



Milton L. Iossi

June 12, 1931 - February 6, 2025

Milton L. Iossi passed away on February 6, 2025 at the NC State Veteran's Home in Salisbury, NC at the age of 93.

He was born in Sioux Falls, SD on June 12, 1931. He was the oldest of eight siblings. After graduating from high school, he joined the U.S. Army and served honorably in Korea. After his military service, he entered the University of Minnesota and graduated Phi Beta Kappa with a degree in international relations. Upon graduation, he entered the U.S. Foreign Service and began his career as a Foreign Service Officer.

His career took him to many foreign locations including Yugoslavia, Paris, Rabat Morocco, Karachi Pakistan, Dhaka Bangladesh as well as several tours of duty in Washington, D.C. His education continued at Princeton University and the National War College.

His career was one of fascinating experiences. From meeting his wife in Morocco to life threatening events at two of his posts, life was far from mundane for Milton and his family. Following retirement, Milton chose to use his many talents in service to others in organizations such as Rotary International, Hospice and the Literacy Council.

Milton is survived by his wife Toni, of the home, three sons Paul, Peter (Patsy), and Graham all of Salisbury, NC. He has three surviving siblings: Denny (Jackie), Daryl and David Iossi of Centralia, Illinois.

The family will receive friends from 12:30-2 PM Tuesday (Feb 11) at Summersett Funeral Home. The funeral service will follow at 2 PM in

Summersett Memorial Chapel with a private burial for the family following at Rowan Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Salisbury Symphony, PO Box 4264, Salisbury, NC 28145 or Meals on Wheels, PO Box 1914, Salisbury, NC 28145.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the lossi family. Online condolences may be made at www.summersettfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Rowan Memorial Park

4125 Franklin Comm Center Rd
Salisbury, NC 28144
(704) 636-8751

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 11. 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Summersett Funeral Home
1315 W. Innes St.
Salisbury, NC 28144
(704) 633-2111
<https://www.summersettfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Service

FEB 11. 2:00 PM (ET)

Summersett Memorial Chapel
1315 W. Innes St.
Salisbury, NC 28144

Tribute Wall

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“Milton Iossi is a retired career diplomat who grew up in the Midwestern U.S. He graduated with high honors and Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Minnesota in International Relations and completed post-graduate studies at Princeton University and the National War College. During the Korean War, he was decorated for his Army service in Korea. During thirty-two years of government service, he served in Eastern Europe, Western Europe, North Africa, and South Asia, as well as in Washington, DC. A member of the Salisbury Rotary Club in NC, he first became a Rotarian while serving in South Asia more than thirty years ago, helped found a new club on the NC coast, and served as District Governor for District 7730 from 1993-1994. Milton has since served as member, vice-chairman, and chairman of numerous zone and international committees and task forces for RI. He served as RI President's Representative in 1999, 2000, and 2003, Delegate to the Council on Legislation in 2001, and led a GSE Team to South India in 1997. Long active in Foundation support, he currently serves District 7680 as Chair of the Rotary Peace Centers Committee and on the Zone 33 RLI Faculty. Milton has also served many other civic, charitable, educational, veteran's, and cultural activities in NC over the years. He was awarded the NC Governor's Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service in 1998.

Milton, wife Toni, a former teacher, and three grown sons: Paul, Peter, and Graham, all live and work in Salisbury. He continues to lecture and write on International affairs, as well as serve Rotary.

Above is a thumbnail of Milt's contributions to Rotary International as he was an outstanding faculty member of the Mid Atlantic Division of Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI). He inspired many new Rotarians and made them more effective in their service journey. He was a wonderful friend and he will be deeply missed!

Bill Parker LtCol USMC (Ret) Past District Governor District 7670

Bill Parker - February 12, 2025 at 01:48 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Milton L. Iossi.

February 10, 2025 at 04:51 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Milton L. Iossi.



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“ Dear Toni and Paul, our thoughts and prayers are with you and the rest of your family. Where your hearts are broken now you have a peace beyond all understanding. Your loved one is with His Creator. We recall when receiving the news of Milton's salvation, the overwhelming joy we felt for all of you. We didn't have as much contact with Milton but certainly loved his sweet Toni and son, Paul. You know our Lord and Savior has His arms around you.

Ross and Joan Silvestro - February 07, 2025 at 09:56 PM

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“ Milt was a dear friend and highly respected colleague. Milt soared to incredible heights in the foreign service branch of the State Department. Milt's international relations credentials were of the highest order. Milt was a defacto ambassador for what is great and good about America. Milt loved his family deeply and found grace in his spiritual journey along with his wife Toni. Those who knew Milt best will miss him the most. A true gentleman, statesman and brilliant professional. Milt lived a full life of high achievement and distinguished success. Well Done Good and Faithful Servant. It was an honor to live in your era. Major General (USAF Retired) Kenneth R. Israel, Gainesville, Virginia

Kenneth R. Israel - February 06, 2025 at 09:49 PM

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Thank you

Lisa Sharp - February 07, 2025 at 05:29 PM