

## Michael J. Sassone Sr. (1926 - 2015)



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Michael J. Sassone, Sr., age 88 of Wilmington, passed away peacefully on February 5, 2015. He was surrounded by his loving family. Michael was born in Wilmington on October 18, 1926, son of the late James and Esther (Cantera) Sassone. He proudly served his country towards the end of [WWII](#) as a member of the [U.S. Marine Corps](#). He later embarked on a career in real estate, contributing to the family business (Sassone Real Estate). Michael was known for his quick wit and great sense of humor. He had a passion for antiques and winemaking, and found joy in spending summers at the family beach house in Ocean City, NJ. An avid horseback rider, he was also a member of the Brandywine Polo Club. Above all things, Michael will be remembered for his endless devotion to loved ones.

In addition to his parents, Michael was predeceased by his sister, Vivian Sassone Kelleher. He is survived by his wife, Phyllis; sons, James, Michael, and Jon; daughters, Jacqueline Abbonizio and Phyllis Dault (with whom he lived) and her children Gregory Finkle (Kenzie), Jeffrey Finkle, Michael Finkle (Anna Slomowitz), and Julie Dault who all adored their grandfather and assisted in his caregiving; 12 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren; and nieces and nephew, Catherine Kelleher Burgy, Vivian M. Kelleher, and John Kelleher Jr.

Visitation will be held at the CHARLES P. ARCARO FUNERAL HOME, 2309 Lancaster Ave in Wilmington, on Wednesday, February 11 from 1-1:45 pm. A Memorial Service will begin immediately following visitation. Burial will be held privately.