

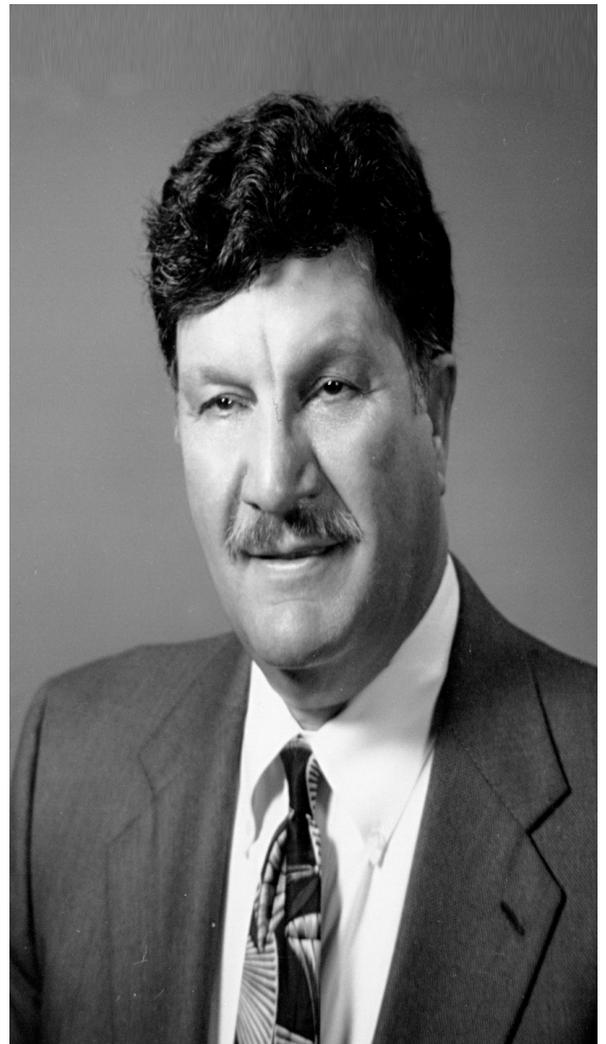


Egg Industry Icon, Arthur Papetti, Passes Away

Obituary

Arthur Papetti, beloved father, grandfather and businessman, passed away on Thursday, May 2, 2019, at the age of 87.

Arthur worked in his family's business since the age of 11, on a small dairy farm in Elizabeth that started in 1908 when Arthur's grandparents, Anthony and Mary De Stefano, immigrated from Calabria, Italy. Later, Arthur's parents evolved the family business into Papetti's Hygrade Poultry & Eggs, transitioning the family business from dairy to poultry. Arthur and his brother Tony helped their parents deliver fresh, high-quality chicken to their customers all throughout their teen years. Then in the 1960's, Arthur saw a demand for shelled eggs, and steered the family business into the egg business. Arthur pioneered the egg products industry with dedication and determination to become the number one egg processor in the world. Papetti's Hygrade Egg Products was the first to produce egg products in any form or formulation to suit retail and manufacturer's needs. One innovation inspired another, and soon Papetti's became the industry standard for technological developments. Arthur served as the company president and worked alongside his brother Tony, two of his children Tina Marie, AJ and his nephews Al and Stephen. In 1997, Michael Foods acquired Papetti's. Arthur continued to serve as a consultant for the company and retired in 2015.



Arthur was involved in a number of organizations. He served as a Board Member of the National Prepared Food Association and The United Egg Association, Member of the New Jersey Poultry Association, New Jersey Waterfowler and Ducks Unlimited.

He was a recipient of many awards: Urner Barry Man of the Year, Man of the Year from Boystown of Italy, Golden Egg Award, Industry Leader Award, Family Award from the Ileitis and Colitis Foundation and The Dames of Mary Help Honoree.

Arthur was an avid waterfowl hunter, and enjoyed collecting Western art and raising miniature donkeys.

Born and raised in Elizabeth, New Jersey, Arthur was the son of the late Alfred and Santina (De Stefano) Papetti. He graduated Thomas Jefferson High School in 1950. Arthur attended University of Maryland, pursuing a pre-med course of study. He was married to the late Barbara Belfatto for 42 years.

Arthur is survived by his children: Tina Marie and her husband Frank Noll, AJ and his wife Mindy, Mary Barbara and her husband Ryan Granito along with 8 grandchildren. His loving brother Tony Papetti and sister in law Lillian, nephews Al, Stephen his wife Janice and their children as well as his loyal, caring right-hand man Froilan "Hernan" Benitez, also survive him.

Visitation will be at Corsentino Home for Funerals, 620 Second Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey on Monday, May 13, 2019 from 3-8PM. A Funeral Mass will be held on Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at 10 am at St. Anthony's Church in Elizabeth, New Jersey,

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to The Arthur & Barbara Papetti Fund for Faculty Professional Development. The Delbarton School, 230 Mendham Road, Morristown, New Jersey 07960.

From all of us here at Urner Barry, we wish Arthur's family, friends, and colleagues comfort during this difficult time.

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