

Joseph A. Juliano

August 3, 1926 (Rockford, IL)

May 12, 2009 (Rockford, IL)

Joseph A. Juliano, 82, of Rockford died at 9:54 p.m. Tuesday, May 12, 2009, in OSF Saint Anthony Medical Center, after a sudden illness.

Born August 3, 1926, the son of Jerry and Rosalie Juliano, he lived his entire life in Rockford. He married Mary Anne Triolo on October 8, 1955. Joseph owned and operated Juliano Grocery Store for several years. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in World War (WW) II. He was a member of St. Anthony Church, the past-president of the Senior Holy Name Society, and an avid golfer.

“Juliano’s,” the grocery store, was a predecessor to 7-11’s, a niche between small corner grocery stores and yet-to-come supermarkets, and a fast-food lunch place because Washington Junior High School did not have a cafeteria. Now under new owners catering to a different ethnic community, the store still identified as “Juliano’s” or “the old Juliano’s” remains an historic landmark in the fabric of South Rockford – just like the corner stores run by the families of Classmates Joseph LaRosa and Frank Zammuto.

Juliano “attended” schools in Rockford. Although he became a pillar of the South Rockford Community, a successful businessman, a proud patriotic member of the WW “Greatest Generation,” a mentor, and a civic leader, he thought it important to fill a void in his resumé. At the age of many of our fathers he paused to earn his General Education Diploma (GED). We in the West High School Class of 1961 are honored that that achievement was recognized in the 1961 Commencement Program.

Survivors include wife, Mary Anne Juliano; daughter, Lisa Marie Contini M.S. of Cadyville, N.Y.; son, Jerry Juliano of San Diego; grandchildren, Guiseppe E., Giovanna M. and Regina R. Contini; sister, Rose Juliano of Rockford; aunt, Vincenza Giuliano of Rockford; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Memorial service at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 23, in St. Anthony Church, with visitation from 9 a.m. to time of service; Franciscan Friars will officiate. Arrangements are with Gasparini and Oliveri Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 707 Marchesano Drive, www.gasparinioliverifuneral.net .

Reference:

[Joseph Juliano Obituary \(2009\) - Rockford, IL - Rockford Register Star \(legacy.com\)](http://www.legacy.com)