



## Lewis R. Perrone

May 22, 2022

Lewis Perrone, a longtime resident of greater Hartford, died May 22nd in Millersville, MD. He was 98. Born June 17, 1923, to Vincenzo and Adeline Cersosimo Perrone in Hartford, Lew graduated from Bulkeley High in 1941 and enlisted in the Army Air Force after the attack on Pearl Harbor. A ball-turret gunner with the 381st Bomb Group, 533rd Squadron, he flew 32 B-17 missions out of Ridgewell, England, completed his decorated tour in the fall of '44 and stayed on as gunnery-school instructor through war's end. Back stateside, he married Gloria Cannistraro in 1953, drove Connecticut roads as a Sceli Electronics salesman for more than three decades and later worked as a buyer for circuit-board maker Nova Systems of Avon. After retiring, he spent more than 20 years in Vero Beach, FL, some as unofficial office manager of a sign-making firm, all as gourmet cook, dependable pro-bono repairman and physical marvel: He marked his 80th birthday with 80 uninterrupted pushups. The Florida butcher who custom-made Lew's five-alarm Italian sausage groused that his hands burned for three days afterward. Lew moved to Maryland in 2013, participated in World War II Memorial ceremonies, offered oral histories to videographers, addressed schoolkids on his wartime doings. In 2021, he received the Legion of Honor medal, France's highest military decoration. He toasted that achievement, and most every evening meal, with a glass of red wine. Predeceased by wife Gloria in 1979, Lew leaves children Vincent (Anna), Gina Michie (Ward) and Anthony (William Moyle), beloved grandsons Taylor and Tristan Michie, and many extended family members and

friends whose lives he touched. A graveside service is scheduled at Fairview Cemetery at noon Thursday, June 2nd, the 78th anniversary of his first combat mission. Memorial contributions may be made to the Friends of the World War II Memorial (921 Pennsylvania Ave. SE, Suite 316, Washington, DC, 20003; [www.wwiimemorialfriends.org](http://www.wwiimemorialfriends.org)) or the 381st Bomb Group Memorial Association, 5937 Woodfield Dr., Kernersville, NC, 27284. Online expressions of sympathy may be made at [www.molloyfuneralhome.com](http://www.molloyfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Fairview Cemetery

200 Whitman Ave.  
West Hartford, CT

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

JUN 2. 12:00 PM (ET)

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West Hartford, CT

# Tribute Wall

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“ On behalf of the Board of Trustees, the staff and volunteers of the National Museum of the Mighty Eighth Air Force, we would like to extend our deepest condolences for your loss. Please know the passing of your loved one is felt by all those who honor the Greatest Generation and their sacrifices

Mighty Eighth Museum - June 09, 2022 at 09:22 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Lewis R. Perrone.



June 01, 2022 at 01:21 PM

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“ When I worked as an electrician at Stanadyne, one of our suppliers was Sceli Electronics. Lew, as sales rep, would stop by frequently. Being that my father was also an Eighth Air Force veteran, Lew and I would often talk about their shared experiences in the skies over Europe. Lew was a real gentleman and I am very sorry to hear of his passing.

With deepest sympathy to his family,  
Rick Centore

Rick Centore - May 31, 2022 at 04:03 PM



“ *Love Everlasting Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lewis R. Perrone.*



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May 31, 2022 at 12:05 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Lewis R. Perrone.*



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May 30, 2022 at 09:00 PM