



Claudio L Orsi

March 7, 1923 - August 28, 2018

Claudio Orsi, age 95 of Omaha, died Tuesday, August 28, 2018 at Wisner Care Center in Wisner, NE. He was born the son of Alfonso and Elivia (Orsi) Orsi on March 7, 1923 in Omaha, NE. He received his education at Omaha Technical School. As a young man, he enjoyed bowling, golf, playing cards and even going to the horse track, but his first love was working at the family bakery in the Little Italy neighborhood in south Omaha.

On July 29, 1941, Claudio was united in marriage to Frances Bonfiglio in Papillion, NE. However, on January 18, 1943, Claudio was drafted into the US Army. Although he had never flown before, he became a tail-gunner on a 10-man B-24 bomber crew during WWII. He flew in over 43 missions during his time in the Army Air Force, then on September 3, 1945, Claudio was honorably discharged as a Staff Sergeant. He received the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with Two Bronze Stars, Good Conduct Medal, Air Medal with One Silver and One Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with Two Bronze Stars and One Silver Star, World War II Victory Medal and Honorable Service Lapel Button for his service to his country. After he returned home, it was back to the bakery where he was most comfortable. He bought the bakery from his father in 1949, and would continue the business until he sold it in 1987 to his son, Robert "Bobby" Orsi.

He was a member of the Sons of Italy, VFW, and the Omaha Bowling Hall of

Fame. Claudio was known for having big ears and he loved to sing Italian songs to the Ladies when he had the chance, as well as being very Jovial and gracious to everyone he met. Five words his family says best describe him are – Gracious, Loveable, Dedicated, Hero and Light-hearted. But the most important things in his life were, his wife, his military service, Omaha Bowling Hall of fame and owning the family bakery – Oris's Bakery. Listening to Dean Martin and Frank Sinatra as well as watching the Huskers, drinking a good cup of coffee and eating his sweets were his simple pleasures. He would say, "If you can't have fun, then stay home!"

He is preceded in death by: his parents; wife, Frances Orsi and son, Robert "Bobby" Orsi. Survived by: his daughter, Frances Kinney of Omaha; seven grandchildren, several great and great-great grandchildren and a brother, Frank Orsi of Omaha.

Cemetery Details

Holy Sepulchre Cemetery

4912 Leavenworth
Omaha, NE

Previous Events

Wake

SEP 3. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Our Lady Of Lourdes
2124 South 32nd Avenue
Omaha, NE

Service

SEP 4. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Claudio L Orsi*

December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ *So So Sorry for your loss,, Claudio was a good man, he was a good friend of Dennis Nocita, and he show and respected all of friends of friends such as me, I remember the good time at the bakery and just cooking and having fun with all who were that at the time, Orsi Bakery will always be a part of Omaha, for many generation to come.*

Stephanie Carney Smith. Allen and Sara

Stephanie Smith - September 01, 2018 at 09:18 PM



“ *Very sorry for your loss. I pray that memories will comfort you always. My dad, Joe Silvestrini told me that he and others would go hunting with Claudio. I think Claudio knew my grandfather, Arturo Silvestrini and possibly his uncle, Antonio Silvestrini.*

Margie Silvestrini - September 01, 2018 at 05:43 PM

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“ Claudio is on our list of favorites WWII veterans to go on an Honor Flight. He was on the first flight May 21, 2008.

Evonne and I spent many times with Claudio and Sam, two great guys, two fine Americans.

To the grandchildren, you were amazing how attentive to Claudio you were over many years.

We are very sorry for your loss.

Bill and Evonne

Bill and Evonne Williams - September 01, 2018 at 11:35 AM

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“ Deepest sympathy to the family, sending prayerful thoughts and memories your way. My Dad, Charlie, introduced me to Claudio at the bakery when I was a little boy. I watched them bowl at Chops as I grew up and got to know the family as I aged. Your bread making days are over Sir, now heaven has a true slice of Omaha. Good bye Mr. Orsi.

Garry Gernandt - September 01, 2018 at 11:20 AM