



Mario A. Vergottini

May 4, 1926 - December 18, 2018

Mario Antonio Vergottini, born on May 4th, 1926 in Bellano, Italy, passed away surrounded by love ones on the evening of December 18th, 2018 at the age of 92. Born and raised on the beautiful shores of Lake Como in the Italian Alps, he loved to fish and to take walks in nature. As a teenager, Mario fought in World War Two against the fascists, saving the lives of innumerable persecuted individuals by helping them to hide, or clandestinely sneaking them over the border to safety in Switzerland. In 1969, he moved to the United States with his wife, Maria Bai Vergottini, and his four children, Giorgio, Nicoletta, Patrizia and Clelia Vergottini. A remarkable chef, Mario honed his cooking skills by working for his father, Giorgio, a respected chef and butcher known throughout the north of Italy. Mario argued that his own food was a pale reflection of his father's, saying that it was "better than nothing." But, when pushed, he said that his trick in cooking such delicious food was by "making love to it." Mario's stubborn (yet loving) bickering and his quirky humor will be missed by all those fortunate to know him. Mario is survived by his loving wife, Maria Bai Vergottini, by three of his children, Giorgio, Nicoletta and Patrizia, and by seven grandchildren.

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“ *My pops Mario was the strong silent type of man, he showed his love with always being there for us and with his legendary cooking, we thankfully never had to experience the stress that many children do, of coming home to an empty house and the fear of an abusive parent and for that, I am immensely thankful to him!
God willing , we will always have the beautiful memories.
The holidays, our time together at the country hous and our nightly sit down dinners will always be engaged in my heart.
Love you 4ever Pops*

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