



# Donald Victor Mariutto

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**M**ARIUTTO Mariutto, Donald V., 81, passed away May 14 at home surrounded by a loving family. Don was born September 25, 1930 in Pittsburgh, PA to Phyllis R. and Victor L. Mariutto.

Don attended Citrus Grove elementary and junior high schools, and later Miami Senior High,

where his father installed the tile in 1924. Don was captain of the 1948 Miami High football

team, and received an athletic scholarship to the University of Miami where he was the

Hurricanes' starting right guard for three years, and co-captain in 1952. Don studied Business

Administration, and was recognized as the football player with the highest grades while at UM.

An ROTC cadet commander, Don was named a distinguished military graduate, and served in

Korea with the U.S. Air Force. He later became commander of the 9013 Air Force Information

Squadron, and retired as Colonel in the USAF reserves, honored with the distinguished Legion

of Merit Medal.

After Korea, Don joined his father and brother in building Mariutto and Sons into one of the

largest ceramic tile and marble contracting firms in Florida. Don served as president of the Tile

Contractors Association of America and the Miami Builders Exchange. In 1981 he



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received the  
Cesery Award, the highest honor presented in the American tile industry.  
Don loved the University of Miami, and was a founding member of the UM Athletic Federation,  
today known as the Hurricane Club. He served on the UM Board of Trustees for six years as  
alumni representative. A member of Iron Arrow and ODK, he was also a UM Ibis Founder and  
established the Mariutto family scholarship, awarded each year to the Hurricanes football player  
with the highest academics. As president of the UM Sports Hall of Fame Committee, he worked  
to preserve the University's athletic history, salvaging treasured items including the historic  
Seminole War Canoe trophy. He also led the effort to endow the Walter Kichefski football  
scholarship. Don was inducted into the UM Sports Hall of Fame in 1989.  
Don is survived by his loving wife Kathleen, brother Eugene (Simone), sons Donald (Mary)  
and Michael (Jissy), stepdaughters Susan Connell, Patrice (Michael) Gimenez, Lisa DeMahy  
and Beth (Ken) Laurence, grandchildren Jennifer, Anthony, Stephanie, Travis, David, Danielle,  
Robert, Matthew, Nicolas, Nicole, Daniel, Cristian and Tomas, great-grandchild Taylor and  
a great many cherished friends. Family will receive friends 7pm – 9pm Thursday at Van Orsdel  
Coral Gables Chapel, 4600 SW 8th Street. Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated 10am Friday at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church, 7303 SW 64th Street, Miami.  
Interment to follow at Woodlawn Park North Mausoleum. In lieu of flowers,



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donations may be  
made to the University of Miami Sports Hall of Fame, 5821 San Amaro Drive, Coral  
Gables, FL  
33146.



# Events


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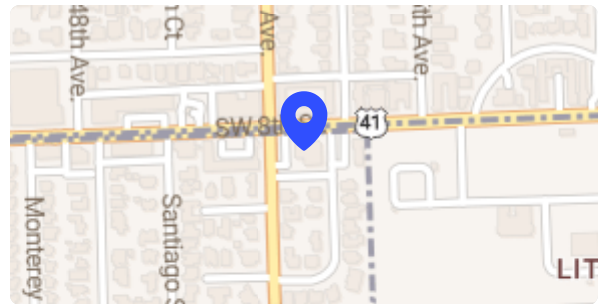
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## Visitation

 **Thursday**, May 17, 2012


 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM ET


 **Van Orsdel Funeral & Cremation Services**  
4600 SW 8th St, Coral Gables FL 33134



## Service


 **Friday**, May 18, 2012

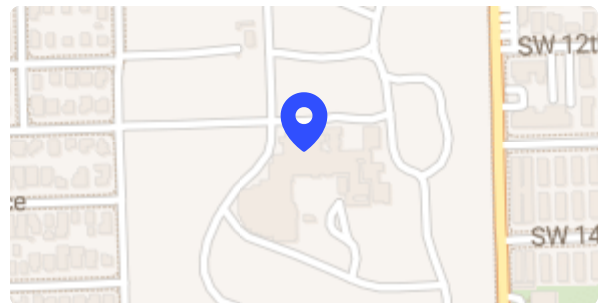
 10:00 AM ET

 **St. Thomas The Apostle Catholic Church**  
7377 SW 64 Street, Miami FL 33143



## Cemetery Details

 **Woodlawn Park North**  
3260 SW 8th Street, Miami FL 33135





## Tribute Wall

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**Karin Kruger** lit a candle in honor of Donald.



May 17 at 4:51 AM



**Karin Kruger** posted:

My Deepest and Most Sincere Condolensces on your great loss!! Don was a wonderful husband, father and friend and he will be deeply missed. My love, thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this most difficult time.Karin Kruger

May 17 at 4:48 AM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Donald by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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