua McFadden, Jaden McFadden, Jessica Grover, Cameron Levantini and Mackenzi Levantini; and brother, Robert Levantini. In addition to his parents, Rudy was preceded in death by his brothers, John and Hector "Rocky"

Levantini.

Rudy was devoted to his family and in particular his beloved wife Jean and his three grandsons, Damian, Demitri and Nick, who worshiped him as a role model, great cook, and comedian. There was always a great deal of love and laughter when in his presence. He was loved by all who knew him and he will be greatly missed.

The family will receive friends on Monday, February 13, 2017 from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM at Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home, 28300 Tamiami Trail So., Bonita Springs, FL 34134.

A Mass of Catholic Burial will be celebrated on Tuesday, February 14, 2017 at 11:00 AM at Our Lady of Light Catholic Community, 19680 Cypress View Drive, Fort Myers, FL 33967. Visitation will be held from 10:00 A.M. until the time of the service.

Burial with military honors will follow at 2:00 PM at Sarasota National Cemetery, 9810 State Road 72, Sarasota, FL 34241.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Sarasota National Cemetery

9810 State Road 72
Sarasota, FL 34241
<http://www.cem.va.gov/>

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 13. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home
28300 Tamiami Trail So.
Bonita Springs, FL 34134
(239) 992-4982
bonitafhbill@comcast.net

Visitation

FEB 14. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Light Catholic Community
19680 Cypress View Dr
Fort Myers, FL 33967-6201
(239) 267-7088

Mass of Christian Burial

FEB **14**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Rudolph Hector Levantini

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ Diane L. Kele lit a candle in memory of Rudolph Hector Levantini



Diane L. Kele - February 13, 2017 at 08:53 PM



R.I.P. Uncle Rudy Love Diane

Diane L. Kele - February 13, 2017 at 08:56 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rudolph Hector Levantini.



February 11, 2017 at 04:07 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Rudolph Hector Levantini.



February 10, 2017 at 09:59 PM



“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Melanie McFadden - February 10, 2017 at 03:26 PM

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May his memory be eternal.

Elia Velis - February 10, 2017 at 06:59 PM

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Rudy, rest in peace. You made your mark while on earth by being a faithful husband, devoted father, grandfather, neighbor and friend. I'll miss your wonderful memories of so many great baseball stories you remembered, now in heaven you can see some of the baseball greats and chat some more. God Bless!

Pat Flynn

patrick flynn - February 13, 2017 at 04:39 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rudolph Hector Levantini.



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