



Emanuele Fontana

April 8, 1925 - January 28, 2013

EMANUELE (MANNY) FONTANA, passed away on January 28, 2013 in Arlington, VA at the Capital Caring Center. Manny was a native of Washington, DC. He was born in 1925 to Humbert and Helen (LeDonne) Fontana. He was the oldest of eight children. Humbert (his father) was a proud immigrant from Italy. Manny was a graduate of Eastern High School. He served in the United States Navy and fought in the Pacific. Upon returning after World War II, he graduated from the University of Maryland and worked for the government for 35 years. He was an avid golfer and a lifelong member of many civic organizations. He was a member and past president of Manassas Host Lions Club (was a Melvin Jones recipient;) Manasseh Lodge 182 and the Washington Daylight Lodge and past master (was a recipient of the Fidelity Medal); He was a Mason for 65 years. He was awarded Chapter Dad of the year from the DeMolays in Virginia and earned the Legion of Honor as well. Manny was also a member of the American Legion and a volunteer at the Freedom Museum. He was a member and Trustee of Bethel Evangelical Lutheran Church where he was a regular usher and on the Crew Committee. He is preceded in death by his first wife, Margaret (Peggy Reavis) Fontana; son, Gary Fontana; his brothers, Edward and Michael (Mickey) and his sisters, Anna (Honey) Cassady and Gloria Keller. Manny is survived by his wife, Jean (Smiley) Fontana, two sisters, Maria Corvelli (Nicholas) and Helen Colevas; one brother, Humbert (Buddy) (Theresa) Fontana; his daughters, Diane Raycob (Charles) of Bel Air, MD and Irene Clater (Fred) of Winter

Springs, FL; daughter-in-law, Catherine (Rhodes) Fontana. He was also Papa to four grandchildren, Jillian Clater, Katherine Clater, Anthony Fontana and Kelly Fontana. He is a new great grandfather to Linley Malloy and Joseph Nolan. He had three (Smiley) children and five (Smiley) grandchildren and many nieces, nephews and cousins. The family will receive friends and visitors from 2:00-4:00 & 7:00-9:00 PM Thursday, January 31, 2013 at Pierce Funeral Home, 9609 Center St., Manassas where a Masonic service will be held 7:00 PM Thursday. A memorial service will be held 3:00 P.M. Friday, February 1, 2013 at Bethel Evangelical Lutheran Church, 8712 Plantation Lane, Manassas. Inurnment will be private. If desired, donations in Manny's memory may be made to Bethel Evangelical Lutheran Church or the Manassas Host Lions Club or a charitable organization of your choosing.

Tribute Wall

CJ

“ Years ago when I was visiting Diane for a weekend (during our JMU days), Mr. Fontana taught me to drive his riding lawn mower in the backyard at the house. He reminded me so much of my own Daddy -- same build, smile and sense of humor. We have lost another of the WWII 'greatest generation.' My sympathies to the girls, husbands, Jean and the grandchildren. God bless.

Charlene Jeter - March 29, 2013 at 01:58 PM

TF

“ Although no words can really help to ease the loss we bear, just know that you are very close in every thought and prayer.

We love you, Emanuele. Your Loving Sister, Maria, Nick, and Family

The Corvelli Family - March 29, 2013 at 01:58 PM

GA

“ Mr Fontana was like a family member to us my daughter theresa spent as much time at his home with Irene, as they spent at ours.

God bless the family, our prayers are with you all. Manny you did your job here on earth as you was called to, rest in peace forever more,

Gil&Pat Avey - March 29, 2013 at 01:58 PM

AW

“ Diane -I remember working at the fair with you and your mom and dad and all the laughs we shared. Thinking of you and your family during this difficult time.

Andrea Lewis Weakley - March 29, 2013 at 01:58 PM

EF

“ I remember when my father "Big" Eddie would take me over to see Uncle Emanuele and the rest of the family especially around Christmas time. I always remember thinking that Uncle Emanuele had a the kindest soul. He was gentle and caring and will fit perfect in Heaven because he was definitely an Angel here on earth! I miss those times when life seemed so carefree and like it would go on forever....When my Dad, aunts and uncles were all here with us,...at least I can find comfort knowing they are together today probably sitting down for a magnificent meal that Nana is preparing for them.
Love Always"LiL" Eddie

Eddie Fontana - March 29, 2013 at 01:58 PM

RS

“ Dear Fontana Family,
My heart & prayers are with you all. Your Pop was like a Dad to me and I will miss his friendly greeting whenever I saw him, and the way he always asked about my Mom.
Love Always Manny,
Rog

Roger Simond - March 29, 2013 at 01:58 PM

KA

“ Dear Fontanas,

Your father, Manny, was my boss in the government in the 1960's. He was a wonderful, kind, loving employer and I know he was the same as your beloved. My husband and I rented his home in Fairfax City for two years before purchasing a new home here in Prince William County. I have very fond memories of my association with Manny and wanted you to know what a wonderful person he was to his business colleagues. I know that your loving memories will sustain you through this sad time. Blessings to all of you

Karen Attreed - March 29, 2013 at 01:58 PM

RD

“ Diane, Irene and the entire Fontana family,
I'm sorry for the loss of a man that exuded so much life..although I did not know him on a personal level, I can say that I see his love of life in all of you. God bless all, and keep living your lives in the manner he did...with passion!

Ruth Dodson - March 29, 2013 at 01:58 PM

BC

“ Diane, Irene & your families,
So very sorry to hear about the loss of your father. He was a wonderful man! Always smiling and having fun. The last time I saw him was at my fathers funeral. We got a chance to chat for a while. I am so grateful for that. My heart breaks for you. He will always be in your hearts!
Our deepest sympathy and love,
Bev (Frame) & Rob Calderoni

Bev & Rob Calderoni - March 29, 2013 at 01:58 PM

YM

“ We were saddened to hear that Manny had finished his earthly journey. Know you and the family are in our every thought and prayers. Our love to you in Manny's passing,
Yolanda and Ken

Yolanda and Ken McDonald - March 29, 2013 at 01:58 PM