



MSGT (Ret) Amerigo V. Agnola

January 17, 1938 - October 6, 2019

Amerigo V. Agnola, son of the late John and Lula Mae (Wade) Agnola, was born January 17, 1938 in Lester, West Virginia. He passed away Sunday, October 6, 2019 in his home after a short illness having attained the age of 81 years.

At the age of 10, Rico (as he was known to his family and friends) and his family moved to Mabscott, West Virginia where he attended school and graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School with the Class of 1955.

In July 1955, Rico entered the United States Air Force and served his country faithfully until his retirement in 1981 after 26 years of service. For his faithful service, Rico earned several awards and commendations; some of which include: Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon, Air Force Longevity Service Award Ribbon with One Silver Leaf Cluster, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal (Army), Vietnam Service Medal, Air Force Good Conduct Medal with One Silver Leaf Cluster, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award Ribbon, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with One Device, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal with One Oak Leaf Cluster and Air Force Commendation Medal. He had attained the rank of Master Sergeant and served at different duty stations throughout his career, including his first duty station was in Greenland.

While in military serving in Japan, Rico met a young woman by the name of Kinu Kimura and they were united in marriage on September 29, 1959. He brought her to the United States in 1961. They were blessed with three children: John, Arleen and Steve and shared over 31 years together before she preceded him in death on January 25, 1990.

During their marriage, Rico, Kinu and the family lived in Maine, Thailand, Dover, Delaware, Minnesota and Okinawa, Japan before moving to Victorville, California where he retired from the military and they raised their three children.

After his retirement from the military, Rico worked for Roadway and did other odd jobs before moving to Missouri in 2003 to be near his son and family. In his spare time, Rico enjoyed working with leather and being outdoors while hunting and fishing. He attended faithfully the St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church and enjoyed helping wherever he could.

Most importantly, Rico loved his family and enjoyed spending time with them as much as he could, especially the grandchildren and great grandchildren. He also enjoyed spending time with his special companion, Rose Ann Brill. They had many wonderful adventures together and memories. He will be sadly missed, but fondly remembered by all those who knew and loved him.

Rico leaves to cherish his memory, his three children: John Wesley Agnola of Chesapeake, VA, Arleen Dauernheim and husband Philip of Chesapeake, VA and Steve Lee Agnola and wife Linda of Waynesville, MO; one sister: Frances Brown of Bristol, TN; eight grandchildren: Annette L. Wink (John), Niaomi S. Kearns (James), Sarah Leiv (Matt), Alicia Agnola, Nathan A. Agnola, Amy Agnola, Anthony Ganaha and Nanako Ganaha; five great grandchildren: Alania Kay Lord, John Valentine Wink, Timothy Allen Lord, Jr., Belle Harley

Wink and Madilyn Rose Kearns; his special companion: Rose Ann Brill of Waynesville, MO; other relatives and friends.

Services with military honors were held at 1:00 p.m. Friday, November 8, 2019 in the Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert with Father John Groner officiating. The songs "Knowing What I Know About Heaven" by Guy Penrod, "Go Rest High on that Mountain" by Vince Gill and "Happy Trails to You" by Roy Rogers were played. Military honors were provided by the United States Air Force of Whiteman Air Force Base. Burial was held in the Missouri Veterans Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of MSGT (Ret) Amerigo Agnola and may be left at the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

Missouri Veterans Cemetery - Fort Leonard Wood

25350 Hwy H
Waynesville, MO 65583

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 8. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville/St. Robert
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Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of MSGT (Ret) Amerigo V. Agnola*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - November 16, 2019 at 10:38 AM

RB

This is one of the most beautiful tributes I've ever seen. Whoever put this together, I'd love to get in touch with you about putting one together for my father when he passes. He was a friend of Mr Agnola. His nephew is my brother and I think he looks like his uncle. My condolences to the Agnola Family 🌸

Rita Bennett - May 14, 2025 at 07:29 PM



“ *MSGT (Ret) Amerigo V. Agnola*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM

PH

“ *We were saddened to read of “Aggie’s” passing. Were were stationed at Loring AFB, Maine and again in Okinawa. He was in the Parachute shop with Jim. Will miss his yearly cards and enclosed pictures. A sweet person. What a beautiful family. Thank you for sharing the various pictures of him.
Paula and Jim Hall*

Paula Hall - December 23, 2019 at 10:39 PM



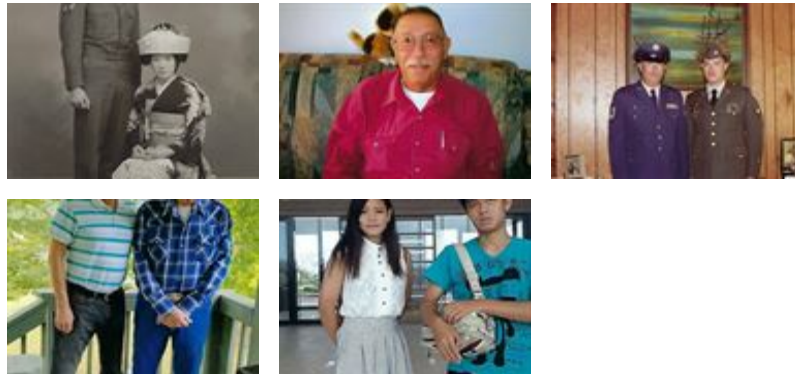
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Memorial Chapels and Crematory - November 12, 2019 at 09:21 AM



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Memorial Chapels and Crematory - November 07, 2019 at 05:06 PM



“ *I'm so sadden to know the passing of Rico. He was a great man and a great parishioner who always helped out at church. He will be truly missed. I pray for his repose soul and the comfort and strength of his family and friends.*

Kay Galarza - October 13, 2019 at 12:18 AM

LR

“ Steve & Family

I'm so sorry for the loss of your dad.

My thoughts and prayers are with you in your time of grief.



LaWanna A Rogers - October 10, 2019 at 09:15 AM

PG

“ Pulaski County Camp Gideons lit a candle in memory of MSGT (Ret) Amerigo V. Agnola



Pulaski County Camp Gideons - October 09, 2019 at 07:44 PM



Jerri Wood

Steve and Linda, I'm so sorry to hear about your Dad. I didn't know him well but I know he will be missed. My condolences.

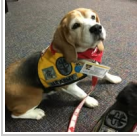
Jerri Wood - October 11, 2019 at 08:52 AM

MS

“ *I came to know Rico through my best friend and he was truly a gentleman, kind, and considerate. He loved his church. May the Good Lord wrap his arms around the family in these hours of sorrow and bring you comfort. He will be missed.*



Marge Scott - October 09, 2019 at 06:38 PM



“ Will miss Rico at Mass. Always kind and gentlemanly to everyone he met.



Susan Aspetes - October 09, 2019 at 04:48 PM



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Marge Scott - October 09, 2019 at 02:14 PM



“ Ben Lord lit a candle in memory of MSGT (Ret) Amerigo V. Agnola



Ben Lord - October 09, 2019 at 09:38 AM



“ Mr Rico was our neighbor and friend. Great man! Sure gonna miss him. Our prayers are with his family.

Pastor and Mrs Russell W Smith

Pastor Russell Smith - October 08, 2019 at 05:14 PM

TS

“ *The Schonboks sent a virtual gift in memory of
MSGT (Ret) Amerigo V. Agnola*



The Schonboks - October 08, 2019 at 01:24 PM

AC

“ *He was always such a pleasant gentleman at
church. His smile and kindness will be
missed.*



Alisha Cartwright - October 08, 2019 at 10:55 AM