



## Louis J. Picciano Jr.

September 5, 2022

Louis J. Picciano Jr., 68, of Mullica Hill passed away on September 5, 2022.

He is survived by his wife Leonora (Mazzola); his two daughters, Laura and Natalie Picciano; his mother, Marie (Melone) Picciano and two sisters, Linda Chalmers (John) and Kathy Berns (Chris). His father, Louis J. Picciano Sr., predeceased him.

Lou had a full life and a successful career. Born in Camden and raised in Gibbstown, NJ, Lou attended St. Michael's Catholic Elementary School and then graduated from Paulsboro High School in 1972. He went to Drexel University and received his Bachelors and Masters degrees in Mechanical Engineering. After graduation, he worked as an engineer for a few years before co-owning his own business, Sharp Design Inc., in Thorofare. After operating and growing his business for over 15 years, he sold it to Jacobs Engineering and would continue to work for them as part of their Mid Atlantic division until his retirement.

Throughout his career, Lou was an active member of the New Jersey Society of Professional Engineers, serving on the Executive Committee for seven years and as President from 1998-1999. Despite the demands of his profession, he always found time to volunteer at his daughters' school as part of the PTA and finance committees, and logged hundreds of hours

videotaping dance and piano recitals and acting very happy about it.

A man of strong faith and charity, Lou was a dedicated member of his parish and specifically enjoyed volunteering his time with the St. Vincent DePaul Society, which responds to the local community's needs related to food security, housing programs, job training, and social services, while seeking longer term pathways out of poverty. He served as the parish chapter's Treasurer and was the first President of the southern NJ District. Lou also enjoyed fostering his faith through attending the annual Men of Malvern Epiphany Group retreat in Malvern, Pa every January for 37 years.

Lou's family ties and Italian heritage was at the core of who he was and what he valued. He and his wife Leonora were members of the Sons of Italy Alighieri-Garibaldi Lodge #494, sharing countless memories of dinners and festivals with friends. Most importantly, Lou enjoyed his role as the family winemaker, taking on the tradition from his father and grandfather and sharing his passion with family and friends (and anyone else who popped in) through his annual backyard Wine Fest. Other cherished hobbies included listening to Sid Mark's weekly Frank Sinatra radio show, cataloging family photos and extended family trees, and taking meticulous care of his lawn.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Tuesday, September 13, 2022, at 11 AM at the Parish of The Catholic Community of the Holy Spirit, 17 Earlington Ave., Mullica Hill, NJ 08062. Prior to the mass on Tuesday morning there will be a viewing at the church starting at 10 AM. There will also be a viewing held at the church on Monday night, September 12, 2022, from 6 until 8 PM. Burial will take place after mass at the New St. Mary's Cemetery in Bellmawr, NJ.

In lieu of flowers, the family encourages you to consider donating to The American Red Cross Blood Services program (<https://www.redcross.org/donate/donation.html/>) or donating blood to your local chapter in Lou's memory.

Donations of red blood cells and platelets gave Lou the gift of more time, and it is vital to raise awareness of the importance of blood donors for Leukemia patients.

# Cemetery Details

## New St. Mary's Cemetery

515 W. Browning Rd.  
Bellmawr, NJ 08031

# Previous Events

## Viewing

SEP **12**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Catholic Community of the Holy Spirit Parish Center - Mullica Hill  
17 Earlington Avenue  
Mullica Hill, NJ 08062

## Viewing

SEP **13**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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## Mass

SEP **13**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ I have many great memories of times spent in Lou’s presence, many of which were from the years growing up and the multitude of visits back and forth with our families. Lou had a great enthusiasm for life and always made me laugh. He will be greatly missed.

Joanne Gloway - September 12, 2022 at 01:29 PM



“ Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Louis J. Picciano Jr..



September 11, 2022 at 12:59 PM

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“ With Love, The Layhe Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Louis J. Picciano Jr..



With Love, The Layhe Family - September 10, 2022 at 02:10 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Louis J. Picciano Jr..



September 09, 2022 at 02:35 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Louis J. Picciano Jr..*



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September 09, 2022 at 11:56 AM



“ *Dear Linda: So sorry to hear the news on your brother.... He was much too young... Our family leaves their foot prints forever in our lives. thinking of you & your family at this time. Forever Loved - Forever Remembered. Kathryn Ridinger PHS 70*

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**Kathryn Ridinger** - September 08, 2022 at 10:07 PM



“ *I can not believe I have to say goodbye to my kid brother. We shared a lot of good times growing up and even though we didn't always agree we worked well together. Thank you for everything you did for our family. I love you very much and will miss you forever. Love, Linda*

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**linda chalmers** - September 08, 2022 at 01:46 PM