



Raymond "Sonnie" Calestini

October 4, 1924 - August 3, 2024

Sonnie passed away suddenly on August 3, 2024. He was born in New York to Italian immigrants Eugenia and Jules, who had very little but quickly made a wonderful life for Sonnie and his two sisters Helen and Eva. From a young age, Sonnie learned the importance of hard work and quickly followed in his parents path, a true entrepreneur and restaurateur; owning SaJul Vending and JR Construction that was part of the first wellness center in Milford, PA and the first strip mall in Westfall PA. He also served in the Army during the Korean war Sonnie was lucky enough to both live on a beautiful mountaintop in PA and footsteps to the beach in SC.

For everyone that met him it was hard to forget him and for those that knew him he held a special place in our hearts. He was certainly a strong willed man and most would even say tough but there was a softer side to him that not everyone saw. He had a passion for life; in his years he traveled to many beautiful places. He also loved to dance and loved music, even having the chance to see the Three Tenors, which was simply a magical experience for him. He also had a passion for food and enjoyed his talents by sharing his self taught talents with good friends and family. He was a loyal parishioner to St. Joseph's Church in Matamoras, PA and Precious Blood Catholic Church in Pawleys Island, SC

Sonnie leaves behind his loving and loyal wife, Kathleen G Calesini, his sons Raymond, Mark, Mari-Beth (and husband Ian) and Mark Romeo, along with his grand daughter Alyssa, Dominic & Brock and predeceased by his grand daughter Tulley.

The family is so very grateful for all of the wonderful friends, family and neighbors who have showered us with love and support during this time.

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is assisting the family.