



## Commemoration of 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary plane crash of June 26, 1959 Olgiate Olona - Friday June 26, 2009

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after the Commemoration of June 26, 2009

A “journey of memory” continues under the sky of Olgiate Olona, but it is not the same as before: seventy immortal lives – as stars – guide our path.

People of Olgiate Olona never forgot the plane crash of June 26, 1959; the memory of that disaster which miraculously saved the town is very much alive among hundreds of people: the participation in the Commemoration of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the discreet hospitality reserved to dozens of relatives of the victims and the emotions which marked the afternoon and evening of Friday June 26, 2009 are an irrefutable proof.

I am convinced that Friday June 26, 2009 will last in the history of our community as an unforgettable leg of personal and collective “journey of memory” that has revived after the publication of the book *Il disastro aereo del 26 giugno 1959 a Olgiate Olona*, the humble effort that led me and many others to unexpected paths and horizons.

I believed it was a good thing to write the book and to involve my friends in organizing the Commemoration: if the good intentions have not remained unfulfilled and have instead produced useful results for the community, this happened thanks to the municipal Administration of Olgiate Olona led by Giorgio Volpi.

I thank all those who attended the Commemoration of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and mostly those who made this day memorable with their voluntary commitment in the organization, the participation, and by adhering to the gesture of solidarity proposed for this recurrence.

My “heartfelt” thanks are for the relatives of the victims, they honored the town of Olgiate Olona with their presence: their letters of thanks received during these days are testifying that the Commemoration of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary was intended as an embrace that filled the geographical distances in the sign of memory by consoling the incurable psychological wounds that have existed for five decades.