



Joseph Andrew Tarzia

October 29, 1938 - July 12, 2024

Joseph Andrew Louis Tarzia, 85, of Ocala, Florida, passed away on July 12th, 2024 in Ocala, Florida. Joseph was born in Stamford Connecticut to Giuseppe and Anna Tarzia (Pagano) on October 29th, 1938

He graduated in 1957 from Stamford High School in Stamford, Connecticut. He went on to join the Air National Guard Reserves and worked several jobs including driving taxi cabs and private detective work. In 1968, he became a Firefighter and worked for the Stamford Fire Department for almost 27 years and was recently honored in a First Responder's Recognition Ceremony for his service in both the Fire Department and the Air National Guard. He enjoyed Cadillacs and classic cars and owned several over the years, but his pride and joy was his 1950 Mercury for which he received many awards and trophies. He was a member of the Starlight Cruisers in Stamford, Connecticut as well as the Ocala Street Cruisers and the Twilight Cruisers in Belleview, Florida. He made several road trips to classic car events with his 50 Merc including the James Dean Run in Indiana and the Daytona Turkey Run. He was an amazing cook and his specialties were Sunday gravy (sauce), and homemade pizza which he would make for his kids most Friday nights. He also enjoyed a coffee with sfogliatelle and his favorite restaurant was Little Joey's in Ocala where he made several friends. He was a sharp dresser, an incredible dancer and singer and was once invited on stage at a Platters concert to sing the last line of "The Great Pretender". He was charismatic and had a great sense of humor. He entertained everyone with his detailed stories

and he made friends everywhere. He is survived by his 3 children, Joseph Anthony Tarzia, Luanne Marie Marshall and Christopher Michael Tarzia, his two grandchildren, Dylan Andrew Marshall and Tyler Eliot Marshall, his sister, Lena Rovegno, his brother in law Pat Lombardo, his niece Janet Santoro (Robert), his nephews, Joseph Lombardo (Marlene), Patrick Lombardo, Gary Lombardo, John Rovegno (Karen), Richard Rovegno, Geoffrey Rovegno (Theresa), his niece in law Sally Lombardo as well as a great nephew and several great nieces. He was predeceased in death by his father, Giuseppe Tarzia, his mother, Anna Tarzia, his sister, Grace Lombardo, his brother in law Fred Rovegno and his nephew and godson George Lombardo. A Mass of Resurrection will be celebrated at Blessed Trinity Catholic Church; 5 SE 17th St, Ocala, FL on Thursday, July 25th at 12:00 noon with Father Zbigniew Stradomski officiating. Military Honors will be provided by the Marion County Memorial Honor Guard at 11:30 am. Additional service and inurnment will be held in Connecticut at a later date.

The family wishes to extend gratitude to The Hospice of Marion County and to his caretakers at

Hawthorne Center of Rehabilitation Ocala. Memorial Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 2100 SE 17th St, Ocala, FL or the American Diabetes Foundation; ADAFL@diabetes.org

He will be forever loved and missed by all who knew him, especially his cherished children and

grandsons. Until we meet again, rest in eternal peace in the arms of the Lord.

Previous Events

Military Honors

JUL **25**. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Blessed Trinity Catholic Church
5 SE 17th ST
Ocala, FL 34471

Memorial Mass

JUL **25**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (Est)

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Tribute Wall

JC

“ SHS class of 57, altar boys Sacred Heart church Stamford, Ct. 1950

Jim Caterbone - December 30, 2024 at 04:58 PM

LM

“ Dad/PopPop,
Forever in our hearts.
Luanne Dylan and Tyler
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Luanne Tarzia Marshall - July 25, 2024 at 07:42 AM

MR

“ God bless you Joe and may you rest in peace.
Mark Roche

Mark Roche - July 24, 2024 at 04:11 PM

GS

“ Gordon and Donna Sellers purchased the Simply
Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Joseph
Andrew Tarzia.



Gordon and Donna Sellers - July 24, 2024 at 02:33 PM

AS

“ My memory of Joe is our great conversations on the phone and
talking about our cool cars we had in the past. RIP Joe. Sending my
condolences to the family and friends of Joe.

Angie Sheedy - July 24, 2024 at 11:11 AM



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Roberts of Ocala Funerals and Cremations - July 22, 2024 at 04:48 PM