



Andrew L. Pellico

October 18, 1926 - August 22, 2023

On Tuesday, August 22, 2023, Andrew Luca Pellico left this world peacefully and unafraid, a testament to his strong spirit and faith. Since the passing of his beloved wife Louise in 2012, he has bravely carried on, missing her every day and waiting for the call to join her. He was born in New Haven's "Little Italy" on Brown St. October 18, 1926, to John and Helen (Lucibello) Pellico. He attended Dante School in New Haven from kindergarten through 3rd grade. After his family moved to Hamden, he continued his elementary education at Helen St. School, and then Hamden High School, graduating in 1944. He attended Yale University for one semester before enlisting in the U.S. Navy. He served two years as Pharmacist's Mate 3rd Class in Sampson NY, Washington DC, Memphis TN, San Diego CA and Newport RI. Receiving an honorable discharge from the Navy, the GI Bill supported his return to Yale, graduating in 1950 with a bachelor's degree in Economics. In 1949, he met the love of his life, Louise Cofrances, at a Valentine's Day party hosted by his sister, Joan, who had set this up without telling either one of her match-maker intentions. Talking to his mother after the party, he said he had met the girl he was going to marry. True to his word, they were married in 1952 in Hamden at St. Ann Church. They bought a small house on Belden Rd. in Hamden, where they began to raise their children: John, Laura and Richard.

He started his professional career as a science and math teacher in Hamden at Centerville School while continuing his education at Fairfield University,

where he received his Sixth-Year Certificate in Education. He was promoted to principal of Putnam Avenue School, followed by 6 year terms at Helen Street, Church Street, and Shepard Glen schools. He loved teaching, always focusing on the needs of the children, both educational and social, helping many navigate the challenges of early life. He was the first president of the Association of Hamden Public School Administrators (AHPSA), helping negotiate their first contract with the Hamden Board of Education. His successful career in elementary education ended with his retirement in 1981 at age 55.

Above everything else, Andrew loved and valued his family. His fondest memories were holidays with his children and their growing families. Andrew loved the beach, always finding time to be with his family and friends by the water, often at Hammonasset, Guilford and Cape Cod, where they ultimately purchased a home in 1978. Andy was famous for quahogging on the beach in Falmouth, providing Louise with the ingredients for his favorites, clams casino and spaghetti with white clam sauce. He was frequently found floating on the lake, tethered to a cinder block to prevent him from drifting away.

Andrew can only be described as a class act by anyone who ever had the pleasure of talking, working, or socializing with him. He truly touched so many people - children, educators, and parents - as a result of his long career in education, leaving them better for the interaction. He will be missed.

Andrew leaves behind three children: John Pellico, Laura Pellico Prozano (Stephen), and Richard Pellico (Denise), eight grandchildren: Ryan and Katie Pellico, Taryn Prozano Barrett (Chris), Dana Prozano (Duncan Carvey), Alex Prozano, Tyler, Alex and Kevin D'Errico, and one great grandchild (Theodore Anthony Carvey). He is predeceased by his brother Robert Pellico (Nancy) and leaves behind his sister Joan Inzero (Peter). He also leaves behind 13 nieces and nephews who loved him and enjoyed his colorful recounting of

Pellico family history.

A mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Monday, August 28 at 11 a.m. in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 2819 Whitney Avenue, Hamden. Interment will follow at Saint Mary Cemetery, 3110 Whitney Ave, Hamden. In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of Andrew may be made to The Masonic Charity Foundation of Connecticut, 74 Cheshire Road, P.O. Box 70, Wallingford, CT 06492, specifying Hospice Care. To leave an online condolence please visit www.siskbrothers.com

Cemetery Details

St. Mary Cemetery

3102 Whitney Ave.
Hamden, CT

Previous Events

Funeral service

AUG 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church
2819 Whitney Ave.
Hamden, CT

Tribute Wall



“ So very sorry for the loss of your very much loved father, I had him in school.. such a great man. always very nice to all.. beth b

Beth Bernard - September 23, 2023 at 08:36 PM

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“ Mr. Pellico was our 7th grade teacher at Centerville School in September 1953. He was the first male teacher our class had ever had at Centerville. When he walked into the room for the first time, tall, dark and movie-star handsome, all the girls fell in love and we boys were in awe. There would be no messing with him, it was obvious. He was a wonderful teacher, and whenever my classmates subsequently assembled for reunions, he was always brought up. Oddly enough, after I graduated eight grade and left Centerville School, our paths never crossed again, although I'd heard from my Uncle Henry Giannelli that he had moved into their Twin Brooks neighborhood. His obituary was a worth story of his life, and captured the essence of the man. Surely he was a class act, and my seventh grade classmates recognized it immediately, even though we may not have been able to express it in such terms. My condolences to his extended family.. May he rest in peace with the Lord.

*Anthony Scarpellino
Palm Beach, FL*

Anthony Scarpellino - August 28, 2023 at 01:33 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Andrew L. Pellico.*



August 27, 2023 at 07:56 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Andrew L. Pellico.

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“ *Your dad is one of the first people I remember from Belden Road and Helen Street School. He was a tough but fair principal, and was one of my earliest role models growing up, having a positive influence on so many of us. On my way back from Pagnataro's in the Acme Mall I would come down Rockford Avenue. My parents would always comment on how your house would stand out from all the others, with its beautiful lawn and gardens, and Mr Pellico out in front tending to them. All great memories.*

Rich Salzano

Rich Salzano - August 26, 2023 at 05:16 AM



“ *Peter, Ellen, Mark purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Andrew L. Pellico.*



Peter, Ellen, Mark - August 25, 2023 at 11:18 AM