



## Dominick Anthony Cerchio

October 18, 1929 - February 1, 2021

Dominick Anthony Cerchio passed in peace at The Valley Hospital in Ridgewood on Monday, February 1, 2021 while “virtually” surrounded by his loved ones at the age of 91.

Dominick was born on October 18, 1929 in Jersey City. It is there, in 1944, where he met his “one and only” love, Marie DeVito Cerchio through neighborhood friends. From then on, the two became inseparable. Dominick enlisted in the United States Army in 1948 and was discharged in 1950 as an in-active reservist. Dominick and his wife, Marie married in 1950, which was during the onset of the Korean War. In the fall of 1950, Dominick was called back to serve his country in the U.S. Army Second Infantry Division and was stationed in Landshudt, Germany for eleven months until his discharge in 1951. This completed two and a half years in the armed forces.

Upon his return, Dominick and Marie started their family and opened Dom’s Delicatessen in North Bergen, where people lined up for his famous German potato salad until 1978. That year, Dominick and Marie relocated to their log cabin in Wantage. After spending a short time as a security guard at Newton Hospital, Dominick decided to open up his own hot dog stand on Route 639 alongside Sussex Airport. For the next 20 years his customers would easily spot his bright blue and yellow umbrella, pull up for a meal, and enjoy a friendly conversation with “The Hot Dog Man.”

A member of St. Monica R.C. Church in Sussex, Dominick was a devout Catholic who was proud of his Italian heritage and the north star in his family’s

lives. He was a true “renaissance man;” an artist, a poet, and a constant story and joke-teller. He was adored by everyone that knew him and he will be greatly missed.

He is survived by his wife Marie Cerchio; their children, Claudia Cerchio Allocco and her husband James, Steven Cerchio and his wife Mimi, and Christopher Cerchio and his wife Celia; his ten grandchildren, Jennifer Allocco, Christina Cerchio Morel, David Allocco and his wife Tina, Matthew Cerchio and his wife Cristina, Anthony Cerchio and his wife Terri, Nicholas Cerchio and his wife Marisa, Jessica Cerchio Cherboni and her husband Ray, Andrew Cerchio and his wife Samantha, Dominic Cerchio and his wife Abby, and Katie Cerchio Fugman and her husband Stephen; and 13 great grandchildren who loved their “G-G-Pa.”

He is also survived by his beloved brother-in-law, Dominic DeVito and his wife Marjorie and their children, Rachel and Alex, who are two of his numerous nieces and nephews.

Private graveside services for the family will be held at Clove Cemetery in Wantage.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial contribution to the Alzheimer’s Association in Dominick Cerchio’s memory. Dominick took such wonderful and loving care of his wife who has been inflicted with this horrible disease and felt that the Association was a worthy organization that may be able to help someone in the future.

Online condolences may be offered to the family at [www.pinkelfuneralhome.com](http://www.pinkelfuneralhome.com)

## Cemetery Details

**Private Interment at Clove Cemetery will be held at the convenience of the family**

## Events

**Details are pending.**

# Tribute Wall

RC

“ *The Cerchio Family is heartbroken upon hearing of the passing of our beloved Uncle Dominick - He was such a loving and special person - He loved his brothers and sister dearly and we will always remember the special times we all shared together - I am sure there all together in heaven sharing a lot of memories with there beloved parents.*

*Love and sympathy to the Cerchio family  
Rita Cerchio*

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**Rita Cerchio** - May 31, 2021 at 09:25 PM

GB

“ *This beautiful amazing man was my second cousin and an amazing cousin to my mother and grandfather I just want you to know that we all miss you so much and thank you for the amazing memories you made with me and Justin when we were just babies.*



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**Gabriella Bellotti** - February 10, 2021 at 11:19 AM

JA

“ *Our sincere condolences to Don's family!  
My husband delivered potato chips to Dom to sell at his hot dog stand for many years! I passed by Dom and Marie's house almost daily for many years, walking our dogs around the block! Dom offered me vegetables from his garden. And he always asked how we were doing! He was such a kind, caring, and friendly man! May he Rest In Peace!*

*Sincere Blessings from Bob and Janice Apgar!*

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**Janice Apgar** - February 07, 2021 at 02:13 PM

LB

“ To all of Dom and Marie's family,  
So very sorry to learn of the passing of two very wonderful people.. I knew them both from St. Monica's and from the pharmacy where I work. I was always greeted with a hug and a kiss. Their devotion to each other was obvious to all. They will be missed, but always remembered.

All the staff at the pharmacy send their condolences as well.

Linda Barcelona

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Linda B - February 07, 2021 at 11:00 AM

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“ My Thoughts & Prayers To You All!  
I've Bought My Twins Nicholas & Anthony To Visit With Dominick Since The Day They Were Born! Such A Sweet Man!  
Rest In Peace Dominick 🙏

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Susan Ragan (D'AGOSTINO) - February 07, 2021 at 09:35 AM

GM

“ I only met Dominick and Marie a few years ago - such a nice couple. He was devoted to her. They always met me with a smile even with the dementia that tormented Marie's life. I will miss them both. His tolerance and love for Marie was always apparent to me. They were one of the nicest couples I have ever met in life. God bless there souls.

Greg

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Gregory Meehan - February 07, 2021 at 09:17 AM

MD

“ As a little girl growing up in North Bergen, Saturday was market day when my mother and I would go to all the stores. Our last two stops would be the Hilltop Bakery where the ladies would gift me 2 cookies and then to Dom's Deli, where, btw, you got the best potato and noodle salads ever. Dom would always offer to trade me a lollypop for my 2 cookies, which I happily did.

Years later I visited his hotdog stand and waited patiently as he tended to his customers. When I was finally able to approach him, I asked, "Can I please trade you 2 cookies for a lollypop?" With the biggest smile he said, "Michele!" and we hugged and talked about years gone by.

He and his lovely wife Marie were the kindest people you could ever hope to meet and I will cherish my memories of them.

My condolences to the family.

Michele Dempsey

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**Michele Dempsey** - February 07, 2021 at 09:15 AM

TM

“ Dominick was such a nice man, I always enjoyed talking with him at his hot dog stand. He always, always had a great smile on his face. He had such great energy and was someone you always looked forward to seeing. Our condolences to the entire family.

Sincerely, Tom Madsen & Family

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**Tom Madsen** - February 06, 2021 at 06:28 PM

DU

“ I am so sorry to hear about your loss of Dominick. My family ate at his hot dog wagon for many, many years. We live down the road from the airport so if my husband wasn't with me I would always pick up our lunch.If my husband was going by he would pick up our lunch. Our kids always got a kick out of stopping also.My husband always getting the chili dogs. Talking to Dominick was always the best part of stopping . He was a very,nice gentleman who we missed very much . Our thoughts and prayers are with the whole family. God bless,Debbie Unangst

Debra Unangst - February 06, 2021 at 08:16 AM

RC

“ Our deepest condolences to Claudia , Steven , Chris and their families.Uncle Dom was my Godfather and I always looked up to him and respected him.We had the same sense of humor.I always enjoyed speaking to him. And I looked up to him like I looked to my father who was uncle Doms older brother who had passed away in March of 1978.I always told him when I shook his hand it felt like I was shaking my dads'hand who I miss so much.Uncle Dom will always live in my heart.And I will always use him as an example on how to be a good and loving husband ,father and friend.Love you and will miss you.  
Godson Robert Cerchio and Family

Robert Cerchio - February 05, 2021 at 07:01 PM

LG

“ Leonor Gonzalez lit a candle in memory of Dominick Anthony Cerchio



Leonor Gonzalez - February 05, 2021 at 02:14 PM

AL

“ I always enjoyed stopping for chili dogs & great conversation with Domenick back in the 80s! He had some great stories! My condolences to his family!

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**Amber Lowe** - February 05, 2021 at 07:54 AM

MA

“ I worked the gate next to Dominick during the Sussex Airshow for many years. Dominick always made sure I had food and drink and never charged me during the show. I had plenty of his fantastic hot dogs during the rest of the year.

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**Mark** - February 05, 2021 at 06:37 AM

LP

“ Dear Marie, Claudia, Steven, Chris and Family,  
We are so sorry to hear about the passing of your dad. Our prayers and thoughts are with you all during this most difficult time.  
Our Deepest Sympathy,  
Linda and John Pepe

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**Linda Pepe** - February 04, 2021 at 11:19 PM