

Rest In Peace



Thunder Bay lost a wonderful co-owner, neighbor, and friend with the passing of Vittorio (Victor) Rossi on Wednesday, November 9, 2011, at ninety-three years young.

Victor moved to 48473 Newcastle Court fourteen years ago and instantly loved life in Thunder Bay. He was a consummate doer and was always involved in one of his many interests or projects. Victor was an avid gardener; he loved to plant flowers and tended them daily. His patio and garden area were the envy of the neighbors. Victor was a craftsman; he designed and created beautiful stained glass windows and wall hanging in his basement. He displayed some his handiwork in his home and others he gave as gifts to his family and neighbors. Victor was a dedicated winemaker, an art he learned in Italy from his father. Making wine was his passion. With the help of his sons and grandsons, he enjoyed every minute of the winemaking process from buying the grapes to testing the finished product which was always "Squisito" in Victor's native language. Victor freely shared his wine with family, friends, and neighbors. He used to tell all everyone, "you can't ah get a hangover from my ah wine ah." And nobody ever did!

Victor loved the birds, the ducks, and the squirrels, and all the animals that found a home around Victor's birdfeeder. Early each morning, he would be outside filling the birdfeeder to provide a meal for his feathered friends who came to roost in the grassy area across from Victor's condo. Victor also loved fishing and told tales of his fishing expeditions with his sons and grandsons over and over again.

Victor was a warm, generous person who loved to share stories, food and good times, with neighbors and friends. In the summer, neighbors and friends would gather on Victor's patio to enjoy one another's company. And the Thunder Bay picnic! Victor couldn't wait until the day of the picnic arrived. He would help set up the tables and chairs, provide yard games, food, and lots of glasses of his homemade wine that he poured freely for everyone in attendance. Victor was active physically. He walked the complex every morning for several years greeting everyone he met along the pathway and enjoying the sunshine and the fresh air.

Victor was a member of St. Therese of Lisieux Catholic Community while he lived in Thunder Bay. He was buried from that church on November 14, 2011 in a service that was officiated by his longtime priest friend, Father Thomas Lumpkin. Along with Victor's family and friends, most of the neighbors on Newcastle Court attended the Mass to pay their final respects to a man who has given so much.

Victor is survived by his two sons, Allen (Roberta) of Allen, Texas, and Paul (Debbie) of Sterling Heights, Michigan, his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

The Board of Directors extends condolences to Victor's family and all the neighbors who loved him so much. He was full of enthusiasm, joy, and love for all life had to offer. Thunder Bay was so lucky to count Victor as one of its finest co-owners for many years. He will be so deeply missed in Thunder Bay. May he rest in peace.