



## Silvio Fanella

March 15, 1929 - July 18, 2024

Silvio Fanella, of Lake Forest, Illinois and formerly of Arlington Heights, Illinois, was called home to God on July 18, 2024, at the age of 95 in Highland Park, Illinois. Born on March 15, 1929, in Calabria, Italy. He was the cherished son of Antonio and Lucia Fanella and grew up alongside his loving siblings, Giaimi, Enia, and Filippo.

A man of remarkable passion and dedication, Silvio was not only the foundation of his family but also a successful entrepreneur as owner of Professional Chicago Clothier/Tailor and Silvio's Cleaners and Tailor. Known for his impeccable style and love for the finer things, Silvio was truly debonair. His passion for European history and politics reflected his intellectual curiosity and sophisticated taste. Silvio's passing leaves behind a legacy of love, hard work, and an appreciation for life's "civilized" pleasures.

Silvio is survived by his loving wife of 61 years, Mimi; their beloved children, John Fanella and Lori (Scott) Pomerich; and their adored grandchildren, Alexandra, Elliotte, Ashlynn, and Ethan.

Visitation at Church of St. Mary, 175 E. Illinois Road, Lake Forest, will be from 9 a.m. until the Funeral Mass that will start at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, July 23, 2024. A private Entombment will be held at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery in River Grove, Illinois.

For information – Reuland & Turnbough Funeral Directors of Lake Forest,  
847-234-9649 or [www.RTfunerals.com](http://www.RTfunerals.com).

# Cemetery Details

## St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery

Belmont & Cumberland Avenues  
River Grove, IL 60171

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 23. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Church of St. Mary  
175 E. Illinois Road  
Lake Forest, IL 60045

## Funeral Mass

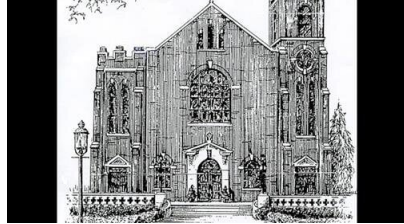
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Reuland & Turnbough Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Silvio Fanella* ”



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**Reuland & Turnbough Funeral Directors of Lake Forest - July 22, 2024 at 06:56 PM**

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“ I remember meeting Mr. Fanella when I was still just a teenager, I got to know him and his family after becoming great friends with John. I never really knew a true Italian family like the Fanellas, especially for me being a young guy originally from Texas, so it was always an interesting experience. I was so impressed knowing the incredible journey that was made coming from Italy to America, and the life he forged by the time I came around. A Lot of my memories of Mr. Fanella were of him at work, we would often go and meet John there where the entire family contributed, but Mr. Fanella was definitely in charge 😊. He was an important part of the local community running a highly successful business for many years. The rest of my memories of him would be at their beautiful home where I mostly saw him at the head of the table surrounded by his family, they would have many spirited conversations in Italian, which always fascinated me, even though I didn't know what he was saying 😊. It was a home filled with Love and respect for one another, and I attribute that to Mr. Fanellas leadership, he always welcomed me into their home with open arms, and I will never forget that. He truly achieved the American dream, and that must be applauded. I am grateful to have known such a high value individual. So to Mrs. Fanella, John and Lori, I offer my deepest condolences, may your Dad rest in peace and God bless all of you.  
Your friend, Dave Elder

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Dave Elder - July 23, 2024 at 12:02 AM