



## Demetrio "Me-Mo" Anthony Marciano

December 15, 1920 - January 1, 2009

On Thursday, January 1, 2009, Demetrio "Me-mo" A. Marciano, age 88, of Grasonville, Maryland and formerly of Langley Park, Maryland, passed away peacefully at Anne Arundel Medical Center.

Born in 1920 in Reggio Calabria, Italy, the family immigrated to the United States in 1921. In his youth, he worked with his father as a gas lamp lighter in Rock Creek Park, lighting the lamps at dusk and returning the following morning to extinguish them. He was an Army Air Corps veteran of World War II; a retired marble and tile mason, and he retired in 1993 from the National Zoo in Washington, D. C. where he worked as an exhibit specialist. He was a dedicated wood carver, mason, and tile artisan. He fashioned many original masonry facades at the National Zoo, and made a variety of beautiful sculptures which he gave to his family and friends.

A devoted husband, father and brother, he is survived by his children, Catherine Marciano of Alexandria, Virginia; Mary Sydnor and her husband Gene of Warsaw, Virginia; Patricia Speakman and her husband Donald of Grasonville, Maryland; Vincent Marciano of Alexandria, Virginia, and Theresa Hurley and her husband John of Huntingtown, Maryland. He is also survived by six grandchildren, Kevin and Kenneth Sydnor, Vincent and Eric "Rick" Marciano, and Jessica and Christopher Hurley. He was preceded in death by his wife, Irene, and his sisters, Margaret Zagami and Eleanora Clews.

Visitation will be held from 2 to 4 pm and 6 to 8 pm on Tuesday, January 6, 2008 at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A., 106 Shamrock

Road, Chester, MD where a funeral service will follow at 8:00 pm. Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Friends of the National Zoo; PO Box 37012 MRC 5516; Washington, D.C. 20013. Online condolences may be made to [www.fhnfuneralhome.com](http://www.fhnfuneralhome.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Demetrio "Me-Mo" Anthony Marciano*



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**Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home** - January 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Demetrio "Me-Mo" Anthony Marciano*

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October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Demetrio "Me-Mo" Anthony Marciano*

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January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Demetrio "Me-Mo" Anthony Marciano*

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January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ To Trisha and Don and all "Pops" family:  
Frank and I met "Me-Mo" (we lovingly called him "Pops") at our first Lehigh Reunion (early 2000's) at Don and Trisha's tranquil and lovely home in Maryland.  
Pops was truly a gracious, kind, and humble man. Soft-spoken and generous with his sharing of whatever was asked of him, I recall how very humble he was. He never boasted about anything he had done, yet he had reason to do so. He was so appreciative of both Trisha and Don for all they did for him in his later years. He 'humbly' showed us his collection of ships he had made, only because I insisted on it. He loved desserts, his cigar, and his pooch, though not necessarily in that order. The one thing I loved about Pops is that he always had the same gentle and loving eyes that seemed to secretly treasure his memories of all those he loved. He also always had a genuinely joyful smile to share with anyone.

*What a blessing and privilege it was to have met, known, and loved this kind, gentle man. He will surely be missed this side of heaven, but we can well imagine how elated Heaven is now that "Pops" is finally "Home"!*

*Our prayers and love are with you all,  
Margie and Frank Richardson##imported-begin##Frank and Margie Richardson##imported-end##*

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January 27, 2009 at 01:36 PM



“ God's blessing to Demetrio and all his Family.##imported-begin##Margaret and Ed hoffman##imported-end##

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January 25, 2009 at 11:33 AM



“ We are so sad to hear of the loss of your father Uncle Memo. . . As Mac and I always say that he really made us feel comfortable with his friendly smile and his genuine down to earth style. We can always hold dear the memories that we shared as family. I especially remember he always had a cigar. . . May you all be comforted by our dear LORD during this time of your loss.  
Warm loving greetings,  
Mac and Cousin Becky###imported-begin###Mac and Becky Ramey###imported-end###

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January 05, 2009 at 03:07 PM



“ To the Marciano Family: We are so sorry for your loss. You are in our thoughts at this difficult time. We know that Mo will be greatly missed, but he'll always live on in your memories of him.

Jim, Tracy, Jamie and Justin Gentilucci  
Middletown, MD###imported-begin###The Gentilucci Family###imported-end###

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January 05, 2009 at 07:56 AM



“ Because Patty and I have known each other since grade school, and the Hurley and Marciano families were in the same neighborhood, I have known "Mr. Marciano" (when you first meet an adult when you are a child, you can never refer to them any other way!) for most of my life. He was also part of many Hurley family gatherings after Terry and John got married. Because he wasn't one to talk about himself, however, I didn't know how interesting his life had been until I read the obituary. I'm sorry I never got the opportunity to talk to him about everything he had done. Chuck, Charlie and I are going to make a trip to the Washington Zoo to admire his work. Our sympathies and best wishes go out to the entire Marciano family. We will all miss him.##imported-begin##Kathy McDonald##imported-end##

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January 05, 2009 at 07:38 AM



“ An honor and pleasure to have know "Pop".From crosswords, to Crumpton, to just talkin', a great time always. He will certainly be missed, but never, never forgotten.##imported-begin##Rich and Barbara Troyan##imported-end##

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January 04, 2009 at 06:42 PM



“ To the Marciano Family,  
Our thoughts are with you at this difficult time. As long as I have known Uncle Memo he was a gentle, kind person. Whom we will all miss greatly.

Our deepest sympathy from the Evans Family##imported-begin##Peggy, John and Jake Evans##imported-end##

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January 04, 2009 at 02:21 PM



“ With love and a prayer for comfort for Trish and all of the family in this time of bereavement.##imported-begin##The Rev. & Mrs. Earl M. Brooks##imported-end##

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January 04, 2009 at 12:23 PM



“ Uncle Memo could simply have been my mother's brother. But he was much more to me than that. He was a family treasure. I have wonderful memories of him (and wish I had made the time to have many more).

One of my memories is actually pictured in the video tribute. Uncle Memo, with a cigar and in his jaunty hat, taking us all for a ride in his convertible through Rock Creek Park, making sure to speed up through the creek so that we would all be splashed. I still get a thrill when I'm driving in the DC area and see signs for Rock Creek Park. When the weather warms, I plan to go there, put the top down on my own convertible (another legacy from Uncle Memo), light up a cigar and take a memorial ride to my favorite uncle.

The other prominent memory is taking my wife (whom I was then dating) to meet my Uncle Memo at the National Zoo, where he was working at the time. I was very excited about these two special people in my life meeting and getting to know each other. I knew they would find an immediate connection (which they did). At that time, my mother was very unaccepting of my wife-to-be, but one phone call from Uncle Memo set in motion a change that led to many wonderful years of friendship for my wife and my mother. How can someone who creates two such different, yet equally wonderful, memories not be special.

God bless you, Uncle Memo.##imported-begin##Vince Clews##imported-end##

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January 03, 2009 at 01:24 PM