



## Lawrence Leonard Maynard

March 7, 1915 - July 7, 2015

Lawrence Leonard Maynard passed away peacefully after a short illness in his home in Monroe. Lawrence was born Leonardo DeMaio in Piermont, New York to Giuseppe and Laura Maria DeMaio, who had emigrated from Southern Italy to the United States the year before. Lawrence spent his early childhood enjoying the countryside of upstate New York, and playing on the banks of the Hudson River. Later, his family moved to Montclair, New Jersey, where he spent his teenage years.

Lawrence's life was like so many of his fellow members of the Greatest Generation, affected by global events. A talented student in English literature and history, he was forced to leave high school and abandon his collegiate dreams in order to help support his family during the Great Depression. He joined the Civilian Conservation Corps, participating first in the Morris Dam project in Tennessee, and afterwards in New York City, where he had the privilege of being billeted in the base of the Statue of Liberty.

It was in New York, in Central Park, that he met his future wife, Rosemary Loccisano, another child of Italian immigrants who was also forced to forfeit her education. They were married in the Catholic faith on June 6, 1936, and settled in New York City. Concerned about escaping discrimination and supporting their growing family, the couple changed their names to Lawrence and Rosemary Maynard to secure employment for Lawrence. Soon after, their domestic life was interrupted by World War II. During the war, Lawrence volunteered for the U.S. Marine Corps, and served for 2 years. For the rest of

his life, he would remain a proud ex – Marine, and a staunch patriot.

After the war, Lawrence joined the ranks of Italians who found employment in New York's Garment District, where he would work until his retirement. Both Lawrence and Rosemary worked hard to give their children the precious gift of higher education that was denied them, sending all four of their children to college. They also passed on to their children a love of nature. They took their family on weekly trips out of the crowded, noisy city to experience the freedom and beauty of the seashore; and they filled their tiny city lot with flowers and fruit trees

Upon retirement, the couple moved to Tucson, AZ. Always an athletic and vigorous man, Lawrence climbed Mt Lemmon, AZ (9,159 feet) solo to celebrate his 70th birthday. A few years after Rosemary's death in 2002, Lawrence moved to Monroe, OR and lived his last years with his daughter and son-in-law. He took pleasure in observing Oregon's natural beauty, and remained an avid and voracious reader until a few months before his death. He is remembered for his generosity to everyone he met, the help he gave to many members of his family, and his love for all children, whom he would often surprise with gifts of dollar bills. He had the knack of inspiring affection in those he met, and was a unique and memorable character. He set an example of success through hard work, and devotion to family and country. He is survived by his son Richard, daughters Dale Casabianca, June Shephard, and Debbie Maynard; grandchildren Louis Casabianca, Amanda Casabianca Whelan, and Mary Maynard; great-grandchildren Alby Whelan and Bernadette Shreve, and great-great-grandchildren Mikenlee and Chanin Shreve. He was preceded in death by his grandson John Casabianca. His family wishes to thank those people who helped to make his last years in Oregon happy ones: his wonderful caregiver Marianna, his understanding doctor Cosimo Storniolo, Dari and Spike, who honored him with poetry and portraiture, and the "Sweet Spot morning gang", Shirley, Ruby, and Chris, who brightened up innumerable mornings for him.

Family and friends are invited to his wake on Friday, July 10, from 5-7pm at

DeMoss-Durdan Funeral Home, 815 NW Buchanan, Corvallis. Mass of Resurrection is Saturday, July 11 at 2:00 pm at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 501 NW 25th Street, Corvallis. Donations in lieu of flowers can be made to Benton Hospice of Corvallis, or The Benton County Library, or the Marine Corps Toys for Tots Program. Please share your thoughts and memories for the family at [www.demossdurdan.com](http://www.demossdurdan.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Oak Lawn Memorial Park

2245 SW Whiteside Drive  
Corvallis, OR

# Previous Events

## Visitation/viewing

JUL 10. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

DeMoss-Durdan Funeral Home and Crematory  
815 NW Buchanan Avenue  
Corvallis, OR 97330  
(541) 754-6255  
<https://www.demossdurdan.com>

## Mass of Resurrection

JUL 11. 2:00 PM (PT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church  
501 NW 25th Street  
Corvallis, OR 97330

# Tribute Wall

MM

“ *Mary Maynard sent a virtual gift in memory of Lawrence Leonard Maynard* ”



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**Mary Maynard** - July 11, 2015 at 12:01 AM

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**Mary Maynard** - July 10, 2015 at 05:13 PM

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“ *Mary Maynard lit a candle in memory of Lawrence Leonard Maynard* ”



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**Mary Maynard** - July 10, 2015 at 05:08 PM

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“ *Richard Maynard sent a virtual gift in memory of Lawrence Leonard Maynard* ”



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**Richard Maynard** - July 10, 2015 at 04:02 PM

EM

“ *EILEEN & RICHARD MAYNARD lit a candle in memory of Lawrence Leonard Maynard*



**EILEEN & RICHARD MAYNARD** - July 10, 2015 at 04:01 PM

CA

“ *Christine Angiulo lit a candle in memory of Lawrence Leonard Maynard*



**Christine Angiulo** - July 10, 2015 at 07:20 AM

MB

“ *MaryLou And Mark Bonfante lit a candle in memory of Lawrence Leonard Maynard*



**MaryLou and Mark Bonfante** - July 09, 2015 at 06:56 PM

FD

“ *Joyce & Frank DeMaio*



**Frank & Joyce DeMaio** - July 09, 2015 at 06:46 PM

SW

“ Shannon Wanzor lit a candle in memory of Lawrence Leonard Maynard



Shannon Wanzor - July 09, 2015 at 01:10 PM

SD

“ Stephen & Makie DeMaio lit a candle in memory of Lawrence Leonard Maynard



Stephen & Makie DeMaio - July 09, 2015 at 12:57 PM

MS

“ Marilyn DeMaio Sorensen lit a candle in memory of Lawrence Leonard Maynard



Marilyn DeMaio Sorensen - July 09, 2015 at 12:48 PM

DM

“ Will never forget Uncle Len's love for life. He will surely be missed. Take solace in the fact that he is in Heaven with Aunt Rose, my grandparents ,aunt and parents in the Lord's warm embrace.

Dorothy Costa Mahan - July 09, 2015 at 11:54 AM



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**James Locke** - July 09, 2015 at 09:09 AM

MM

*Thank you for sharing these James and Emily??*

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**Mary Maynard** - July 10, 2015 at 05:12 PM

JJ

“ *Some of the happiest times of my childhood were when we went to Woodside to see Aunt Rose and Uncle Len. That was always such a treat.*

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**Judy DeMaio Johanson** - July 09, 2015 at 08:46 AM

KK

“ *Please accept the condolences of One World Conservation and our entire staff on your loss*



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**Karrie Kern** - July 09, 2015 at 07:46 AM

DR

“ *Denise DeMaio RUPPEL lit a candle in memory of Lawrence Leonard Maynard*



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**Denise DeMaio rUPPEL** - July 09, 2015 at 07:05 AM

JJ

“ *Judy DeMaio Johanson lit a candle in memory of Lawrence Leonard Maynard*



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**Judy DeMaio Johanson** - July 09, 2015 at 01:05 AM