



Mario Arena

August 6, 1939 - January 10, 2024

Mario Arena, 84, St. Augustine, died January 10, 2024 at his home. He was born in Brooklyn, NY, son of the late Nicola and Giovania Arena, and had resided here for the past 5 years, moving here from Ormond Beach. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army. After his discharge from the Army he began his entrepreneurial career where he would develop and sell various businesses after getting them up and running successfully. He loved to play golf and made numerous friends on the course. He was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church.

A funeral mass will be held 10:00 a.m. Tuesday January 16, 2024 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church.

Interment with military honors will be held 11:30 a.m. Wednesday January 17, 2024 at Jacksonville National Cemetery.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Jane Arena, St. Augustine; two daughters, Jennifer Mallon (Sean), St. Augustine, Debra Arena; brother, Joseph Arena, Mandarin; two grandchildren, Justin and Lindsey; brother in law, Robert Mirenda and family with nieces and nephews as well as many friends.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Nicola Lance, and a brother, Paul Arena.

St. Johns Family Funeral Home and Crematory is in charge of arrangements.

Those unable to attend can view the service live streamed at <https://iframe.da>

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a7-b774547cf42c.

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

JAN 16. 10:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Good Counsel
5950 State Road 16
St. Augustine, FL

Committal Service with Military Honors

JAN 17. 11:30 AM (ET)

Jacksonville National Cemetery
4083 Lannie Rd
Jacksonville, FL 32218-1247
(904) 766-5222

Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mario Arena.*



January 15, 2024 at 01:42 PM



“ *My Uncle Mario was always a loving man. To him, Everyone was family. While nothing will replace your loss, the memories will always live forever in all the lives he touched and fed. I can only hope we will all be together again in another time.*



With love and prayers Ronnie, Destiny and GA Mirenda Family

Ronald J. Mirenda - January 15, 2024 at 01:04 PM



“ *We remember Mario's love of Italian food and his joy in preparing it for all his friends! Especially his wonderful pizza! My husband would be first in line at the neighborhood functions! It was so good! Mario made each pizza with love for us all. He was a giving, kind man and a good friend. Jane we love you and are here for you! Prayers for you and your family...*

Tina Solari - January 13, 2024 at 10:45 AM

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“ I remember my uncle Mario as a physically strong, but still gentle, man. Our hearts hurt for you, our prayers are with you. Love Robby & Kristine



Robby - January 13, 2024 at 08:43 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mario Arena.



January 13, 2024 at 08:38 AM