



Louis Melani Jr.

December 29, 1932 - August 1, 2021

On Sunday, August 1, 2021, Louis "Lou" Melani, Jr., age 88, of Baldwin Borough, passed away unexpectedly at his camp in Tidioute. Son of the late Louis Melani, Sr. and Fidalma (Guastini) Melani; beloved husband of the late Thelma (Entinger) Melani; loving father of the late Michael D. (survived by Rita) Melani; grandfather of Matthew Paul Melani; brother of James J. (the late Eunice) Melani and the late Harry (survived by Albina "Bea") Melani; dear friend of Patricia D'Amico; also survived by nieces, nephews, and many friends. Lou was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War, and later a property manager for Prudential Realty Company. Lou was mechanically gifted and could fix anything, even in his later years. He was a hard worker who never stopped moving, and he never hesitated to drop everything to help with someone else's project. Lou loved to travel, especially with his late wife Thelma. They would travel anywhere that they could, and particularly loved going on cruises together. Lou spent a lot of time in Tidioute, which was like a second home to him. He loved hunting, especially with his late son Mike. Despite suffering his share of losses, nothing seemed to bring him down. Though he will be dearly missed, he will always be remembered for his constant smile and positive attitude. Friends received Thursday from 2-8 p.m. at the GRIFFITH FUNERAL HOME, INC., 5636 Brownsville Road, (at 6th St.) South Park Twp. (412) 655-4600. Funeral prayer Friday 9:30 a.m. at the funeral home, with a Mass of Christian Burial in Our Lady of Hope Parish - Nativity Church at 10 a.m. If desired, the family requests donations in Lou's

name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105, or to the Wounded Warriors Project, P.O. Box 758516, Topeka, Kansas 66675. Condolences may be offered for the family at www.GriffithFH.com

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 5. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Griffith Funeral Home, Inc.
5636 Brownsville Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15236

Funeral Mass

AUG 6. 10:00 AM (ET)

Nativity Church
5811 Curry Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15236
(412) 655-3000

Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Louis Melani Jr..*



August 03, 2021 at 10:14 AM



“ *Uncle Lou was genuinely loving and caring. Each time we saw each other, mostly at family events he was always cheerful and caring. I've not seen him not smiling and positive, though we all know he was human, but he is a soul that I'm sure touched many with love and care. You will be missed Uncle Lou!*

Nancy Bett Santmyer - August 03, 2021 at 09:19 AM



“ *I am going to miss my root beer drinking buddy at cocktail hour at the lower deck on the river in Tidioute*

Mike Jackson - August 03, 2021 at 08:28 AM

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“ My best memories of Uncle Lou were at Tidioute, with Aunt Thelma and Michael, when Michael and I were teenagers. I got to stay with them at their cabin and Michael and I had a great time on the river and digging in the basement. Uncle Lou and Aunt Thelma made me feel like one of the family. After college I moved away and we did not get together again until a year or so before Michael died. It was like 40 years had not passed and we picked up where we left off - our last evening together was with Uncle Lou, Michael, Rita, Jeff, and Aunt Betty - we sat on the porch, looking at the river and talking. As it got dark Michael set off a great fireworks display which we all enjoyed. Uncle Lou, I know you are in a good place, back together with Aunt Thelma and Michael, but I am already missing you. Say hi to them for me! Jackie

Jackie Umberger - August 02, 2021 at 07:31 PM