

Honorary Grand Marshal

SALVATORE PASCARELLA

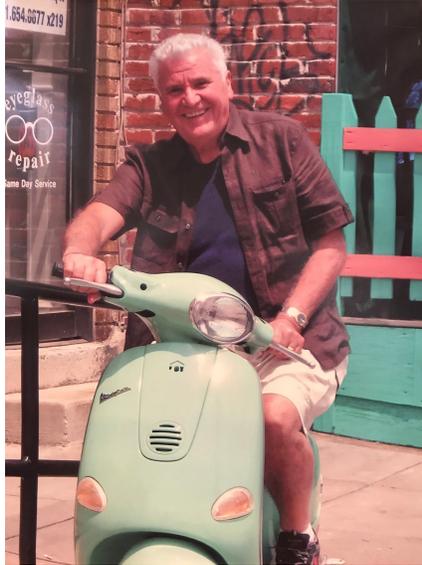
Salvatore Luigi Pascarella was born in 1936 in Cervino, Provincia Caserta, Italy, a town rich with olive and fig trees. Son of Vincenzo and Anna Pascarella, Sal was the youngest of 7 siblings - 5 boys and 2 girls. He attended elementary school until 5th grade when he left to learn the trade of shoemaking.

At 9 years old Sal learned to make the shoes by hand, at 14 years his father sent him to learn by machine. By the age of 16 years old, Sal was made foreman at the factory. During his time at the factory he met Dominick, another factory worker, and they quickly became good friends. Some time later, while visiting his friend's home, he saw the photo of Dominick's wife's sister, Raffaella who was now in America. He instantly fell in love.

Salvatore and Raffaella began to write letters to each other, and their love story began. In 1963 Rae came back to Italy to meet Sal, and they were married later that year on October 13th. Sal was 27 and Rae was 20 years old.

Shortly after their wedding, the newlyweds came to America to start their new life together. Sal began to work as a presser at Rae's cousin's store, where he learned the business of dry cleaning. In 1976, after 13 years pressing at the cousin's store, Sal opened his own business in Mahopac, "Sal's Cleaners."

Through the years Sal and Rae worked side by side. Their children, Anna & Vincenzo, along with nieces and nephews and friends alike, had their first jobs working at the family business.



After 41 hardworking years in the business of dry cleaning and shoe repair, Salvatore and Raffaella retired in the spring of 2017.

In his retirement, Sal looks forward to enjoying the good things in life with his wife by his side. Making homemade wine and jars of tomatoes, and working in his garden enjoying the fruits of his labor. Spending great time with his friends by playing racquetball, pickleball, bocce and bowling. Enjoying a game of Poker, Stoppa, and bocce tournaments with

his many friends that he has made at the Italian American Club, and spending quality family time with his children Anna & Vincenzo, and his 4 grandchildren, Billy, 17, Kateri, 17, Enzi, 14 & Virginia, 12.

Sal would like to thank the Italian American Club of Mahopac and the Columbus Day Festivities Committee for this wonderful honor of being chosen as an Honorary Grand Marshal for the 2018 Putnam County Columbus Day Parade.

