



Marino P. Eccher

February 4, 1929 - September 8, 2024

Marino Pierino Eccher died peacefully in his sleep on September 8, 2024 at the age of 95.

Marino was born in Nanno, Trentino, Italy on February 4, 1929, the third child of Davide Floriano Eccher and Candida Bacca Eccher. As a teenager, he survived the deprivations of war-torn Italy and became an apprentice to a local mechanic. A born engineer, he learned how to repair and rebuild every kind of vehicle available in his region and eventually opened his own shop. A few years later, he and his fiancée, Teresa Valentini, of Tassullo, Trentino, Italy seized the opportunity to emigrate to the United States. They married on September 8, 1955, after which he departed for America.

In Aurora, IL, Marino worked for Stephens-Adamson/Borg Warner as a machinist and welder for over 25 years, and then for Walker Process as a welder for another 10 years. He devoted countless hours to repairing and improving his family's home, becoming proficient in electrical work, plumbing, masonry, and carpentry. He generously shared these talents with neighbors and friends. After teaching himself English, he read avidly, and particularly enjoyed biographies, history, and geography. He loved the outdoors and spent many hours foraging for wild asparagus and mushrooms, gardening, wood-working in his shed, and bike-riding. Upon retiring in 1994, Marino and Teresa traveled to many parts of the United States and Canada, as well as to their

home country of Italy.

Marino and Teresa were married for sixty nine years. Their marriage was a deep and loving partnership that provided inspiration to all who knew them. A man of quiet but constant faith and loyalty, Marino was a member of Holy Angels parish for over 60 years. His greatest pride was the success and full lives of his children and grandchildren.

Marino is survived by his beloved wife, Teresa of Aurora; daughter Elizabeth Eccher (Sam Goodman) of Sugar Grove; sons David Eccher (Mary) of Woodbury, MN, and Paul Eccher (Amy) of Geneva, IL; grandchildren Marino T. Eccher (fiancée Molly Miller) of St. Paul, MN, Elizabeth C. Eccher of Glendale, CA, Gina McGreevey (Quintin), of Chicago, and Mia Eccher (fiancé Aashay Chavan) of Chicago; his sister, Mary Eccher Bergamo (age 101) of Bolzano, Italy; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins in the United States and Italy. He was preceded in death by his parents, Davide and Candida Bacca Eccher; his parents-in-law, Enrico and Pia Zanella Valentini; his brothers, Primo, Davide, Ciro, Franco, and Paolo; and several brothers-and sisters-in-law.

Funeral Mass will be held on Friday, September 13, 2024 at 11:00am at Holy Angels Church. Fr. Michael Lavan will officiate with interment at Mt. Olivet Cemetery at 1:45pm.

Visitation for Marino will be Friday morning where he will lie in state at Holy Angels Church from 10:00am until the funeral hour at 11:00am.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Aurora Area Interfaith Food Pantry.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Olivet Cemetery

278 Ashland Avenue
Aurora, IL 60505

Previous Events

In State

SEP **13**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Holy Angels Church
120 South Lancaster Avenue
Aurora, IL 60506

Funeral Mass

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Tribute Wall

PP

“ My thoughts and prayers are with Marino's family at this difficult time. My grandmother, lola Rogers was a neighbor of the Eccher family for many years. Our family enjoyed playing with the Marino children on our regular visits. Marino and his wife, were very helpful to my grandmother. Thinking of you and may Marino rest in peace.

Patti (Doud) Paul

Patti Paul - October 09, 2024 at 09:15 AM

EE

Thank you, Patti. My brothers and I have fond memories of your grandparents and of playing with you and your sisters when you visited them. Gilbert Terrace has changed a lot but those memories carry on.
Elizabeth (Betty) Eccher

Elizabeth Eccher - October 11, 2024 at 07:36 AM

AD

“ My name is Al Doud; my late wife was Rita Rogers Doud. Her parents were Larry and lola Rogers, who lived next to Marino and Teresa on Gilbert Terrace.

Marino was always friendly and so nice to all of us, always taking time to say Hello. May he Rest In Peace.

Al Doud - October 04, 2024 at 08:30 PM

EE

Thank you, Al. We all remember your in-laws and your family fondly. Lots of great times playing with your children in the back yards on Gilbert Terrace! Coincidentally, I was going through old photos and holiday cards with my mom last week and found one from you and Rita. Lovely memories.
Elizabeth (Betty)

Elizabeth Eccher - October 11, 2024 at 07:39 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Marino P. Eccher.*



September 13, 2024 at 09:19 PM



“ *Deb Flanders planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marino P. Eccher.*

Deb Flanders - September 13, 2024 at 09:19 PM



“ *Condolences to the Eccher family. Elizabeth was one of the beloved leaders of the organization when I started my career at Analysis Group. My God rest his soul in eternal peace.*



Yohanne (Kido) Kidolezi - September 13, 2024 at 08:08 AM



“ *Ran and Juan purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Marino P. Eccher.*



Ran and Juan - September 10, 2024 at 05:08 PM

TS

“ *Condolences to the Eccher family. I remember being at a thanksgiving at his house many years ago. Such a nice man.*

Tom Sayers - September 10, 2024 at 03:35 PM

EE

Thank you, Tom. My father always enjoyed visiting with you and your parents. Lots of fond memories.
Elizabeth

Elizabeth Eccher - December 04, 2024 at 07:01 AM

TP

“ *The Family of Primo purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Marino P. Eccher.*



The Family of Primo - September 10, 2024 at 11:54 AM

TP

“ *The Family of Primo planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marino P. Eccher.*

The Family of Primo - September 10, 2024 at 11:54 AM

CS

“ *Marino's son David has long been my dear friend, and I remember very well seeing Marino and Teresa, Elizabeth, and Paul at their home in Aurora. Reading his beautiful story in the obituary, I think back to how much he accomplished and how lovely it would be to hear his stories again. What a fine man, and a wonderful life! I send my fond greetings and deep condolences to the entire family, and feel grateful for Marino's example to us all.*

Chris Sandrolini - September 10, 2024 at 10:39 AM



Thank you, Chris. I'd love to hear those stories again, too.

Elizabeth Eccher - October 21, 2024 at 07:35 AM