

## Rocco Messina

September 5, 1944 - May 8, 2018

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Rocco Messina passed away May 8, 2018, after a long illness. Born September 5, 1944, in Palmi, Italy, he worked as a mechanic and also served in the Italian military. Rocco immigrated to the United States in 1965, joining his parents and brother. Teresa & Rocco met in Italy in 1970 and married at St. Basil's Church in Vallejo a year later. He owned "Italia Pizzeria," also known as "Rocco's Place" in Vallejo. There he and his wife enjoyed making pizza and Italian food. He retired from the restaurant business in 1984 to spend more quality time with his wife and children. Rocco enjoyed playing the guitar, and making and sharing limoncello and grappa with his friends and families.

Rocco is preceded in death by a brother and parents Giuseppe and Mattea Messina. He is survived by a brother, Joseph, wife Teresa, daughter Lisa, son in law Edward, son Peppino and four grandchildren. Rosary and viewing will be held at Twin Chapels Mortuary, 1100 Tennessee Street, Vallejo, CA starting at 2 PM, Wednesday, May 16, followed by a rosary at 7PM. The Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Vincent Ferrer Catholic Church, 925 Sacramento Street, Vallejo, CA at 11 AM, Thursday May 17, 2018. Burial will immediately follow in All Souls Catholic Cemetery.

Arrangements entrusted to the direction and care of Twin Chapels Mortuary, Vallejo (707)552-6696. [www.TwinChapelsMortuary.com](http://www.TwinChapelsMortuary.com)

# Cemetery Details

## All Souls Cemetery

550 Glen Cove Road  
Vallejo, CA 94591  
(707) 644-5209

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 16. 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM (PT)

Twin Chapels Mortuary  
1100 Tennessee Street  
Vallejo, CA 94590  
(707) 552-6696  
twinchapels@aol.com

## Vigil Service

MAY 16. 7:00 PM (PT)

Twin Chapels Mortuary  
1100 Tennessee Street  
Vallejo, CA 94590  
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## Funeral Mass

MAY 17. 11:00 AM (PT)

St. Vincent's Catholic Church  
925 Sacramento Street  
Vallejo, CA 94590

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Teresa e Famiglia, la distanza non mi impedisce di esservi vicino con affetto in questo momento di grande dolore. Sentite condoglianze. Un forte abbraccio. Franca Lenzi dall' Italia.*

Franca Lenzi - May 17, 2018 at 09:09 AM

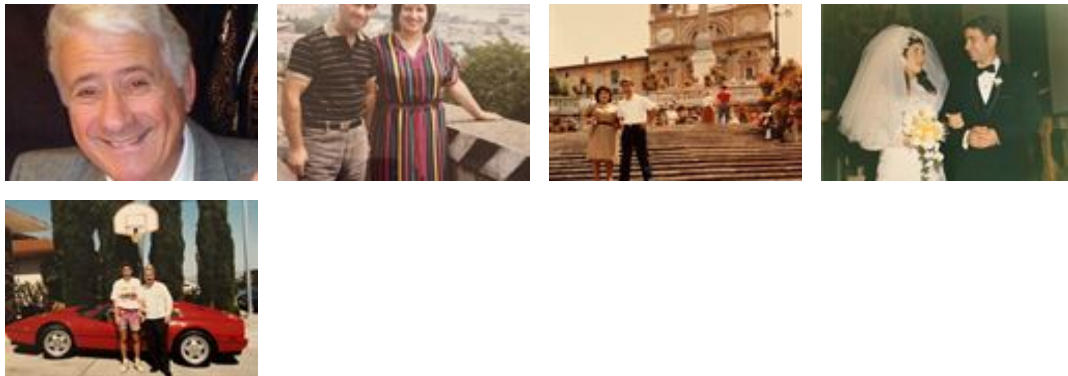
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“ *Well what can I say, it was a shock to hear, Rocco was a gentle guy, he met you always with a smile.  
The Vighi's always considered him a friend, all our prayers go out to the family.  
We will miss you!!  
Condoglianze alla famiglia le mie preghiere sono co voi. Ciao Claudio &, Nicolas Vighi*

claudio - May 16, 2018 at 01:02 PM



“ *51 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Twin Chapels Mortuary - May 15, 2018 at 06:40 PM

RS

“ *Rick and Valerie Slaughter purchased the Strength & Solace S pray for the family of Rocco Messina.*



Rick and Valerie Slaughter - May 15, 2018 at 11:35 AM

JB

“ I was so sorry to read about Rocco’s passing. My friends and I spent many Friday nights hanging out at “Rocco’s Pizza” after football or basketball games during high school. It was thee place to be. He was always so kind and friendly...wonderful memories. My thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Joyce Robinson Basta

Joyce Robinson Basta - May 14, 2018 at 11:46 PM

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“ Rocco and Teresa, Thank you so very much for ALL the many good times down at the pizzeria over the years... I am proud to say it was my only pizza place from the mid 1960's until you turned the pizza ovens off for the last time... Great to have been there many times when Rocco finger pick his guitar and play great songs to ALL the families eating there at the restaurant, and all the JOY-LAUGHTER and Smiles he brought to there table while they were having there night out with their family it was truly Magical to be there and being part of Rocco serenading his customers which became his extended family... I can remember when I was a teenager in the late 60's early 70's I saw Rocco working the pizza dough, fanning it out and making it flat and round and at times he would spin it up in the air and catch it in motion as it came down, there were times it would hit and skip off the ceiling he would LOOK over time to time with that marvelous smile of his, what a class act and show it was to watch...I started bringing many of my friends in and get him to spin our pizza off the ceiling as he was working the dough those truly were the GOOD old days...He became someone we looked forward to seeing when we came there to eat... WE always thought of and talked about HIM as we continued to get together down through the years... I had the privilege in later years of going up to his house. one time he took to his garage and showed me his cars...My older brothers Joe and Dave knew brother Joe Messina and Mom and Dad Messina and of course Rocco and his Family and THINK the world of you all... The Messina Family you ALL are in our thoughts and Prayers NOW and ALWAYS, GOD bless you all... And to Rocco you ARE and Have ALWAYS been in our Hearts and there you will stay our Brother and Friend... So Glad that you are "KEPT" by the POWER of GOD... We LOVE you Very much Rocco for nothing Loved is Ever Lost, for we all hold you close... Look up and watch the video- Letter to a LOVED ONE- by Trent Shelton- LOVE THE SCOLA FAMILY

THE SCOLA FAMILY - May 12, 2018 at 02:34 AM

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“ LOVE YOU ROCCO

THE SCOLA Family - May 12, 2018 at 12:57 AM