

The East Hanover Italian American Club is humbled to have the privilege of dedicating the 2013 Morris County Columbus Day Parade to James Gandolfini, who was an accomplished actor of screen and stage, an active philanthropist, and an upstanding Italian-American citizen.

The EHIAC extends special thanks to his wife, Deborah; his children, Michael and Liliana, his sisters, Johanna and Leta; his dear friends Tom Richardson and Mike DiBella; and the Borough of Park Ridge, New Jersey.

JAMES GANDOLFINI was born in Westwood, New Jersey on September 18, 1961. Gandolfini grew up in Park Ridge and graduated from Park Ridge High School in 1979. He attained a Bachelor of Arts degree in communication studies from Rutgers University in 1982.

Gandolfini made his mark in a variety of roles in film, stage and television.

Gandolfini recently starred in *Zero Dark Thirty*, *Killing Them Softly* opposite Brad Pitt, David Chase's *Not Fade Away*, Geoffrey Fletcher's *Violet and Daisy*, *The Incredible Burt Wonderstone* and Nicole Holofcener's *Enough Said*, opposite Julia Louis-Dreyfus.

Gandolfini's other film credits include the Emmy and Golden Globe-nominated HBO Film *Cinema Verite*, Spike Jonze's adaptation of Maurice Sendak's classic children's story *Where the Wild Things Are*, Tony Scott's remake of *The Taking of Pelham 123* and the independent feature *In the Loop*. His other films include: *Romance & Cigarettes*, *Lonely Hearts*, *All the King's Men*, *Surviving Christmas*, *The Man Who Wasn't There*, *The Last Castle*, *The Mexican*, *8MM*, *A Civil Action*, *The Mighty*, *She's So Lovely*, *Fallen*, *Night Falls on Manhattan*, *The Juror*, *Get Shorty*, *Crimson Tide*, *Angie* and *True Romance*.

In 1992, Gandolfini made his Broadway debut in the revival of *A Streetcar Named Desire* with Alec Baldwin and Jessica Lange. He returned to the stage in 2009, when he successfully completed a Broadway and Los Angeles run for the Tony Award-winning play *God of Carnage*. The play earned him a Tony nomination for Best Leading Actor.

Gandolfini's small screen executive producing credits include the HBO Documentary Films *Wartorn*, winner of 2011 Robert F Kennedy Award for Journalism, and the Emmy-nominated *Alive Day Memories: Home From Iraq*, in addition to the Emmy-nominated HBO Film *Hemingway and Gellhorn*.

Gandolfini starred in the Emmy Award- winning HBO drama series *The Sopranos* portraying the series lead, Tony Soprano. His portrayal of the mob boss brought him three Emmy Awards and a Golden Globe Award for Best Actor in a Drama Series. He has also won four Screen Actors Guild Awards, including two for Outstanding Male Actor in a Drama Series and two shared with *The Sopranos* cast for Outstanding Ensemble Cast.

Gandolfini was very active in charitable endeavors, dedicating much of his time to The Wounded Warrior Project and The Octoberwoman Foundation for Breast Cancer Research.