

**Funeral mass and “Celebration of Life” held in Norwich, CT Nov. 6, 2021, for Merrill’s Marauder Rocco DeLuca**



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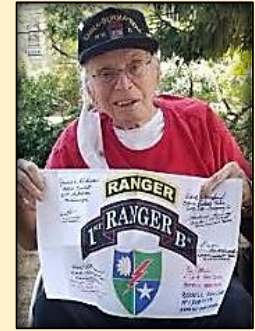
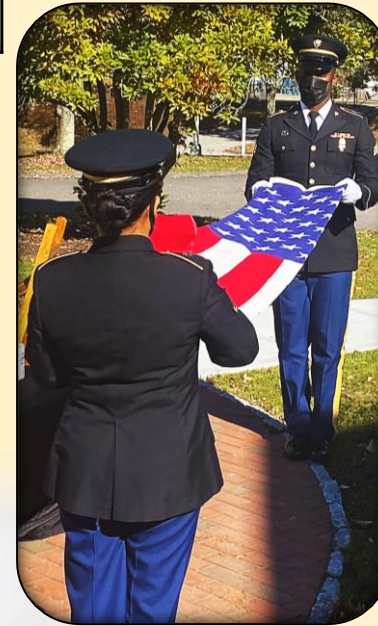
- Following the flag-folding ceremony, (right) retired BG Ronald “Ron” P. Welch presents it to Marauder Rocco DeLuca’s daughter, Joyce Horey.
- Joyce Horey and BG Welch are flanked by two of the five, still-living Marauders, “Bob” Passanisi, 97, NY, (L) and “Gil” Howland, 98, NJ.

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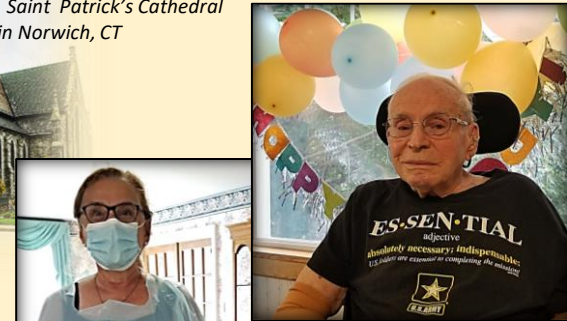
- A memorial table honoring Marauder DeLuca and his late wife, Angela, displayed family photos along with their ashes, which will be interred at a later date in Buffalo, NY

**Far Right Top to Bottom**

- DeLuca proudly wearing his Buffalo, NY, sweatshirt
- DeLuca holds IED-injured Ranger Cory Remsburg’s 1<sup>st</sup> RGR BN banner after signing it
- DeLuca celebrates his 99th birthday Sept 5, 2021, with Joyce
- Joyce in a mask and protective gown at her Dad’s long-term care facility
- DeLuca (R) and Dan Cipolla in 1944 at the beginning of the Ledo Road.



*A funeral mass was held at Saint Patrick’s Cathedral in Norwich, CT*



*funeral photos by Bob Howland created by Jonnie Melillo Clasen*