



Domenic D. Rosa

March 1, 1926 - July 8, 2020

Seabrook - Domenic D. Rosa Of Seabrook Beach passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his loving family on Wednesday, July 8, 2020.

He was born and raised in Cambridge, MA on March 1, 1926, the son of Michael and Antoinette (Capodilupo) Rosa.

In Dom's own words:

His parents were immigrants from southern Italy. He had four brothers and two sisters, and everyone worked. Those were the days of the Great Depression. "Dad worked in a piano factory during the day and an upholstery factory at night. I sold papers, shined shoes... I did just about anything to make a buck. Education was very important in my family. I must have done something right because I managed to earn a one-year scholarship to Harvard."

Before Mr. Rosa could put one foot inside those hallowed halls, World War II broke out. "My buddies and I were gung-ho about joining the army. Just before I signed the papers, I made a snap decision to join the Navy Air Force. I wanted to be a pilot. I was sent to Holy Cross college, then Williams college and finally the University of North Carolina to become a pilot. Before I could finish, the Navy decided it needed navigators, so I was sent to school in Maine and later Hawaii. The war ended, and I returned home."

"I met my beautiful wife of 70 years, Geraldine (Nugent) Rosa and soon after had a baby, the first of nine." "America went back to war with Korea and I was called back into the service. My job was to help repair the damage done to three aircraft carriers during World War II. I was a Lieutenant JG. I took up boxing and I guess I was pretty good because I became the squadron champ." Returning to Boston, Mr. Rosa took advantage of the G.I. Bill and went on to graduate from Harvard, with a degree in political science. Mr. Rosa needed to provide for his family, so he went to work for RadioShack as a salesman, calling on electronic manufacturing companies. "I was observant. I saw the mistakes various electronic companies were making and I knew how to avoid them. I borrowed \$3000 from my father and started R&D Electronics. I subsequently created Pacer Electronics. I named it Pacer electronics because I like to watch the horses. We became very successful. I say WE because it was a family business. I relied on my kids to make it work. Ultimately Pacer went on to have offices in Connecticut, Florida, New York, Texas, Arizona, North Carolina, California and several overseas."

An entrepreneur at heart, he was always looking for the next opportunity. In addition to R&D Electronics and Pacer Electronics, Mr. Rosa started numerous electronic component companies including JV Electronics, PCA, Spartan and many other companies. Domenic Rosa was a well-known and respected giant in the electronics industry. In addition, he went on to own several bars, hotels, houses, car dealerships and restaurants. His love of horses and a little convincing from his wife, lead him to his next endeavor, racehorses; which he named after his children and grandchildren. He ultimately became part owner of Suffolk Downs.

Eventually Domenic decided it was time to slow down, so he started selling his various businesses. He wanted to enjoy his family and watch the ocean from his home in Seabrook Beach. He was an avid runner, handball and

tennis player, who enjoyed lifting weights and exercising up to his last days. Above all, he was a kind and compassionate gentleman and leader. He led with a kind heart and ruled with an iron fist, all with the ultimate combination of strength, wisdom, generosity and kindness. He helped many people, never left them wanting. The world could use many more like him!

Dom was a shrewd negotiator, we can only imagine, at the gates of heaven he paid for the garden apartment, but he's living in the penthouse, deservedly so. Heaven is lucky to have him, a true saint among men. He is sorely missed.

In addition to his wife Gerry , family members include his nine children Michael Rosa and his wife Laura, Donna Burke and her husband George, Mark Rosa and his wife Cyndi, Kim Rosa , Joanne Trocki and her husband Edward, Judy Rosa, Charles Rosa and his wife Mary, Cynthia Rosa, Thomas Rosa and his wife Gail; 31 grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

Due to the pandemic all services will be private. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the [Alzheimers Association][https://act.alz.org/site/Donation2?](https://act.alz.org/site/Donation2?df_id=32112&32112.donation=form1&_ga=2.193653037.1081655047.1594330224-1512960137.1594330224&utm_expid=.sWj0EUFkTAuNcr-ICri33g.0&utm_referrer=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.alz.org%2F%3F_ga%3D2.193653037.1081655047.1594330224-1512960137.1594330224)

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Comments



“ Rest in Peace to Mr. Rosa. I never called him Domenic or Dom because I knew him through my lifelong friend and his youngest son, Tom. From my interactions with him, I could tell he was a wonderful father and husband, an outstanding business leader and a true American patriot. I remember his cars, his runs and walks, how he called for Tom "Tommy!" and how he worked a crowded grill amongst a hovering and hungry crowd on July 3 at Seabrook Beach. Later, as an undergraduate, he allowed me to work at Pacer Electronics as a paid intern, a good experience for me. Domenic Rosa was a great man who set the example in all walks of life for his children and extended family, for his employees, for me, and for many others. He will be missed, but never forgotten.

Steve Rooney - July 26 at 08:33 AM



“ Chuckie, Mary, and family - So sorry for the loss of your Dad/Grandpa. You all are a living tribute to him with your kindness and caring of people. With sympathy - Betsey Ross



ELZABETH A ROSS - July 14 at 10:48 AM



“ Always a smile and read to chit chat... sorry to learn of his passing, but he just made Heaven a better place.
Phyllis Farfaras

Phyllis Farfaras - July 14 at 09:50 AM



“ Gia Viquez lit a candle in memory of Domenic D. Rosa



Gia Viquez - July 13 at 10:12 PM



“ Memories of Dom coming to see my dad who was a cousin in Cambridge many years ago. My dad would say what a good kid he was and what a great man he grew up to be.
My prayers are with you all. Carolann Ciccarelli Courtney

Carolann Ciccarelli Courtney - July 13 at 10:01 PM



“ When I first met Dom I knew in the first minute of speaking with him that this man was a very classy guy who was genuinely a very kind man who truly cared about people and would help anyone who needed it . Dom will be sorely missed by so many people !

David Sacchetti - July 13 at 07:54 PM



“ - The Two In One Mfg Team - Lee, Andrew, & Ylan purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Domenic D. Rosa.



- The Two In One Mfg Team - Lee, Andrew, & Ylan - July 13 at 02:04 PM



“ May he Rest in Peace. He was a gift to this world. May your very best memories of him linger in your hearts. Blessings to the Rosa Family.
William and Sofia Haffenreffer

Sofia & William Haffenreffer - July 13 at 09:41 AM



“ We were very sad to learn of Dom's passing. What a wonderful write up in the Boston Globe of all his accomplishments. As friends of Joanne and Ed please accept our dearest condolences.
Sincerely,
Paul and Annette Kennedy

Paul and Annette Kennedy - July 12 at 06:41 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. He would try to get me to go to the track when I would come by to see Donna!!! Wayne Hale

wayne d hale - July 12 at 05:27 PM



“ Dear Donna and Rosa family,
My heartfelt condolences and deepest sympathy, for your loss. I have very warm memories of the fun we had summers in Seabrook.
Peace, Sheila Maloney

Sheila Maloney - July 12 at 12:08 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Domenic D. Rosa.



July 12 at 11:18 AM



“ I always remember being up late at nite when we were at the cape in my early teens not much of a sleeper my older cousins out galavanting i had many long conversations with dom (who was always awake) about everything and nothing my favorite uncle and i miss him now

JOHN OBRIEN - July 12 at 11:12 AM



“ The Rollins Family Bill&Bonnie&Brittaney&Bridgett purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Domenic D. Rosa.



The Rollins Family Bill&Bonnie&Brittaney&Bridgett - July 12 at 10:01 AM



“ Uncle Dom is joining some wonderful family members in heaven. Such wonderful pictures that brought tears to my eyes. Thank you to you and your family for being there. I will always remember your support when my father was failing. You were there! He will be greatly missed. Happy you have so many memories. Ellen Rosa Shanley

Ellen hnaley - July 12 at 09:34 AM



“ So sorry Donna. GOD will give you strength to get thru this. Faith, GOD is good a perfect. Love you guys. Gia. San José, Costa Rica. Central America.

Gia Víquez - July 11 at 10:37 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Domenic D. Rosa.



July 11 at 05:53 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Domenic D. Rosa.



July 11 at 05:31 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Domenic D. Rosa.





July 11 at 04:29 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers to all of you. Mr.Rosa as I will always call him was a great man with a wonderful family. Our deepest sympathies. Donna & Scott Tingley.

Donna Tingley - July 11 at 04:24 PM



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Pamela Swords - July 11 at 03:46 PM



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“ 4 files added to the album Memories Album



Pamela Swords - July 11 at 02:14 PM



“ He was a King among men.
Peace be with him, and the entire Rosa family.
With love always,
Dana Macdonough and family





“ So very sorry to hear. Thinking of you Chucky and Mary and all your family ♡

Gina McGinness - July 10 at 08:14 PM



“ My deepest condolences to the Rosa Nation. Mr. Rosa was a dear, kind and truly gentle gentleman who will be sorely missed. Sending love to the Rosas.

Angelica LaMorto-Corse - July 11 at 09:21 AM