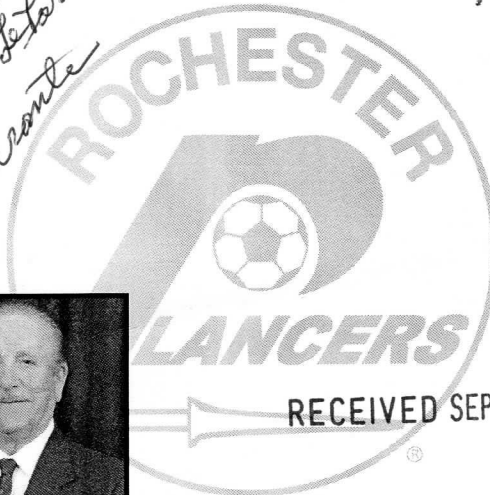
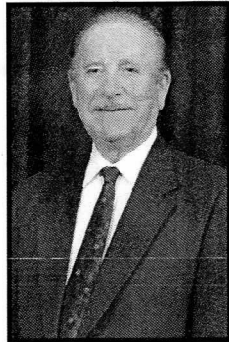


*To my friend  
Jim DeLore  
Ed Merante*

*Dec. 2017*



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## Lancers Legend Ed Merante

- One of the initial committee of four at the Italian-American Sport Club that began the process to start up the Rochester Lancers in the American Soccer League in the mid-1960's.
- Served as a minority owner of the Lancers for their entire existence.
- A pioneer of youth soccer in the USA - Founded Chili Little Guy Soccer in 1968, recognized by the US Chamber of Commerce and the NASL as the nation's first organized youth soccer program.
- Helped to organize many of the youth soccer leagues in Monroe County.
- Through Merante's original vision and guidance, over 30,000 children play organized youth soccer in the Rochester area today across many house and travel teams.
- Played for the Italian-American Sport Club amateur team and served as club comptroller, correspondence secretary and on the Board of Directors for 26 years.

**2013 Wall of Fame Lancers Inductee**