



Mr. Louis T. Loncaric

September 15, 1935 - September 1, 2018

Louis T. Loncaric, of Roswell, Georgia died Saturday, September 1, 2018. He was 82.

Born in Battle Creek, Michigan on September 15, 1935, "Lou" Loncaric was the son of Croatian immigrants Louis John Loncaric and Marija Presecan Loncaric. A star athlete, Lou graduated from Battle Creek's St. Philip High School in 1953 and was recruited by legendary coach Frank Leahy and given a scholarship to play for the University of Notre Dame Fighting Irish Football Team. His Notre Dame teammates included Heisman Trophy winner Paul Hornung. In a 1955 game between the Fighting Irish and the North Carolina Tar Heels, Lou intercepted a pass and made a 75-yard touchdown, one of the longest on record for a modern Notre Dame lineman.

After graduation, Lou served as a Captain in the United States Army and was Head Football Coach of Marist School in Atlanta, Georgia from 1958-60. He served as President of the Atlanta Notre Dame Club from 1962-66. After decades as a stock broker, Lou was called to philanthropy, working in his later years as a fundraising consultant for non-profits throughout United States. He helped raise money for St. Pius X Catholic High School, churches, the YMCA, and centers for those in need, including multi-handicapped children.

He met Pat Roddey in 1962. They were married at Christ the King Cathedral in Atlanta on December 22nd of that year and embarked on a 55-year adventure together.

Although big in stature, Lou was kind, gentle, and always full of humor. He cherished his dogs and enjoyed fly fishing in the Chattahoochee River. His greatest love was his family. Lou steadfastly remained committed to his children as they matured, helping to coach their sports teams, and supporting their talents. When he was gifted with a grandchild, Lou enjoyed nothing more than to spend time passing on energy, humor, and curiosity to the young boy.

Lou is lovingly survived by his wife, Pat; his children, Tom Loncaric, Michael Loncaric, and Katrina Loncaric and her husband Takis Chliaras; and his grandson James Chliaras. He was predeceased by his sister, Donna Radtke.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, September 20th at 10:00 am at Christ the King Cathedral, 2699 Peachtree Road NE, Atlanta GA 30305. Contributions may be made in Lou's memory to Dementia Society of America, <https://www.dementiasociety.org/donate>.

Cemetery Details

Northside Chapel Crematory

12050 Crabapple Rd
Roswell, GA 30075

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

SEP **20**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Cathedral of Christ the King
2699 Peachtree Road
Atlanta, GA

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Louis T. Loncaric*

October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ *A nice and gentle friend for over 60 years. Our best to the family, Ed and Penny Prudhomme*

Ed & Penny Prudhomme - October 01, 2018 at 02:23 PM



“ *Hi Tom. I'm so very sorry, old friend.*

Tracy Monte - September 19, 2018 at 09:00 PM



“ *Rest in pease. The increasingly smaller crowd behind him will join him shortly. We can all talk about children and grandchildren and some of us (soon me) can talk about great grandchildren. G. Robert Blakey 57*

G Robert Blakey - September 11, 2018 at 05:16 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of Lou's passing..even after all these he is still a part of our family..our prayers are with all of you..Joan and Joe Bosse*

Joan Bosse - September 11, 2018 at 04:31 PM

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“ *My thoughts and prayers are with Lou's family!
Mike Catanzaro '57*

Michael E Catanaro Jr - September 11, 2018 at 03:54 PM

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“ *May he rest easy and join his teammates in telling and retelling the old stories. My sincere condolences to his family.*

Tim Thilman '65 - September 09, 2018 at 04:13 AM

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“ *Eternal rest grant unto him and may perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and all the souls of the faithfully departed, rest in peace. Amen.*

Prayers and peace for the Loncaric family.

Rian M Gorey - Notre Dame '82, 84 - September 06, 2018 at 09:31 AM