



Louis Salvatore Negri

November 9, 1940 - February 1, 2018

Louis Salvatore Negri, 77, of Cheshire passed away on February 1, 2018 after a long battle with cancer. He was born in New Haven on November 9, 1940, son of the late Luigi and Clementina Negri. He graduated from Notre Dame High School in West Haven and went on to receive his bachelor's degree from Southern Connecticut, MA Fairfield University, BMEd University of Hartford, MA University of Bridgeport, and his PhD in Music from Walden University. Lou was the Choral Director at West Haven High School (1963-2002) and Hamden Hall Country Day School (2005-2016). He also worked as a Music Director at many churches over the years including St. George Church, Guilford (1986-2004) and Saints Peter & Paul Church, Wallingford (2004-2017). In addition, over the years Lou was Music Director at the American Shakespeare Theater, Chorus Master for New Haven Opera, created Teen Opera New England, he was an accomplished pianist, singer, composer, and directed more than 100 musicals and operas. His choirs performed for the Pope at the Vatican, the White House, the Kennedy Center, as well as multiple European tours. He was named Italian-American of the Year for West Haven in 2001. As a teacher, he inspired thousands of students to perform to their highest potential and taught them valuable life lessons. He was a fan of the NY Giants, Yankees, loved crosswords, and was devoted to his dogs. He leaves behind his wife Cynthia Morgan, his two children Alana Negri (partner Rob Kowalczyk) of Glastonbury, Louis M. Negri (fiancée Nicole Anastasio) of Saco, ME, and two step children Katie Morgan DePasquale (Tony) of Boston,

MA and Patrick Morgan (Abigail) of Ellington. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his brother, Carmine Negri. A special thank you to the doctors and nurses at Smilow who cared for Lou over the years, especially Dr. Michael Hurwitz, Kristen Crowley, and Donna Andruskewic.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Wednesday, February 7th at 11 a.m. in Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, Hamden. Friends are asked to go directly to the church. Burial will be in All Saints Cemetery. Calling hours are Tuesday, February 6th from 4-8 p.m. at Sisk Brothers Funeral Home, 3105 Whitney Ave, Hamden. In lieu of flowers contributions can be made to Smilow Cancer Center-Closer to Free, Office of Development, YNHH P.O. Box 1849 New Haven, CT 06508-9979. To leave an online condolence please visit www.siskbrothers.com

Cemetery Details

All Saints Cemetery

700 Middletown Ave.
North Haven, CT

Previous Events

Calling hours

FEB 6. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Sisk Brothers Funeral Home
3105 Whitney Ave.
Hamden, CT 06518
(203) 288-7114
siskfuneral@sbcglobal.net

Funeral service

FEB 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall

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“*Doc Negri had this wonderful gift of focusing on a single persons when talking to them, giving him or her his attention, then zooming back to the whole group. His gift of encouragement was quite exceptional. He was highly gifted, yet at the same time liked common people. He was accessible, tangible and rather made himself vulnerable than alienating one of his students. Yes, he must have been difficult at times, and I surely didn't always share his opinions. But what a lovable, talented and enjoyable person. As an exchange student coming from Germany, singing in his choir was a sheer streak of luck. Some of his encouragements (which were a bit exaggerated, I must admit) stayed with me to this day. Doc Negri was like a medieval knight, always ready to engage in battle for a noble cause, with a lot of stance and poise. Christian Stahl, Dresden, Germany*

Christian Stahl - September 11, 2019 at 02:12 PM



“*I had Dr. Negri during his first year of teaching at Giannotti Jr. High School. I then had him at a teacher at West Haven High school. He always "taught outside the box" and brought a "breath of fresh air" with his teaching techniques. I was in various musical groups that he directed and many Theatre workshop productions. He taught us much more than music; he taught us life lessons! He was my mentor and will be surely missed. My prayers are with his family. Doreen Nocereto Piscitelli - WHHS - Class of '73.*

Doreen Nocereto Piscitelli - February 06, 2018 at 01:42 PM

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“ Doreen Nocereto Piscitelli lit a candle in memory of Louis Salvatore Negri



Doreen Nocereto Piscitelli - February 06, 2018 at 01:33 PM

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I had Dr. Negri in Giannotti Middle School the first year he started teaching. I then had him throughout my years at West Haven High School. He always "thought outside the box" and brought a breath of fresh year in his teaching techniques. I was in various musical groups under his direction and also various musical productions. He was a mentor in so many ways. He will be surely missed. My prayers are with his family.

Doreen Nocereto Piscitelli - February 06, 2018 at 01:36 PM



“ 192 files added to the album LifeTributes



Sisk Brothers Funeral Home - February 06, 2018 at 11:02 AM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Louis Salvatore Negri.*



February 06, 2018 at 10:19 AM



“ *Andy Linsky lit a candle in memory of Louis Salvatore Negri*



Andy Linsky - February 05, 2018 at 12:09 PM



“ *Alana and Louis. I met your dad my first year teaching at WHHS. He befriended me and asked me to direct his production of MAN OF LA MANCHA. He had faith in me and I will always cherish his kindness. I know he was so proud of both of you and I know you will find strength in the memories you have with your dad. My deepest sympathy to you. Barbara Evangelista*



Barbara Evangelista - February 04, 2018 at 02:09 PM

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“ *Kayla Viall and Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Louis Salvatore Negri.*



Kayla Viall and Family - February 03, 2018 at 12:03 PM