

MOURNING IN KARTING, CALOGERO VANARIA PASSED AWAY

A piece of karting history has gone, a great man that has always been considered as the father of modern karting in Italy, Calogero Vanaria, also known as Kali, the founder of the legendary Kali-Kart of Lonato del Garda, company that has marked the golden years of national and international karting back in the 70s and 80s.

Calogero, Sicilian origins and moved to Lonato del Garda from Sant'Agata di Militello as a youngster, has left us at 83 years of age after a life lived as a protagonist in the world of Karting, the sport that he loved the most and that he contributed to make great, starting as a mechanic and then as a driver before moving on and becoming a karting and motor-racing constructor.

He won countless titles as constructor, first with the Kali-Kart brand (8 World Champion titles, 12 European Championships and 25 Italian Championships) and then with CRG the company that now, thanks to his son-in-law Giancarlo Tinini, has capitalized and developed all the Kali-Kart experience obtaining further 39 World titles and 40 European titles.

A book, written by the professional journalist Stefano Cossetti has been dedicated to Calogero Vanaria and to Kali-Kart in 2011: "Simply Kali", which includes a lot of memories of drivers competing on Kali-Kart.

Among the very many drivers that Calogero has launched to the Olympus of motorsport as Kali-Kart, and in his last years of activity with the newly born CRG, Gabriele Tarquini winner of the Formula C World Championship in 1984, Michael Schumacher winner of the European Inter-Continental A Championship in 1987, Alex Zanardi winner of the 125 ICC Championship in 1987 and the six times Karting World Champion Mike Wilson.

All CRG staff and collaborators and the whole world of karting send their most heartfelt condolences to Vanaria and Tinini families, that have already been hit by the loss of the beloved wife of Calogero, Ms Rachele, less than one month ago.

The funeral will be held on Monday 5 October in Lonato del Garda (Brescia), starting from the mortuary of via Sorattino at 10,45.

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