



Maurice Sposato

May 22, 1917 - May 13, 2016

Maurice A. "KID SHARKEY" Sposato, passed away on May 13, 2016, at Kindred Greenbriar Nursing Home in Nashua, NH. Maurice was born on May 22, 1917 in upstate NY. As a young adult he enlisted in the Marine Corps. He was wounded in the Battle of Tarawa losing two toes and spent many months in a hospital convalescing, thus earning him a Purple Heart, the Presidential Citation, and a Gold Star for his war efforts. His injuries destroyed his dreams of becoming a professional boxer but he never let it get him down. He would often tell people when life gets tough, you gotta "Keep On Punchin".

Prior to joining the Marines, Maurice's boxing career consisted of a 59-9 record, scoring a draw to Sugar Ray Robinson. Upon returning to the states, Maurice enrolled in NYU, majoring in psychology. He later became a private detective. Maurice never gave up his love of the sport of boxing and he found his way back into the ring as a trainer to many professional fighters. He could often be found in the corner as a cut man for many Golden Gloves boxers such as Archie Moore, Doug Dewitt, Buster Mathis, Jose Torres, Larry Holmes and Lou Savarese. Maurice encouraged many kids to get off the streets and into his gym where they learned how to box but more importantly how to live an honest life through his gift of wisdom. Wisdom that he bestowed upon us to his last day.

Maurice is predeceased by his wife, Mary (Kelly) Sposato, a sister, Matilda

(Sposato) Magnotta, and his brothers Virgil Sposato and Laurence Sposato.

Survivors include his daughter Judy Sposato of Hudson, NH, his sister Lillian (Sposato) Sarrero of Boynton Beach, FL, a granddaughter Gina and her husband James Udice of Hudson NH and three great-granddaughters, Kristina, Cassidy, and Caitlin Udice, also of Hudson NH. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews. A public memorial service will be held in White Plains, NY at a later date to be announced by his beloved nephew, Rocco Magnotta.

All services will be private. In lieu of flowers, the family requests any donations be made in his honor to the Boys & Girls Clubs of America, Attention: Resource Development Operations, 1275 Peachtree Street NE, Atlanta, GA 30309-3506 or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. T

Tribute Wall



“ *Maurice Sposato*

October 06, 2023 at 08:13 AM



“ *Maurice Sposato*

September 27, 2023 at 04:05 AM



“ *The man was a legend, so many stories to his life. A brilliant coach and a humble man, the best boxing coach I've ever known, he taught me so much. RIP*

Don Torelli - May 19, 2016 at 07:46 PM



“ *Kid Sharkey will be missed by his comrades at VFW Post 672. May he Rest in Peace!*

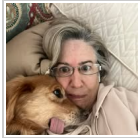
*Art Hanley, Post Commander
VFW Post 672
Brewster NY*

Arthur Hanley - May 18, 2016 at 08:42 PM



“ Kid Sharkey was my first Coach and taught me so much I couldn't retain it all. More importantly, Kid taught me how to be humble, honest and genuine. He never had a bad word to say about anyone and was caring. He made you feel just as important as the world champions that he trained. I will never forget this man. I owe so much to him. I think about him every day. He had such a great long life and gave so much to so many. Until we meet again Coach. - Ryan O'Leary

Ryan O'Leary - May 18, 2016 at 09:50 AM



“ Judy, so sorry for your loss. I remember your dad making "Sunday gravy" for us when I used to visit.



Marianne Molleur - May 17, 2016 at 09:11 PM

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“ Dear Judy, Gina & family,
Heartfelt sympathy & prayers for the loss of a wonderful man. It was an honor to know him. He will be missed & remembered...Take care, God Bless....Love Margo

Margo Lawrie - May 17, 2016 at 11:40 AM

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There will be a memorial / get together celebrating Maurice "kid sharkey's life this Sunday may 22nd at 12:00 noon. which would have which would have been his 99th birthday. It will be held at Westchester boxing club located at 220 ferris Ave 1st floor white plains Ny 10603. All are welcome. For further information contact nick delury at (914) 329-6287

nick delury - May 17, 2016 at 07:45 PM