



## Rocco J Cartisano

May 28, 1931 - February 6, 2018

Mr. Rocco J. "Rocky" Cartisano, 86, passed away Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at Embrace Hospice House in Myrtle Beach.

Born May 28, 1931 in Arnold, PA, he was the son of the late Philip Cartisano and the late Mary Catherine "Kate" Schlabig Cartisano. Mr. Cartisano served his country in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict and was a recent recipient of the Quilt of Valor. He was of the Methodist faith and served as a volunteer with the Conway Chamber of Commerce. Rocky graduated from the University of Pittsburgh and studied towards his Masters Degree at the University of Maryland. He enjoyed a long career as a manager with Western Electric and worked as a research associate with Coastal Carolina University. He was predeceased by his loving wife of 61 years, Dorothy Knepshield Cartisano.

Survivors include his children, Robert Philip Cartisano of Greensboro, NC, Cathy Ann Cartisano Andrews and husband John of Myrtle Beach, and Carol Lee Cartisano Yost of Lexington, NC; his grandchildren, Emily Spitzbergen, Martin Spitzbergen and wife Tori, Sarah Thomas, and Alex Thomas; his great-grandchildren, John, Hank, and Wade Spitzbergen; his sister, Laura Greene of Myrtle Beach; and his nieces, Linda Beauchamp and Karen Lashomb.

Funeral services will be held at 4:00PM Friday, February 9, 2018 at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel, officiated by Chaplain Fuzzy Lake. Burial, with Military Honors, will follow in Hillcrest Cemetery. The family will receive friends at the funeral home Thursday, February 8, 2018 from 5:00PM-7:00PM.

Memorial donations may be made to Embrace Hospice House, 175 Village Center Blvd., Myrtle Beach, SC 29579 or to the Horry County Disabilities and Special Needs Board, 250 Victory Lane, Conway, SC 29526.

Please sign the online guest register at [www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com](http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com)  
Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel, is serving the family.

# Cemetery Details

## Hillcrest Cemetery

1000 Hwy 544  
Conway, SC 29526  
(843) 347-4909  
<https://www.hillcrestcemetery.com/>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**FEB 8.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Goldfinch Funeral Home  
606-610 Beaty Street  
Conway, SC 29526  
(843) 248-4211  
[info@goldfinchfuneralhome.com](mailto:info@goldfinchfuneralhome.com)  
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## Funeral Service

**FEB 9.** 4:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

PS

“ *Cathy, Carol and Bob and all Cartisano family, Our hearts are saddened to learn of the death of a dear friend, Rocky. We will always cherish the good times we had at your beautiful home and swimming pool that you shared with the youth (and others) from Pleasant Union United Methodist Church. Dottie was a valued alto in our church choir and a dear friend. Remember all the good times you have had as a family and this will help bring some comfort.*

*Feel a hug from Julian, NC and know we love you!*

*With sympathy,  
Terry and Patricia Shoffner*

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**Patricia Flinchum Shoffner** - February 09, 2018 at 04:28 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rocco J Cartisano.*



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February 09, 2018 at 01:02 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Rocco J Cartisano.*



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February 09, 2018 at 12:50 PM

RN

“ Rachel Newton lit a candle in memory of Rocco J Cartisano



Rachel Newton - February 09, 2018 at 09:47 AM

PH

“ Please accept my sincere sympathies on the loss of your Dad. Rocky and I played on the CCU Friday golf league through Campus Recreation many years ago and when I'd see him on campus, he would always stop and say hello. Cherish your memories.

Poppy Hepp - February 08, 2018 at 04:11 PM

GH

“ Carol & Family: Sorry for your loss. Your family has been in my prayers. Greg Hicks - Bernards Furniture

Greg Hicks - February 08, 2018 at 02:54 PM

SA

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Both of your parents were wonderful. I've known them since I was 5 years old. A long, long time of good memories until you moved. But that house was always yours. He is now at peace and with your mom. I love you all. Stacie



Stacie Aspiote - February 08, 2018 at 02:14 PM

Jl

“ I am so sorry to hear of Rocky's passing. He was a lovely gentleman, always upbeat and positive. He was much loved at CCU by everyone.

Jan Igoe - February 08, 2018 at 01:55 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Rocco J Cartisano.



February 08, 2018 at 12:39 PM

LB

“ I am so sorry to hear of Rocco's death. He was a very special person. We at Rite Aid loved his smiling face and hugs! I remember sharing my homemade peirogi's with him. I, and my coworkers, will miss him. Linda Budniewski, Pharmacist

linda budniewski - February 08, 2018 at 12:38 PM

AB

“ I am so sorry to hear of the loss of this dear sweet man. He and I became friends at CCU and he was always a bright spot in my day. I hope that his family can find some comfort in how much he was loved by all who knew him.

I will certainly miss Rocky and pray that he finds eternal peace. Rest in peace my friend.

Angela Barwick

Angela Barwick - February 08, 2018 at 11:22 AM

WU

“ Thanks for your service Soldier !!!  
Wayne Williams  
United States Marine Corps



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Wayne Williams - USMC - February 08, 2018 at 10:49 AM



“ 66 files added to the album Life Tributes



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Goldfinch Funeral Home - February 08, 2018 at 10:25 AM

JS

“ I met Rocky on the golf course in 2005. We played golf together for several seasons in the CCU Golf Friday League. He always presented a smile and made his playing friends feel relaxed with laughter. Such a humorous, good and wholesome soul.

Death leaves a heartache that no one can heal, love leaves a memory no one can steal.  
Jerry A. Starling

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Jerry A Starling - February 08, 2018 at 08:36 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Rocco J Cartisano.*



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February 08, 2018 at 08:26 AM



“ *Laura and family, My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Although I didn't see Rocky often I enjoyed visiting with him and Dot when Laura and I got together. I know he will be missed by family and the many friends that walked with him through life. God's comfort be with you at this most difficult time.*

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**Tina Calo** - February 08, 2018 at 07:55 AM



“ *I met Rocky at the Conway Wellness Fitness Center. Little did I know that God was placing such a beautiful soul in my life. I was blessed to meet and become friends with Ms. Dot, his lovely bride. You only meet people like Rocky and Ms. Dot once in this lifetime and what a gift their friendship has been to me over the past few years. I will never forget you my friend. My heart is filled with love as I know today you are with the love of your life and you both are with our Lord. RIP Rocky. I love you!*

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**Robin Awalt** - February 08, 2018 at 05:36 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rocco J Cartisano.*



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February 07, 2018 at 09:53 PM



“ *Rocky was a wonderful, positive spirit. I always left our encounters with each other happier or pondering a thoughtful comment. God bless him.*

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**Tom Vitt** - February 07, 2018 at 09:39 PM



“ *Joyce lit a candle in memory of Rocco J Cartisano*



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**Joyce** - February 07, 2018 at 09:28 PM



*Let's Celebrate the wonderful life of a wonderful man! The world needs more people like Rocky. I will miss you.*

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**Joyce** - February 07, 2018 at 09:33 PM

LC

“ *Laura Church lit a candle in memory of Rocco J Cartisano*



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**Laura Church** - February 07, 2018 at 07:07 PM

CH

“ *I didn't know Rocky long...but for the time I did he was a great man. Always so nice and great to speak to. The gym won't be the same without him around.*



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**chelsea** - February 07, 2018 at 06:54 PM

NW

“ *Rocky was one of my dearest friends at Coastal. Even after we moved permanently to Delaware he would contact me to write an investment column for Prime Times. We would use these times to share our mutual experiences of the changes occurring in our lives. I will miss him.*

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**Norm Whiteley** - February 07, 2018 at 06:43 PM

DC

“ *Doris, Patti, Cindy purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Rocco J Cartisano.*



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**Doris, Patti, Cindy** - February 07, 2018 at 06:27 PM

PC

“ *Patty Carter lit a candle in memory of Rocco J  
Cartisano*



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**Patty Carter** - February 07, 2018 at 05:59 PM

MR

“ *Mary Roberts lit a candle in memory of Rocco  
J Cartisano*



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**Mary Roberts** - February 07, 2018 at 05:15 PM