



## Rocco Bongarzone

May 4, 1921 - August 19, 2015

Rocco Bongarzone of Modena, Italy, formerly of West Long Branch, passed away on Wednesday August 19, 2015. He was born on May 4, 1921 in Valle Fiorita, Italy and in 1936 at the age of 15 came to the United States, living in Long Branch and West Long Branch nearly all his life. He was a veteran of World War II serving in the army infantry in India for three years. He worked as a barber in Wanamassa and Spring Lake for over 60 years then in 2011 he moved back to Italy to live with his daughter in Modena.

He is predeceased by his wife Anna Bongarzone, his sisters; Maria Froio and Elisabeth Magisano. Surviving is his loving daughter Maria and her husband Dalmazio Dina, his cherished grandchildren Alessandro, Beatrice, Carolina and Gilda Dina, and his great granddaughter Alma. He is also survived by a sister; Angela Catricala of Oceanport, a brother; Tony Bongarzone of Long Branch and many nieces and nephews.

All services for Rocco are being held in Italy. For online condolences please visit his memorial website here in the US at [www.bongarzonefuneralhome.com](http://www.bongarzonefuneralhome.com).

# Tribute Wall

DR

“ I am sending my condolences to your entire family. I just found out today of Mr. Bongarzones passing. I worked at Peter Cooper Village in the office. He was a gentleman, always had kind words. He will always be in my prayers.

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**Donna Rogers** - September 14, 2015 at 07:40 PM

SS

“ *Maria-*  
*I'm so sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. No matter our age, or theirs, it's always heart breaking to lose a parent. Allow family and friends to comfort you now. My prayers are with you.*

*Susan Ruscil Sikora (RBC)*

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**Sue Ruscil Sikora** - August 27, 2015 at 08:21 PM

LF

“ *Rest in peace zio Rocco. It was pleasure having you as a great uncle. You were a true gentleman. Say hi to nonna.*

*Love and God Bless,*

*Luisa*



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**Luisa Francavilla** - August 22, 2015 at 01:14 PM

BE

“ My beloved nonno, it's hard to not be there today. I am watching the videos I shot of you in the last 10 years and it's even harder to believe that this is how now I'll see you again. I knew this day would come, but somehow for me you were going to live forever, cause your beauty truly is immortal.

I spent with you many of the best moments of my life, joyful and funny situations that will always make my heart laugh out loud and smile quiet too. I'll always remember you peeling an apple and sharing it in half with me after a healthy meal, your freshly squeezed orange juice waiting in the fridge before sunrise, our Saturday night pizzas after your busy working day at the barber shop, your chicken soup with red hot chili pepper or the cookies we'd share together watching the evening news. This list could go on forever, cause many beautiful days of my life were spent in your precious company. I loved watching you doing the simplest things, like ironing your shirts, combing your amazing hair, doing your morning stretching at 4:30am. Ohh nonno, I admire so dearly your way of life, in everything you did there was kindness, elegance, moderation and balance. No guru could be wiser than you, to me. you were and are the best human being I met. My beloved grandpa, my best of everything, I'll meet you again in all the sweetness and wisdom of existence. Buona notte nonno mio, sweet dreams grandpa Rocky. I love you, always. Beatrice

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**Beatrice** - August 21, 2015 at 12:14 PM

BU

“ Sorry for your loss. Grief can be so hard but the love and support of family and friends help cope. Draw close to God and he will draw close to you.

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**Bunnie** - August 20, 2015 at 07:48 PM

AN

“ Dear Mary and family,  
Your father's death saddens each one of us who knew him for most of our adult lives. He was one of those rare people on earth who was truly a good person. He was a soft spoken man a true gentleman. I will always remember the way he distinguished himself in life with respect and class. You and your family will certainly miss him but your life as well as all of ours has been touched by his. You have many treasured memories they are your inheritance. We are praying for all of you and have all our blessings.

Love, Anthony, Grace & Family

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Anthony - August 20, 2015 at 07:41 PM

MB

Dear Anthony, your words are touching and I appreciate what you have done for Uncle Rocky, my dad. thank you from the bottom of my heart. love , Mary and family

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maria bongarzone - August 21, 2015 at 12:21 AM

MB

dear Anthony, could you post the obituary on Asbury Park Press cuz most of his clients or friends don't use FB and the only way they would know is by the newspaper. thanks!

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maria bongarzone - August 21, 2015 at 02:08 PM

BH

“ Bongarzone Funeral Home lit a candle in memory of Rocco Bongarzone



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bongarzone funeral home - August 19, 2015 at 09:44 PM

DK

“ Dear Mary and family,  
Jimmy, Lauren , JT and I are so sorry to hear about your father.  
Please know we send our deepest sympathies to all of you. We  
loved your father and will miss him dearly.  
Love, Denise

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**Denise Bongarzone Kessler** - August 19, 2015 at 07:48 PM

MB

thank You so much Denise. a boh hug ti all of You.

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**maria bongarzone** - August 19, 2015 at 10:54 PM

LH

Dear Mary and family,  
Our deepest sympathy. He will be missed so much. He was such a  
gentle, loving and caring person. He will always have a special place in  
my heart.  
Love to all,  
Lena, Lowell and family.

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**Lena Higgins** - August 21, 2015 at 08:15 AM

MB

Dear Mary and family,  
Mark and I are very sorry to hear of your father's passing.He was a  
special person who has left all who loved him with warm and happy  
memories.  
He always told Mark and I to take time from each day for ourselves.  
Even if it was drinking that fresh glass of orange juice every morning or  
sitting down for lunch each day.  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.  
Love,  
Marisa, Mark, Mark and Michael

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**Marisa Biebel** - August 21, 2015 at 05:14 PM

FS

*Dear Tony,  
Our deepest sympathy goes out to you and your family. It is very hard to accept the loss of family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Forte and Don*

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**F. Squillante** - August 23, 2015 at 08:21 AM

AA

*Dear Maria, So sorry to hear of your loss. You and your family are my prayers. Angela Fierro Alcott*

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**Angela Alcott** - August 27, 2015 at 03:05 PM