



Joseph Ciarla

October 27, 1931 - November 3, 2020

Joseph (Joe) Ciarla, 89, passed away peacefully on November 3, 2020, succumbing to old age complexities. He was born to Italian immigrants Domenic and Maria in October of 1931. Growing up in the New Jersey area he enjoyed an Italian heritage.

He served in the Air Force during the Korean Conflict and left the military with the rank of Tech Sargent, having been a Flight-Line Mechanic and trusted leader.

While stationed in Enid at Vance AFB, he met and later married Betty McClintock of Enid in December of 1954. After leaving the Air Force he continued to live in Enid, where he remained a civilian worker at VAFB, later coming a Postal Clerk at the Enid Post Office. During his USPS career he obtained the Postmaster position at the Lahoma Post Office, which he held until his retirement.

His family grew to 5 children (Waynetta, Cheryl, Janice, Steve and Andy) and over the years grandchildren and great-grandchildren were added.

He loved gardening, woodworking, tinkering, creating inlaid wood plaques. He also hand-crafted fishing rods, lures and jigs, along with fly tying. Of his many crafts, his family was his proudest creation.

He led a private life but made a difference in the many lives he touched. His family is very grateful when his life was touched by those at Greenbrier Nursing Home. Their care, devotion and kindness helped make his days of old more comforting, especially his last few here on Earth.

He is survived by his wife Betty; daughters, Waynetta (Bob) Newsom and Cheryl Beck, sons; Steve (Geri) Ciarla and Andy (Linda) Ciarla. Plus many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Janice.

At his request, he will be cremated and no services will be held. A private burial will be held at a later date.

Tribute Wall

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“ For some reason one memory that has always stood out and makes me smile every time is a story he told me as a kid. I don't remember how it came about in conversation, but the comment was made by him that he “was shot during a drug deal”. Obviously this seemed unbelievable to me, untrue, a made up story. He let me question it for awhile and then told the whole story. At the time he worked for a local drugstore, which at the time provided delivery services. While on the porch handling the “Transaction” a kid shot him with a BB gun (from the bushes along the side of the house I believe).

Even to this day, when conversation lends itself, I tell people that my grandpa was shot on a drug delivery. 🤔🤔🤔. I imagine it a hit and run (I don't believe the kid stuck around long after hitting his target).

Joey Ciarla - November 11, 2020 at 11:51 PM



“ I will miss joe his kind, soft voice. Although I didn't know him long I enjoyed our little time together



Misty Maluy - November 05, 2020 at 06:00 PM

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“ I worked at Enid Post Office with Joe . He was a good man was very helpful when I started.

Sally Kindred - November 04, 2020 at 11:53 PM