



## Mr. Louis L Casaletto

June 6, 1927 - September 14, 2020

On Sunday September 13, 2020 Louis Lavern “Cas” Casaletto, of Frontenac, loving husband and father peacefully passed away at Ascension Via Christi Hospital at the age of 93.

Louis was born on June 6, 1927 in Arma, Kansas to Joe and Alice (Rons) Casaletto. On June 10, 1951 he married Louise Ossana at the Arma Methodist Church. They raised three children. Louis and Louise would have celebrated 70 years of marriage in June of 2021.

Louis was a veteran serving in the Merchant Marines from 1945-1947. He returned home from service to help with running the family business; Inter-Urban Lumber Company in Arma, Kansas. In 1972 the business was relocated as True Value Home Center in Pittsburg, Kansas.

Louis was very active in civic projects; including being instrumental in the development of the Miner’s Memorial in Immigrant Park of Pittsburg. He felt strongly that the coal miners of this area should be recognized. One of his proudest accomplishments was making possible the formation of the Wilderness Park, through the donation of the land by Louis and Louise. The park was dedicated in 2000 to the preservation of wildlife and the enjoyment of all.

Louis was preceded in death by his father Joe, mother Alice and brother Art. He is survived by his wife Louise of the home; son David Casaletto (Diane) of Galena, MO; daughters Bonnie Warlop (Bill) of Frontenac, KS; Mary Sue Painter (Micky) of Frontenac, KS.; eight grandchildren : Angela, Sarah, Kristin, Casey, Daniel, Heidi, Katie, and Abby and five great grandchildren: Madison, Payton, Arlo, Olive, and J.W.

Cremation is planned with a private family Celebration of Life at a later date.

The family suggests in lieu of flowers donations may be made in his name to SEK Humane Society or Pittsburg Public Library.

Arrangements by the Bath-Naylor Funeral Home. Condolences may be left at our web site  
<http://www.bathnaylor.com>

# Comments

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“ Condolences to the Casaletto family across the US. We only met Mr. Casaletto and his wife once, but their decency and kindness and love for their family emanated from them.

Love and respect for the life he lived and the purpose and joy he left behind with his legacy. Blessings on his dear wife of so many years, and gratitude for the example their love story provides.

Skye and Chris Gibson

**Skye Gibson** - September 17, 2020 at 06:05 PM

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“ Without Cas there would be massive hole in the coal mining history of the Little Balkans - no Miners' Memorial with its granite slabs honoring our coal miner ancestors, no kiosks telling the stories of life in the coal fields, no map of the Weir-Pittsburg Coalfield, no photographic history of the miners and the mines. All of it done with humility, love, and a good natured smile. I was lucky to interview him and write about him. Honored to support him in his quest to not let our ancestors be forgotten. - J.T. Knoll

**James T Knoll** - September 17, 2020 at 03:37 PM

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“ To sweet David and the entire Casaletto family, our sincere condolences for your loss of an outstanding example of a fine patriarch. May God bless you with peace and appreciation of his long and successful life in business and at home. With love, the entire OWW, OES and OCWC team members!

**Cathy Stepp** - September 16, 2020 at 04:18 PM

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“ Worked with Cas on his True Value Building design and construction. Always considered him a good friend as well as David, Bonnie and Bill.  
Stu Owsley

**Stuart Owsley** - September 16, 2020 at 02:36 PM

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“ Thinking of Louise and the Casaletto family at this difficult time. Our family has been praying that they will all find comfort and peace, even though this is really hard. I have so many great memories of working at True Value, and i continue to be grateful to the Casalettos for giving me a job and a chance to learn. .... The most vivid memory i have of Cas is very simple, but i think very beautiful: He would stand at the front of the store, between the cash stands, hands in his pockets, and wait patiently (he seemed patient anyway!) for Louise to gather her things so that they could leave. Whether they were going to lunch or leaving for the day, it was kind of the same sweet routine. I know that the family is missing all these small routines they shared with Cas. Hopefully it will help us all to cherish our current routines that we have with the ones we love.

**Carolyn Beamen** - September 16, 2020 at 12:31 PM

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“ When we bought our first house, Mr. Casaletto was the inspector. He impressed us with his professionalism and thoroughness. Whenever we saw him, we made a point of greeting him and he remembered us. We enjoy the Miner's Museum, so we have him and the Miner's Hall Board of Directors to thank for their time.

May His Memory Be Eternal

John & Helen Daley

**John & Helen Daley** - September 16, 2020 at 08:16 AM

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“ We are so very sorry to read of Cass’s passing! Holding you all close in thoughts and prayers as you prepare to say your final goodbyes.  
Love Whendi and Bill Martin



**Whendi and Bill Martin** - September 15, 2020 at 10:42 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. The Jim Hobson Family

**Carolyn Hobson** - September 16, 2020 at 03:45 PM



“ Very sorry for your loss.

Jennifer May-Brust

**Jennifer May-Brust** - September 16, 2020 at 05:17 PM



“ So sorry David for your fathers death, he was a very nice man. He will be missed.

**cheryl Tomaselli Baden** - September 17, 2020 at 10:04 AM



“ Very sorry to louise and family for your loss. Cas gave me my first job and we shared a desk for many years. Cas and louise treated my family as if were there own. Cas was a honest and generous person and i give credit for my accomplishments. We all lost a great friend. Jim Rhodes

**Jm Rhodes** - September 25, 2020 at 02:11 PM