



Dominic J Scardina

February 26, 1931 - June 19, 2023

Dominic J Scardina, age 92, passed away peacefully on Monday, June 19, 2023, after a 4-year battle with kidney failure at Elevate Care in Riverwoods, IL.

Dom, as he was affectionately known to others, was born in Chicago, IL to Italian immigrant parents, Domenica “Memi” and Giacomo “Jack” Scardina. Life was not easy growing up in a family of 8 children, so at a very young age, Dom did whatever he could to support his family financially. He adored his mom, and all of his siblings, especially Mary, Florence, Angelo and Sammy. Dom didn’t like any type of bullying or harsh treatment so if it meant he would get in trouble vs. one of his siblings, he was happy to take the punishment for them. Dom has always been a kind, sweet, and gentle human being since the day he was born.

In 1951, Dom was drafted into the army during the Korean War. He proudly served his country as a head cook and loved to share his many stories of all the special meals he prepared. Dom often said he was one of the lucky ones, as half of his army culinary school was shipped to Japan and the other half was shipped to Korea, and never returned. Dom was proud to be an American and had so much pride for his country.

Prior to being drafted, Dom met the love of his life, Noni, whom he wed right

after his service was completed on May 29, 1954. Together, Dom and Noni shared a life full of love and had two children, Jack and Candy. They moved into a two-flat on Kostner St, where some of their most precious memories were created with the Christensen Family who lived in the flat below them. This extra-special relationship with this family continued throughout the rest of their lives.

In 1969, Dom and Noni moved to Lindenhurst, IL and raised their two children. Dom worked downtown Chicago, in direct mail advertising, at a company called Buckley Dement to support his family. In 1985, Dom decided it was time to take all the mailing experience and skills he had learned and launched his own business, Mailing Services of America (MSA). He and Noni built a successful company from the ground up and eventually became Buckley Dement's strongest competitor. Before 911, MSA had over 30 employees which included some family members and friends. Dom and Noni were very generous to their employees by paying for health insurance and bonuses when profits were good. If you worked hard and paid attention to detail, you were rewarded. Dad was so proud of Mailing Services of America, Inc. that he found it hard to retire. He even had a few clients up until about a year ago.

Also, it was at their Lindenhurst house, they met their best friends, Ed and Dorothy Gromala, and the memories the four of them created were so very special to them both. Their escapades at the club 911 were some of the very favorites.

In 1997, Dom and Noni moved Lake Villa, to what would become their final home. It was at this house they celebrated 68 years of marriage, experienced close contact with their family (who only lived about two blocks away), forged relationships with neighbors (especially Greg and Cindy Kennedy), and volunteered as head ushers, at Prince of Peace. Dom and Noni were known by most as that cute couple who either sat on their front porch waving and

talking to all who past, or walking their dogs Lucky or Magic. Dom seemed to be the “townie” that everyone knew. He was so friendly, said hi to everyone, and was always so polite. He loved to play the lottery, fishing when he was younger, help anyone in need, especially his family, and going to the Village meetings where often he was the only one besides the board in attendance. Dom was an avid supporter for the Lake Villa Republican Party and did many mailings for them. Whether it be on the Metra, the Lake Villa Post Office, church, grocery store, or State Bank of the Lakes, everyone seems to have a story about Dom or know him. Although Dom had such determination and drive to work as he was so proud of Mailing Services of America, nothing compared to his love and devotion to his beloved wife “Noni.” Dom adored her and always told her “You are always the prettiest girl in the room”. As hard as Dom tried for several months, he could never get over the loss of Noni.

Dominic is survived by his two children, Jack (Sue Crockett) Scardina, and Candy (Kurt) Hill, granddaughters Candace (Jared Tyunaitis) Hill, and Stephanie (Jimmy) Roberts, two great-granddaughters, Braelyn and Briley Roberts, sisters Florence Albert and Mary Milhone, brother Phil, nephew David Albert, and several nieces and nephews in California.

Dominic was preceded in death by his beautiful wife Salona “Noni” Scardina, sister Terri, and brothers Angelo, Joe, and Sammy plus many other dear friends and relatives both on his side and Noni’s side.

Dominic will be remembered for his kind heart, contagious smile, dry sense of humor and helping hand.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, June 25 from 1:00-4:00 pm at Ringa Funeral Home 122 S. Milwaukee Ave in Lake Villa. Funeral Service will start at 3:00 pm with Military Honors at 3:30 pm.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the VFW Post 4308 130 Grand Ave, Lake Villa, IL 60046 in Dominic's name would be appreciated.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **25**. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Ringa Funeral Home
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Lake Villa, IL 60046
info@ringafuneralhome.com
<http://www.ringafuneralhome.com>

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Tribute Wall



“ *Dominic J Scardina*

October 04, 2023 at 02:13 PM



“ *Dom, or "Uncle Dom" as he wanted to be called, was a good friend and a fun business partner. I first met him in the 1990s at an equipment auction of Buckley Dement. We started talking, he new all the machines, and gave me advice on what to get or not get. From there we extended our relationship over the next couple of decades.*

At lunch he would convey funny stories of being in the service (I believe he worked in the kitchen), and serving the enlisted men steaks that were meant to be the private stock of the officers. Needless to say, he made a lot of friends with his enlisted men customers!

This recognition and appreciation of those that he interacted with was one of the great traits that 'Uncle Dom' kept and practiced everyday in business.

I'll miss Dom, and Noni (who always used her 'movie star voice' when answering the phone). They were and are very special people that showed me by example how to enjoy life.

Dan Waterloo

Dan Waterloo - September 17, 2023 at 07:29 AM

KK

“ Jack and Candy,

I remember visiting you and your family with my parents who you called uncle Warren and aunt Kay.

In my earlier memories of you, I was just a little girl. You lived in Chicago, on Kostner Ave, and your house was big., and blue., and decorated in modern pink and black, 50's design. I'm thinking that there was a long white (satin upholstered?) sofa.

My mother was a bridesmaid in your parents wedding.

I remember your grandma (Mimi?) She was lovely and she looked a lot like your mom, and her red hair was always fixed like she just came from the salon.

Anyhow, all of you meant so much to me, but we grow up and grow apart, and I hope that you also have good memories of us.

My son and I were talking about all of you last (Saturday) night while I was visiting him and his wife Brenda. He coincidentally found the notice about your dad. I'm so sorry for you and your family's loss.

He touched so many people's lives.

I'm known for leaving long messages. So, I'm ending this now, by sending you my love.

Kim Kudsk-Anderson

108 E. 460

Pryor, Ok.

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Kim Kudsk-Anderson - June 25, 2023 at 04:02 PM

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“ RIP SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS AND DOMINIC WAS A KIND HEARTED PERSON AND THEY WERE GOOD TO ME TREATED ME LIKE FAMILY AND NOW THERE BACK TOGETHER IN HEAVEN TOGETHER FOR EVER AND THERE LOVE FOR EACH OTHER YOU WILL BE MISSED RIP REST IN PEACE TOGETHER FOR EVER



Stella - June 25, 2023 at 03:44 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dominic J Scardina.



June 24, 2023 at 11:39 AM

CK

“ Dom was the MAYOR of our neighborhood. Everyone loved him. He always had a smile and kind words. When I retired from nursing he gave me a great big hug and was happy for me. Dom was a great friend to Greg and I. Years of a wonderful friendship. We will greatly miss Dom and Noni.

Cindy Kennedy - June 23, 2023 at 03:28 PM

DS

“ So sorry to hear of the passing of Dom. We used to live on the corner of McKinley & Coventry Cove. We enjoyed talking with your dad & mom. In fact Dom gave me his recipe for meatballs & sauce!
What a great guy!
Debbie & Bill Severson

Debbie Severson - June 23, 2023 at 12:49 PM

TG

“ Sorry to hear of the loss of your father. May he rest in peace. Tim and Dianne Green

Tim and Dianne Green - June 23, 2023 at 07:58 AM