



Angelo Joseph " Junior" Spinato

August 4, 1923 - January 4, 2021

On Monday January 4, 2021 at the age of 97, Angelo Joseph Spinato, native of New Orleans and resident of Kenner, Louisiana of 65 years, entered into his eternal rest prepared by his Lord and Savior. He was preceded in death by the love of his life, Catherine Delores Hemmeler Spinato. He was the third son born to the late Rose Albano Spinato and Angelo Frank Spinato, and brother of Christine Spinato Sauter (Henry), the late Peter Spinato (Cindy), Jerome Spinato (Gladys, Marie), Frank Spinato (Rosalie), and Josephine Spinato Leblanc (Robert). Angelo returned a decorated combat veteran from WWII. He was the loving father to Angelo Frank Spinato (Maria), Michael Joseph Spinato (Diane), Joseph Christopher Spinato (Mary), and Kathleen Rose Spinato Elstrott (Randolph). Angelo and Catherine were the grandparents to Michael Christopher Spinato, Katherine Blair Spinato, Julie Lynne Spinato Hunter (Andrew), Risa Kathleen Elstrott Williams (Chris), Kaylyn Anne Spinato Bourgeois (Michael), Nicholas John Elstrott, and Juan Carlos Martinez. Angelo was affectionately known as Little Poppa to his great grandchildren, Sophia Lynne Hunter, Jude Joseph Hunter, Margaret Kate Bourgeois, and Caroline Lucy Bourgeois. He was also the beloved uncle to numerous nieces, nephews, grandnieces, and grandnephews. He was a proud Italian American, and he was loved tremendously by his family and by his wife Catherine's German family. His remarkable life began at an early age as he was taught to box by his beloved big brother Pete. Angelo practiced these skills on a daily basis, which led to a boxing scholarship to

Southwestern Louisiana University in Lafayette. Soon after, he was drawn to the front line of the largest battle of WWII, The Battle of The Bulge, and eventually into Germany during the Allied army's occupation. After the war, he earned his degree in business administration/accounting from Tulane University on the G.I. Bill and began a career in international shipping. After impressing his superiors with his sharp mind for business and keen intellect, he soon became a titan of industry as Vice President of an international shipping business. A successful businessman, Angelo traveled and met countless foreign dignitaries and shipping moguls, who he also hosted and entertained in his beloved hometown of New Orleans during its golden age. After retiring at the age of 72, he was to take on a new mantle, lending his expertise as a consultant to his former employer, Waterman Central Gulf, and later to his three sons' business enterprises. A lover of history and master storyteller, Angelo worked with a local author on a WWII novel and participated in various interviews about the subject. His name is etched in the bricks of the World War II museum. He was also able to devote more time to his family. He kicked off his retirement by traveling across the nation with his wife Catherine, his sister Christine, and brother in law Joe. Later, he enjoyed meeting with all of his children and grandchildren on a weekly basis for lunch, attending family parties, as well as taking countless vacations with them. He enjoyed numerous Saints games with his family and has his name on the wall of 50 year Saints season tickets holders in Champion Square. It was during all these times he truly passed down his legacy. We learned all of his stories and life lessons and learned to follow his example as a kind and loving father and family man.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the visitation at L. A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home, 2607 Williams Blvd., Kenner on Thursday, January 14, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. followed by a Funeral Mass at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 500 Minor Street, Kenner at 1:00 p.m. Interment in Garden of Memories Cemetery, Metairie. To share memories or condolences, please visit www.muhleisen.com

Cemetery Details

Garden of Memories Cemetery

4900 Airline Dr.
Metairie, LA 70001

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 14. 10:00 AM - 12:30 PM (CT)

L. A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home
2607 Williams Boulevard
Kenner, LA 70062

Funeral Mass

JAN 14. 1:00 PM (CT)

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church
500 Minor Street
Kenner, LA 70062

Tribute Wall



“ *Angelo Joseph " Junior" Spinato*

October 15, 2023 at 09:39 PM



“ *Kathy and Randy and ur families
Prayers go out to yall but remember he has
gain his wings and Jesus just welcome him to
everlasting life
You will see him again that was a promise
from Jesus.*



Lesha Schreiber - January 15, 2021 at 06:28 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family
of Angelo Joseph " Junior" Spinato.*



January 13, 2021 at 12:45 PM

DP

“ I had the Great pleasure of being employed by States Marine-Isthiman S.S. Agency at 225 Barone Street . Angelo Spinato was an outstanding person and was a mentor to me for the years that I was employed there. I remember when I went to his office to inform him that I had received an offer of employment with McLean Trucking that was too good to refuse and how much he stated he was sorry to see me leave, but wished me good luck and I would sometimes visit to let him know how I was doing. He once came to see me at work just to see how I was doing and look at the Large Warehouse/Truck terminal McLean built in N.O. East. I missed listening to some of the stories that he told in a way that kept you leaning forward in your chair. Rest in Peace Angelo.

dennis papaleo - January 13, 2021 at 12:21 PM

MT

“ Mike, it is so painful to lose a beloved father; you will miss him forever. Remember the gifts he left with you; his guidance, friendship, caring and never-ending love and support. His greatest gift was his example as a son, a brother, husband, friend and father. Treasure that most of all. May his loving memory comfort you and all your family.
Matieal Trapen Thomas

Matieal Trapen Thomas - January 13, 2021 at 12:11 AM

MS

Thank you so much Matieal. His good example, love, and support was truly never ending.

Michael Spinato - January 13, 2021 at 12:30 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Angelo Joseph " Junior" Spinato.



January 13, 2021 at 12:05 AM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Angelo Joseph " Junior" Spinato.



January 11, 2021 at 10:35 AM



“ Indwelling worship band purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Angelo Joseph " Junior" Spinato.



Indwelling worship band - January 11, 2021 at 12:14 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Angelo Joseph " Junior" Spinato.



January 10, 2021 at 07:35 PM



“ *Many years ago, probably in 1974-75, while driving to class one morning I stopped and picked up Mr. Angelo and gave him a ride to work. I think he was working downtown for Waterman or Lykes Bros. at the time. Since it was a long ride and being it was just the two of us, we got into a very deep conversation about life in general. We talked about many things, but the biggest take-away from that conversation was his advice. He told me we are nothing if we don't live our lives with sound character and a sense of honesty. Both of those qualities, along with many more, defined Mr. Angelo. He was an all-around wonderful person, and it was an honor to share our friendship for so many years.*

John Trapen - January 10, 2021 at 03:07 PM

MS

Thank you John. I do recall you telling me about driving my dad to work years ago and having a conversation. His actions and decisions spoke for his character. As I reflect back, I realize my dad was growing into the father he was to become, as we his children were watching and growing as well. I'm glad you had that moment because he thought the world of you and your family.

Michael Spinato - January 13, 2021 at 12:52 AM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Angelo Joseph " Junior" Spinato.*



January 10, 2021 at 03:06 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Angelo Joseph " Junior" Spinato.*



January 10, 2021 at 02:12 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



L.A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home - January 10, 2021 at 12:49 PM