

Joseph Bartolomeo diBenedetto

1/13/1871 – 9/13/1966

Burial location in St. Mary Cemetery is in the family tomb at N3-05-01.

Obit was published in Sea Coast Echo on 9/15/1966. According to his son, George diBenedetto, Joseph's middle name was Bartolomeo. See next page for a feature story on the family which ran in the SCE on 3/20/1942.

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Final rites were Wednesday for Joseph diBenedetto, 95, well-known Bay St. Louis resident and retired grocery store owner, who died Tuesday in Hancock General Hospital where he had been a patient since Sunday.

A native of Palermo, Sicily, where he was born on Jan. 13, 1871, Mr. diBenedetto was a naturalized United States citizen and lived in Bay St. Louis for the last 66 years. At the time of his death he was residing at 123 S. Beach Blvd.

Mr. and Mrs. diBenedetto moved to Bay St. Louis in 1900 from Independence, La., and started in business raising strawberries. It was he who first introduced the Klondike berry to Hancock County. The couple later opened a grocery store on Beach Boulevard and were famous for their fine quality Kansas City meats.

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quality Kansas City meats.

Member of Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church, Society of the Immaculate Conception, and Knights of Columbus, he was a widower, his wife, the former Miss Josephine Alessi, having died in 1957.

Survivors include three sons, Anthony J. diBenedetto, New Orleans; George diBenedetto, Bay St. Louis; and Joseph V. diBenedetto, Greenwood; three daughters, Mrs. Harry L. Benjamin, Bay St. Louis; Mrs. J.C. Roland, jr., New Orleans; Mrs. Paul F. Doyle, Metairie, La.; 13 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were in Riemann's Fahey-Whitfield Funeral Home chapel followed by religious services in Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church and interment in St. Mary's Cemetery.

(See the following feature story on him and wife, Josephine, in the Sea Coast Echo issue of March 20, 1942.)

OUTSTANDING FAMILY A CREDIT TO COMMUNITY



MR. AND MRS. JOSEPH di BENEDETTO

With six of their seven children serving the United States Government, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph di Benedetto, well known citizens of Bay St. Louis, are the kind of citizens we may well be proud of. Mr. and Mrs. di Benedetto were both born in Italy and came to the United States in their early childhood. They have been naturalized citizens of the United States for thirty-eight years.

Mr. di Benedetto was born near Palermo and came to New Orleans with his parents in 1873. He met his wife, the former Miss Josephine Alessi, and they were married in Independence, Louisiana, at which place they lived for a short time. Mr. and Mrs. di Benedetto came to Bay St. Louis in the year 1900 and engaged in farming for several years. In the year 1916 they opened a grocery business which has grown to be one of the largest and finest grocery and delicatessen stores on the Gulf Coast and which is known to hundreds of summer visitors and winter tourists. Several years ago Mr. di Benedetto erected his present building which is a credit to the city. The business is carried on by Mr. and Mrs. di Benedetto and their daughter, Miss Mary di Benedetto.

They have seven children. Six of

these are engaged in different branches of the Government Service. Anthony, the eldest son who is married to Miss Theresa Bell, and who

is an aeronautical engineer, was employed by the Douglas Aircraft Corporation and is presently employed by the Vultee Aircraft Company in Bellflower, California, which company is building planes for our Government.

George, who is married to the former Miss Imabelle Fahey, and who was an electrician and radio repair man, left on Monday of this week for New Orleans where he entered the United States Naval Forces as a radio technician.

Joseph, Jr., is in the United States Army, stationed at Camp Shelby.

Dominick, the youngest son, is employed at Keesler Field in Biloxi.

Miss Jennie di Benedetto, a former Deputy Clerk in the Chancery Clerk's Office, is doing secretarial work at the Army Air Base in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Miss Nina di Benedetto who is a graduate of Hotel Dieu School of Nursing, is with the Veterans Facility at Hines, Illinois, and Miss Mary di Benedetto, the ever efficient little business woman, is the only one of the children located in Bay St. Louis where she helps take care of the business with her father and mother.

The di Benedetto children attended St. Joseph's Academy and Saint Stanislaus College. They are a credit to their parents and they and their parents are a credit to the City of Bay St. Louis.