



## Louis Angelo (Lou) Balboni

November 11, 1932 - October 2, 2017

Louis Angelo Balboni (Lou)

11/11/1932- 10/2/2017

Louis Angelo (Lou) Balboni died from complications of Parkinson's Disease. He was 84 years old. Lou is survived by Marie, his loving and devoted wife, his three children; Debbie Jones and husband Lynn, Arlene Stewart and her husband John, David and his wife Susan, his five grandchildren: Daniel Stewart (Sarah), Brian Stewart, Lauren Stewart, Nicole Collins, and Matthew Collins (Erin), a sister Rose Gallagher and her husband Mike of Wakefield, MA, their children; Lisa (Joe) and their children and Michael (Melissa) and their children.

Lou was born in Roxbury, MA and moved to Roslindale, MA as a preteen. He was one of two children born to Ermete and Adalgisa Grassilli Balboni, who had each come from the Ferrara area of northern Italy in their early twenties.

Lou and Marie were married in West Roxbury, MA on October 8, 1955. Lou graduated from Northeastern University in Boston in 1956, where he was in the ROTC program, with a BS in Mechanical Engineering. Upon graduation he was offered a job with IBM, but first served two years in the US Army Corps of Engineers. He was stationed in Kaiserslautern, Germany.

Returning to the U.S. he resumed employment with IBM where he worked for 38 years, spending time in Owego, NY, East Fishkill, NY, Manassas, VA, White Plains, NY and again in Manassas, VA. He retired in 1993 and then consulted for two additional years from IBM Manassas.

Some of his affiliations include Pi Tau Sigma - Mechanical Engineering Honor Society, Tau Beta Phi - Honor Society, American Society of Mechanical Engineers - where he served as President, Society of American Military Engineers, and the Engineering Council.

On retiring, Lou became active in the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) as Chairman, PWC Solid Waste Citizens Advisory Group, Prince William Hospital Auxiliary, Woodbine Woods Civic Association and the Manassas Old Town Business Association. He believed in giving back to the community.

He was an amazing and kind man, loving husband, father, grandfather, and friend to many. Lou was always anxious to help out with a project of any size. He was proud of his Italian heritage, enjoyed wood working, had a passion for Formula One Racing, and solving problems.

**FAMILY GREATLY REQUESTS IN LIEU OF FLOWERS THAT DONATIONS BE MADE TO:**

Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 12975 Purcell Road, Manassas, VA 20112, indicate In Memory of Louis A. Balboni.

PWCS Education Foundation, indicate Louis A. Balboni Scholarship Fund. Checks can be sent to the PWCS Education Foundation, Kelly Leadership Center, P.O. Box 389, Manassas, VA 20108 attn: Sharon Henry.

Parkinson Foundation of the National Capital Area  
<http://parkinsonfoundation.org/>

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital  
<http://Stjude.org>

# Cemetery Details

## Quantico National Cemetery

18424 Joplin Road  
Triangle, VA 22172

# Previous Events

## Family to receive friends

OCT 5. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home  
9609 Center St.  
Manassas, VA 20110  
(703) 257-6028  
pfh@piercefh.com  
<https://www.piercefh.com>

## Family to receive friends

OCT 5. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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## **Mass of Christian Burial**

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OCT **6**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church  
12975 Purcell Road  
Manassas, VA 20112

# Tribute Wall

BH

“ *What a great man he was. I will always remember how great of a person he was and all he did with the CHEMS project in IBM*

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**Bill Hoover** - November 07, 2021 at 01:00 AM

DG

“ *I am very sad. Lou was a terrific friend, and I considered him my virtual uncle. I moved to California a few years ago, but in March of 2017, I was in Virginia, so I stopped by to see Lou and Marie, I brought some doughnuts, Marie made us coffee, and we had a great time. I woke this morning (9/13/2018) and thought of Lou, and realized I had not heard from him in a while, and I had this sad feeling. Then I did a google search and found the dreaded news. I am so sorry to Lou's family...Marie, David, Arlene & Debbie, and all the grandchildren. I am sad he is gone. He was a very good person and a true friend. I only wished I had known of his parting of this world sooner. I am really, really sorry.*

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**Dino O Gregorich** - September 13, 2018 at 08:17 PM

JP

“ *Our Love, thoughts and prayers go out to Aunt Marie, Debby, Arlene, David and family. Our memories of Uncle Lou will be cherished (visits to Ohio, family reunions in Ky, weddings in VA.- it's been much too long since all the family were together). He was a wonderful person and his presence will be greatly missed. All our Love, the Machenheimer's- Jane, Mike, Casey and Hannah along with Bill (Dolly) Pruitte ( he is not on any social media).*

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**Jane Pruitte** - October 15, 2017 at 11:09 PM

WI

“ I still Remember your every word...last time you called me from Rehab I was so Happy to hear your voice....I thought everything is going to be Ok! but.....

*May God Bless Your Soul*

*Wilson*

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**Wilson** - October 11, 2017 at 03:06 PM

NN

“ *Black liquorish, jelly bellies, coffee, Boston cream pie, Mensa problems, Tom & Jerry, marbles games, hot glue gun holders, kitchen table conversations....*

*Planner, genealogist, historian, mathematician, project extraordinaire, advocate, carpenter, teacher..*

*Welcoming, kind hearted, gentle, generous, shoulder squeezing, family loving💕.*

*We will miss him deeply,  
Nancy, Alan, Kali and Connor*

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**Nancy Nanavaty** - October 07, 2017 at 05:42 PM

BF

“ *Lou was a great guy, he was my manager at IBM Manassas. We had the greatest Facilities Engineering Team under Lou's guidance and support. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family.*

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**Bill Felton** - October 07, 2017 at 02:48 PM

WI

“ I am deeply saddened by this news . Such a beautiful soul gone. I will always remember your strong will power and never giving up attitude ...you will always be missed... My sympathies to Balboni family.May God Bless His Soul

Wilson

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**Wilson** - October 05, 2017 at 10:57 AM

AZ

“ Mr. Balboni will be sorely missed. His experience and knowledge was paramount during his time with the Solid Waste Citizen's Advisory Group. I am pleased to have known him; if only for a short time.

Amy Zitzmann  
ASA II Solid Waste Division, Prince William County Government

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**Amy Zitzmann** - October 05, 2017 at 09:17 AM

BB

“ I recall growing up with a kid, nearly 50 years ago, going camping with Uncle Lou, Aunt Marie and the kids on a near monthly basis back when they lived in Owego, and our family lived in Appalachin. Sitting around the fire and telling good stories and laughing. Years later, I also recall times when Uncle Lou had me over when they had their foreign exchange students visiting and the many times I came over to hang with David. I also fondly remember him chipping in and helping us layout and build our 800 square foot deck here in CT. Our deck is still there some 25 years and sports new composite decking and aluminum railing, and nearly every time I step on it I recall how my Uncle Lou, Aunt Marie, and my parents helped us out that week. He will be sorely missed by all. Our condolences go out to the entire family. David, see you later in the month down at Lake Anna.

*Bob Bovaird  
Southbury, CT*

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**Bob Bovaird** - October 05, 2017 at 07:31 AM

AB

“ Deeply sorry for the lost of Luigi, please accept our deepest condolences. Arrigo Vanna Silvia Balboni Renazzo

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**Arrigo balboni** - October 05, 2017 at 04:24 AM

CN

“ *My deepest sympathy to the Balboni family. I will miss Lou's stories and his laugh. I have so many fond memories of being part of the whole family sitting around the table eating a delicious meal and then talking and laughing for hours afterwards. Lou knew something about just about every topic that came up. His knowledge of trivia, and of how things worked, was amazing. Lou's love for his family was evident to everyone around him. He did his best to leave this world better for the rest of us. He was a good man and I will miss him.*



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**Carol Baird Nansel** - October 05, 2017 at 12:15 AM

BA

“ *I was Lou's Administrative Assistant for several years. He was a very kind man and the best boss I ever had. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family.*

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**Becky Ashby** - October 04, 2017 at 05:09 PM

BG

“ *Lou was a close friend for me in our retirement years . We spent a lot of time eating ,talking, traveling in the USA and Europe. Luckily for me he spoke Italian and loved Boston Cream pie.I will miss him. Bob Goessman.*

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**bob goessman** - October 04, 2017 at 03:19 PM

BS

“ Lou was a fun guy to work with in IBM Owego and Manassas. He always did his job well and I enjoyed talking to him about his Italian heritage – as well as the subjects we have in common, ROTC, Corps of Engineers and Mechanical Engineering. I raise my prayers for Lou’s family/Bob Skelding

Bob Skelding - October 04, 2017 at 12:08 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Louis Angelo (Lou) Balboni.



October 04, 2017 at 10:45 AM

LF

“ Love, Bob and family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Louis Angelo (Lou) Balboni.



Love, Bob and family - October 04, 2017 at 10:32 AM

CG

“ Heartfelt condolences go out to Lou's family at this tender time. His love of Old Town Manassas and commitment to the success of the downtown community will be felt for years to come. He will be missed. ~ Charles Gilliam and the Okra's family



Charles Gilliam - October 04, 2017 at 10:16 AM

MG

“ *Our deepest sympathy to the Balboni family. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Maury & Vera Gerson*

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**Maury Gerson** - October 04, 2017 at 08:47 AM



“ *Even when Lou was ill, he organized the neighborhood to make sure any development nearby was suitable, and even an improvement. i admired him immensely for all his work in the community.*

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**Barbara Deegan** - October 04, 2017 at 07:10 AM

AR

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**Arlene** - October 03, 2017 at 03:41 PM