



## Joseph Cecere

February 19, 2015

Cecere, Joseph Born February 12, 1937 in San Nicola Caserta, Italy. Giuseppe Cecere ("Joe," "Pinuccio," "Nonno") immigrated to Chicago by way of Ellis Island in 1952 with an empty suitcase and a single lemon in his pocket. In 1957, Joe met the love of his life, Maria. Married in 1959, Joe and Maria raised three boys; Andy, Dominic and Joey. Joe owned and operated a small bakery in Chicago where according to Joe he "made millions" of whatever specialty item any customer desired. In 1976, the family moved to Minnesota where they operated several successful restaurants, including Vincenzo's, Cecere's and Giuseppe's, Joe in the back and Maria out front greeting customers - many of whom became lifelong friends. While Joe enjoyed making bread, he loved to garden. "Everything is from the yard" is what the family heard sitting around the Sunday dinner table. Joe always believed that you can have anything you wanted if you worked hard to get it. An extraordinarily proud father and grandfather, what Joe wanted most was to provide for his loving family, which he did every day of his life. Preceded in death by parents, Andrea and Litizia, brothers, Tony and John. Survived by wife, Maria; sons and daughters-in-law, (Andy, Kathleen, Dominic, Alison, Joey and Kirsten) and grandchildren, (Alesandro, Nina, Nicolina, Luca and Francesca). Visitation 4-7PM Sunday, February 22, 2015 at Washburn-McReavy Northeast Chapel, 2901 Johnson St. NE, Minneapolis and one hour prior to the 11AM Monday, February 23, 2015 Mass of Christian Burial at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 835 2nd Ave. NW, New Brighton.

Entombment Hillside Mausoleum. [www.Washburn-McReavy.com](http://www.Washburn-McReavy.com) Northeast  
Chapel 612-781-6828

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