



Anthony P. "Tony" Mattia

February 2, 1921 - January 15, 2012

Mr. Anthony P. "Tony" Mattia, age 90, of Utica, passed away on Sunday, January 15, 2012 at the Faxon-St. Luke's Healthcare Center with his loving family by his side.

Anthony was born in Utica on February 4, 1921, the son of the late Frank, Sr. and Assunta (Damanda) Mattia. Raised and educated locally, he was a graduate of T.R. Proctor High School. He attended Utica College where he graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelors Degree in Accounting and Business. A proud veteran of World War II, he honorably served his country in the United States Navy. On August 12, 1944 he wed the former Angeline "Angie" DeFazio with whom he shared 67 years together as one in their marriage and devoted in their love. An inseparable couple, they were best friends through their journey of life.

For many years, Tony worked as a Comptroller at Griffiss Air Force Base, the position from which he retired. He was the original founder of the Griffiss Air Force Base Credit Union which is now known as AMERICU. The patriarch and pillar of the family, Tony offered his gentle guidance in many ways to family and friends. His pledges were his word, whether to his nearest and dearest, or a neighbor. He was easy-going and gentle, witty and bright. He was also proud of his Italian heritage and traditions. Along with traveling for his work, he loved to journey to Europe with his wife Angie to visit family

residing in Italy, his ancestral homeland. He enjoyed having coffee with his friends, following the New York Yankees, and was a dedicated fan of the Utica Boiler Maker. He was a communicant of St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish.

Tony is survived by his wife, Angie; and his daughter, Carla Alcantara of Utica. Always close to his heart was the memory of his daughter, Susan Mattia Duffy, who preceded him in death. He also leaves his grandchildren, April Grounds, Holly Neveu, and Anthony and Darlene (Polanco) Alcantara; his great-grandchildren, Anthony Michael Vatalaro, and Mia Grounds; and his step-grandchildren, Tracy Leone and Joseph Leone. His extended family includes many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, great-great-nieces, great-great-nephews, cousins, and in-laws, Theresa "Tessie" Mattia, and Flora DeFazio, who held a very close relationship with Tony. Also surviving are his sisters-in-law, Marie Capra, and Jessie and Raymond Lechevet. He was predeceased by his mother and father-in-law, Joseph and Grace DeFazio; brothers and sisters-in-law, Dominick and Mary Mattia, Gerald "Jerry" and Jeannie Mattia, Frank Mattia; and his in-laws, Carlo P. "Carl" DeFazio, and Pat and Kelly Durse.

The family offers thanks to the nurses and staff of the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center for all the outstanding care and attention provided to Tony.

Visitation will be held Thursday from 10:00-12:00 noon at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Expressions of sympathy in the form of donations may be made to the American Heart Association, or the Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, in lieu of floral offerings; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Tony's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Thursday afternoon at 12:00 from the funeral home and at 1:00 at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish where his Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by Rev. James Cesta.

Entombment will take place in Calvary Mausoleum at the convenience of the family.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Mausoleum

2407 Oneida Street
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 735-2727

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **19**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.
932 South Street
corner of Hammond Ave.
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 724-6714
eannacefh@roadrunner.com
<https://www.eannacefuneralhome.com>

Service

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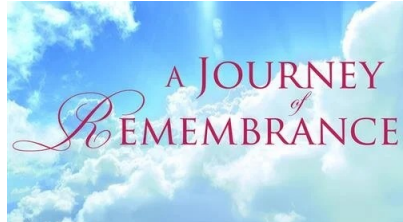
JAN **19**. 1:00 PM (ET)

St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish
648 Jay Street
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 735-1482
<https://www.mountcarmelblessedsacrament.com/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Eannace Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Anthony P. "Tony" Mattia*



Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. - January 15, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ *Melissa Santalucia lit a candle in memory of Anthony P. "Tony" Mattia*



Melissa Santalucia - January 19, 2012 at 12:37 AM

LV

“ *Carla and family..Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this very sad and difficult time. May you find comfort in your wonderful memories. God Bless.*



Lisa and Joan Velletto - January 18, 2012 at 09:32 AM

CH

“ MY DEAR CARLA, MOM ANGIE, APRIL, HOLLY AND ANTHONY.....WORDS CANNOT EXPRESS, HOW SORRY I AM ABOUT YOUR DAD, GRANDFATHER, AND HUSBAND..... YOU DAD WAS ONE OF A KIND, LOVING MAN....WE HAD SOME GOOD TIMES AT YOUR HOUSE, HE WAS ALWAYS THERE TO ANSWER ANY OF OUR QUESTIONS, PLUS TO BUG HIM ABOUT TAKING THE CAR FOR A FEW HOURS, HE WAS A VERY UNDERSTANDING MAN.....I TREASURE THOSE TIMES AND MOMENTS THAT WE ALL SHARED AT YOUR HOME.....I WAS TREATED WITH RESPECT AND LOVE FROM BOTH OF YOUR PARENTS.....I WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER THEM IN MY HEART.....I LOVE YOU CARLA.....

cynthia hotaling - January 17, 2012 at 01:47 PM

JH

“ Aunt Angie, Carla, April, Holly, Anthony & All - Am so so sorry for your loss. Uncle Tony was a wonderful man! My favorite memories were being at your house and I would sit next to Uncle Tony at the table and he would quiz me on History facts as a little kid. He always knew everything!! The lawn was always so perfect - immaculate, and everything was always "delicious & nutritious". What a wonderful husband, father & grandfather. My mom is heartbroken; we love you all and are so so sorry. Judy (Rocco) Hall & Girls

Judy Hall - January 17, 2012 at 09:23 AM

RB

“ Ang, Carla, Anthony, April, Holly, Anthony Michael, Mia, Cousin Sue, Please know how sorry I am for your loss. Tony was a loving, caring man with great advice. Just 5 weeks ago he came to my dad's funeral & hugged me, comforted me with loving words I will never forget. Growing up in your home when I was a teenager I have so many wonderful memories that I can't even begin to say I just always felt as part of your family. Tony will always be in your hearts watching over all of you. So many beautiful loving memories to remember & share I love you all . With deepest sympathy
Rosanne Bravo

Rosanne Bravo - January 17, 2012 at 07:55 AM

SC

“ To Ang, Carla, April, Holly and Anthony, my heart is heavy as I write this. Tony was a remarkable man, one that everyone went to for help, he was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great grandad. Always the perfect host when anyone came to visit. I remember how we used to laugh together, tell jokes. My mom and Tony grew up together, I remember he told me she was one of the very first girls to wear shorts , yep that was her. You loss is almost to much to bear, but I know God took you in his loving arms because it was all planned. We are left now to grieve our loss. But I will treasure all the fond memories shared with you and your family, for as they say "death leaves a heartache nothing can heal, loves leaves a memory No One can steal", may your rest in peace , in gods loving care. You are loved still
Sharon L Campola

Sharon L Campola - January 17, 2012 at 07:50 AM

SK

“ Our prayers are with you and your family. May GOD wrap his healing arms about you and help you through this time. We did not know Anthony that well but I will always remember him as my fathers roommate. GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU. - Edward and Sueann Karl
Rm. 507



Sueann Karl - January 17, 2012 at 06:46 AM

GA

“ Ang, Aunt Carla, April, Holly, Anthony, Tracy and the rest of this dear family....what can i say...you know how I feel.....My dearest memory is of being at the house...Ang with her ever so being a sophisticated way....challenged me....who could eat the hottest hot pepper. As Ang wiped her sweating forehead from the fire she was making me ingest...Tony stood behind her laughing as I tried to keep up with her. That didn't happen....she won! I love all of you....feel your pain...and together will will endure the loss of a great and loving man.

Gina Arcuri - January 16, 2012 at 07:51 PM