



Dr. Lloyd L. Vaccarelli

February 18, 1917 - August 4, 2013

Dr. Lloyd L. Vaccarelli, 96, peacefully went to be with the Lord on August 4, 2013, at Monmouth Medical Center, Long Branch, N.J. with his family at his side. He was born on February 18, 1917, in Red Bank and spent most of his adult life in Fair Haven where he practiced dentistry for 54 years and served as school dentist for the Fair Haven schools. He was warm, outgoing, optimistic and religious and provided free dental care to many who could not afford to pay. He was also known in the greater Red Bank area as the "harmonica man," who would provide impromptu entertainment in supermarkets and other establishments and attract and entertain children of all ages. For the last few years, he resided at Kensington Court in Tinton Falls, N.J. He most enjoyed spending time with his wife Dorothy, daughter Sandra, his granddaughter Kimberly Dalton, an accomplished singer, and his son-in-law John.

While a student at Red Bank High School, from which he graduated in 1934, he competed in all major sports, receiving letters in football and basketball. In 1938, he received his bachelor's degree at the University of Miami, where he played baseball and basketball. He continued in active competition in the same sports at the Medical College of Virginia (now Virginia Commonwealth University), where he received his D.D.S. degree. After graduation, he served from 1943 to 1946 as a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy Dental Corps, 52nd Seabees, 3rd Marines in Hawaii and Guam.

He is survived by his wife of 70 years, Dorothy Steinmann Vaccarelli of Richmond, Virginia, his daughter Sandra V. D'Amico, his granddaughter Kimberly J. Dalton, and his son-in-law, retired Superior Court Judge John D'Amico. He is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was predeceased by his parents, John and Marianna Vaccarelli, his brothers Patrick, Anthony, John, and George, and his sisters Rose, Lucy and Edith.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, August 8 from 5:30 to 8:30 pm at the Bongarzone Funeral Home, 2400 Shafto Road, Tinton Falls, NJ. A Funeral Mass will be offered at St. Anthony of Padua Roman Catholic Church, Red Bank, on Friday August 9, at 10:30 AM. The family has requested that everyone go directly to church on Friday, there will be no visitation prior to mass. Entombment will follow at the Woodbine Cemetery & Mausoleum in Oceanport.

Cemetery Details

Woodbine Cemetery & Mausoleum

1173 Eatontown Blvd
Oceanport, NJ 07757

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

AUG 9. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Anthony of Padua-Red Bank
121 Bridge Avenue
Red Bank, NJ 07701

Tribute Wall

BH

“ *Bongarzone Funeral Home lit a candle in memory of Dr. Lloyd L. Vaccarelli*



Bongarzone Funeral Home - August 24, 2013 at 09:10 AM

JG

“ *Dorothy Vaccarelli*

Dear Aunt Dot, I just found out about Uncle Lloyd's passing. On behalf of myself, my wife Crissy, and my children James & Morgan and the rest of the Gibbons family, I want to extend our deepest condolences and sadness over the loss of Uncle Lloyd.

I cherish the many memories playing in your yard as children along with my brother & sisters & all the neighborhood children on River Road. You and Lloyd were always so kind and inviting, we all will miss him so very much.

Our deepest sympathies, Jamie Gibbons.

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MA

“ *Mrs. Vaccarelli,*

Our prayers are with you and your family. You and your husband were two of the kindest people that I have ever met. From your concern about my parent's health to making Christmas stockings for us, I will always fondly remember my many trips to Dr. V who went out of his way to make sure I left feeling happy and relieved.

God Bless, John and Robin Maddaus

maddaus - August 10, 2013 at 01:37 PM

SM

“ My family was so blessed to have been in the presence of Dr.Lloyd and wonderful Dorothy. Angels on earth. I was in the hospital with a heart attack and scared to death. When they heard they came to see me and precious Dr. Lloyd played his harmonica for me. My friend Don Lawson also wants me to express his sympathy. When Dr. Lloyd would see Don he always referred to the baseball player with the same name. I am so sorry for his family's loss but God gave us a true treasure who influenced so many lives. God bless you all. Susan Maddalena, my husband Carl and our grandson Chris whom they loved and who certainly loved them.

Susan and Carl Maddalena - August 08, 2013 at 07:40 PM

EH

“ Sandy, John, and Kim,
Our heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your dearly beloved father and grandfather. Know that our love and prayers are with you as you grieve your loss. The world is a little dimmer without the light of Lloyd.
God Bless, Ed and Camille

Ed and Camille Herr - August 08, 2013 at 07:37 AM

SH

“ I remember well going to visit Uncle Vac and Aunt Dorothy and cousin Sandra when I was young. It was always in the summer and I get to go across the street to the River and spend time with their neighbor Dino. Uncle Vac and Dorothy always rolled out the carpet when family came and we would go on day trips and to Asbury Park. He would shake your hand and vibrate when he did it and it was so funny. And evening meals at a family members restaurant with real Italian food was awesome. What a kind soul he was. My head is bowed in prayer for his safe voyage to his Lord. I send my heartfelt sorrow to Sandra,John and Aunt Dorothy. I know their faith will show them peace in this time of loss. In his name. Stuart Carrington Harlow

Stuart Carrington Harlow - August 07, 2013 at 07:31 PM

SG

“ I've known Mr. and Mrs. Vaccarelli since I was a little girl and went through grammar school and high school with Sandy. What an optimistic and jovial man he was and it was always a pleasure to speak with him and Mrs. Vaccarelli when I would run into them in the food store. Mr. Vaccarelli was my husband's dentist when he was a young boy, so he knew him well also. We are away on vacation but want to send our sincere sympathy to Sandy, her Mom and all of their family. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this sad time!
Fondly,
Sharon and Lynn Gilbert

Sharon Gilbert - August 07, 2013 at 09:00 AM

BT

“ I read Dr. vaccarelli's obit in the press this morning and was saddened to know of his passing. I have fond memories of him and his harmonica playing in various places. What a pleasant soul he had. I even have gone to a few garage sales at his home! His wife is just as pleasant! Rest in paradise my friend. I'll look for you when I get there! May The Lord bless your wife and family at this difficult time.
Brenda Terry, Red Bank

brenda terry - August 07, 2013 at 06:32 AM

KA

"OH SUZANNA, OH DON'T YOU CRY FOR ME. FOR I COME FROM ALABAMA WITH A BANJO ON MY KNEE..."
LLOYDY WAS OUR TEACHER OF COURTESY IN TENDERNESS. HE GAVE US HIS GIFT OF LIGHTHEARTED LAUGHTER. WE SAW HEAVEN IN HIS EYES. IN THE EVENINGS STILLNESS, AFTER ALL OF THE BIRDS HAVE DRIFTED INTO THEIR NIGHTS DREAMS, I CAN SIT IN THE SILENCE AND KNOW WHERE YOU ARE DEAR MAN, AS
A FAINT SOUND OF YOUR HARMONICA WILL WHISP THRU THE TREES. GOD HAS INDEED BLESSED US ALL FOR KNOWING YOU. WE LOVE YOU AND DOROTHY FOR ALWAYS. MAY LLOYDY'S SPIRIT COMFORT HIS BEAUTIFUL FAMILY THRU THIS CELEBRATED YET MOST DIFFICULT PASSAGE. ~ WITH FILLED HEARTS, JERRY, KASHA, CHRISTA AND STEFAN XO

KASHA - August 07, 2013 at 10:11 AM