

KEMPER MEMORIAL PARK PRESERVATION FUND Preserve Our Memorial Preserve Our Community

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John Bellom 1565 Calle Simpatico Wickenburg, AZ 85390

Dear Mr. Bellom,

Thank you so much for the wonderful photo of your father. I can't tell you how meaningful it is for me! Although, after speaking with you, I knew something about John Bellom's personal and World War II history, it was his photo that really brought him to life. He looks quite debonair!

I had a question for you. Was the wedding in Mamaroneck? I know your father grew up here so I thought it might have been. I know this is a lot to ask, but, if so, would it be possible for you to scan the entire photo and send it to me?

The Italian community was such an important part of Mamaroneck's history, as I am sure you are aware. It is amazing how many of the 99 honored at the Kemper Park had Italian backgrounds. I think it would be great fun to have your parents' wedding photo in our archives, those of the Mamaroneck Historical Society and/or those of the Village of Mamaroneck Historian.

Thank you again for this wonderful photo. I have submitted it to our webmaster and he has already put it on the website. Our website address is kempermemorialpark.org. We will also be using it in the booklets we print about the 99 individuals and the history of the Kemper Park. Our students learn so much from both the website and the booklets.

Thanks again!

Sincerely,

Jan Northrup, President Kemper Memorial Park Preservation Fund