



Donald Dominic Molaro

September 17, 2019

Donald Dominic Molaro: Age 82½ earned his eternal reward on Tuesday, 9/17/2019 at Sarasota Memorial Hospital after a two-week illness.

Mr Molaro was the son of Joseph Molaro and the former Mary Bregas of Brooklyn. His siblings are Carol Molaro Kelly of Myrtle Beach, SC, and Angela Molaro Iammateo of Staten Island, NY.

A member of St Martha Catholic parish in Sarasota since moving here, Mr Molaro was very active in his former parish of St Patrick in Trevorton, PA.

Born in Brooklyn, NY and raised on Long Island, he followed a career in cabinetmaking, receiving, over the years, numerous blue ribbons for furniture he designed and constructed.

At Mineola Skating Rink (Mineola LI) he met and skated competitively with Roberta Molaro of Mineola and they married in 1960, with a dream of someday owning a roller rink..

The marriage produced five children: Elizabeth Marie Molaro (NC), Gloria Susan Molaro Carpenter & Jane Therese Molaro (both of Sarasota) and Sally Donna Molaro (MD). Their son, Donald Joseph, a champion roller skater, passed away in 1995. Their grandchildren are Andrea and Dominic Richards

and Rebecca Molaro

In the late 1960's, the Molaros purchased a 250 year old Long Island home and restored it to period (circa 1740) on about ½ Acre. He even made the knives to produce authentic Colonial thumb nail groove moldings throughout.

Upon moving his family to Central PA in the early 1970's, they began farming and raising and showing Registered French Alpine Dairy goats on 50+ acres, while modernizing a 100 year old log farm house. They named their farm: "Someday Hill." A number of Someday Hill animals earned Championships.

He and Mrs Molaro taught the innovative Natural Family Planning in the Diocese of Harrisburg, PA for 11 years.

They were also Professional foster parents, mostly caring for difficult to place teen-age girls for a dozen years.

After a new roller rink was built in Pillow, PA, the Molaros began skating again. When that rink went on the market in the late 1980's the family realized their 30 year dream. They sold off their livestock and named the rink, the SKATERY.

The business flourished for 26 years. Young patrons called him, Mr "M" and had an great deal of respect for this 5'4" man, who had a way of treating the skaters as if they were his own grandchildren. He ran the Eatery (snack bar) and usually knew what most of the regulars would order and had it ready before they even spoke.

In addition to coaching artistic roller skating, Mr Molaro coached Special Olympics Roller skating for 17 years. Parents and skaters loved him.

In 2007, the Molaros moved into a new home on the farm. It was designed by them. The floors, cabinets, arched front door and custom trim throughout were done by Mr Molaro.

Shortly after Mr Molaro's extensive back surgery in 2013, the couple decided to retire and sold their business in 2014.

Retirement didn't suit folks used to long, busy hours, so they joined the Northumberland County Fair board. With a quarter century in the entertainment business they were able to make many suggestions for increasing the success of the fair.

One of his suggestion was a Fair General Store, where "T" shirts and other memorabilia could be sold. It is still part of the annual event,

Mr and Mrs Molaro relocated to Sarasota in 2017 and soon became comfortable with a totally different traffic and life style than previously experienced.

Last month the Molaros took a "Sentimental Journey" back to Pennsylvania to visit old friends and their skaters and participate in the county fair again.

Only days after returning, Mr Molaro began exhibiting signs of heart failure caused by his faulty Mitral valve. Those symptoms accelerated and he was finally transported to the hospital by ambulance on 9/12.

A visitation will be held on Tuesday, September 24, 2019, from 5:00pm until 7:00pm, at Toale Brothers Funeral Home, Colonial Chapel, 40 N. Orange Avenue, Sarasota, FL 34236.

A funeral mass will be held on Wednesday, September 25, 2019, at 10:00am, at St. Martha's Catholic Church, 200 N. Orange Avenue, Sarasota, FL 34236.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **24.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Toale Brothers Funeral Home & Crematory - Colonial Chapel
40 N. Orange Avenue
Sarasota, FL 34236
(941) 955-4171
info@toalebrothers.com
<https://www.toalebrothers.com/>

Funeral Mass

SEP **25.** 10:00 AM.

St. Martha Catholic Church
200 N. Orange Ave
Sarasota, FL

Tribute Wall

DH

“ I loved this man and his family. They joined our 4-H club and taught us about goats and let us try goat milk and cheese along with other yummys. If I found orphan kittens my dad would take me to their house for milk to feed them. Always ready to help and teach.
Debbie Spotts-Hennen, Betty and Truman Spotts.

Debra Hennen - October 15, 2019 at 10:30 PM

TK

“ The Holman's - Mary, Dee, Len & Kathy purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Donald Dominic Molaro.



The Holman's - Mary, Dee, Len & Kathy - September 24, 2019 at 11:37 AM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald Dominic Molaro.



September 23, 2019 at 03:30 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Donald Dominic Molaro.



September 22, 2019 at 07:56 PM

MS

“ Roberta, So sorry to hear about your loss. It seems like yesterday we were sitting with you, Don, and my mom by the pool. Mike and Debbie Soha

Mike Soha - September 20, 2019 at 10:18 AM

PS

“ My sincere condolences to the family. My heart goes out to you and my prayers are with you. Love Pam Soha

pam soha - September 20, 2019 at 10:00 AM

GS

“ We are so sorry to hear of Don's passing. Don was a good friend and he will always be in our memories of the SKATERY.

We were lucky to have met Don, Roberta, Donald Jr. and Sally in the early 1990's. We considered them as our Roller Skating Family. We can hardly remember a time when we did not see Don and Roberta wearing roller skates.

Thank you Don and Roberta for being a fun part of our lives for so many years.

God Bless you all.

Greg and Jan

Gregory Snyder - September 19, 2019 at 09:37 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald Dominic Molaro.*



September 19, 2019 at 09:12 PM



“ *Donald & his wife, Roberta helped us get into the dairy goat business. They were both very helpful to us. Our condolences to his family.*
Dolly & Truman Peifer



Dolly Peifer - September 19, 2019 at 06:09 PM



“ *Don was the love of my life!*

Roberta Molaro - September 19, 2019 at 10:53 AM



I didn't know Don and I know you will miss him deeply 💔. It sounds like you had a wonderful life if memories to cherish. '56 Bishops girl

Pat Kane Baker - September 19, 2019 at 01:26 PM



We were so very saddened hearing the news of Don's passing. Jackie and I both had the please of knowing Don - I've known him since the mid 1980's. Don and Roberta were the epitome of what a happy marriage should be - they were soul mates. There was no disguising it. It was an honor to have known him and work with him and Roberta. He will be missed by everyone who knew him.

Marty & Jackie Dumic - September 19, 2019 at 03:53 PM

MB

My thoughts are with you Mrs. M! So many years of wonderful memories with you both. He certainly was the extra grandpa we all had growing up at the rink.

Mandy (Collier) Book - September 19, 2019 at 04:51 PM