



Mr. Vincent "Vinnie" Maugeri

June 3, 2018

NEW HARTFORD - Mr. Vincent "Vinnie" Maugeri, age 89, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, June 3, 2018. His progressive complications from Parkinson's disease were the cause of his passing. His wife was by his side until he crossed over.

Born on November 1, 1928, Vincent was the son of the late Thomas and Rose (Gullace) Maugeri. A relationship of 44 years then was blessed on March 17, 1981 when he married his best friend, the former Denise L. Fontaine. They enjoyed each other's company and common interests, and met their mutual needs in so many ways.

At one time he was married to the former Lillian Abdo and from that relationship came the blessing of three sons.

Maugeri's Auto Repair, that served the Utica community since 1928, was his family concern. It was established by his father and currently maintained by his sons. Vinnie was affiliated with the business from the time he was a young child and throughout his adult life. Because he had such foresight for success, he expanded the mechanical auto shop into a 5 bay operation. Even in retirement during his later years, he would be there every morning to open up and make sure things were operating to perfection. He had a hard work ethic and was a man of integrity and honesty. His unofficial retirement was in the late 90's,... but he just couldn't stay away.

Vinnie was always smiling and happy. He was very humble and never needed to be the center of attention. He was also generous, dependable, and fun-loving especially with his kids and grandkids, and a matter of fact, all kids! He taught all of his grandchildren how to ride their first bike! His door was always open and all were welcome to his pool where many youngsters learned to swim under his supervision. He came from modest beginnings and never forgot the lessons learned, particularly the importance of sharing. In his earlier years, he participated in the sport of competitive stock car racing and he was often a winner. He raced at Fonda, Brookfield, Norwich, and Afton. It was a pastime he truly enjoyed. He also had a love for motorcycles, and he had an intricate mechanical knowledge of various bikes. He was a Corvette man and knew all the models and years. There wasn't a Vette he could not fix! Vinnie enjoyed shooting pool, and also was a league bowler for over forty years. During retirement, he frequently found his way to the kitchen to cook up Italian cuisine and share time with Denise. He pursued woodworking in the

comfort of his home as a hobby, and he became more specialized and skilled as time went on. The different years and chapters of his life proved to be fulfilling and he realized that his was a grand life well lived. He believed in being good and doing good, and those were the simple guidelines that grounded him and granted him a loving family and loyal friends.

Vinnie is survived by his loving wife, Denise; his children and grandchildren, Thomas V. Maugeri, Sr. and Michele Poma and his children, Jaime Lynn Maugeri, Thomas V. Jr. and Carrie Maugeri, and Kelly Lynn and Matt Pacuk; Vincent "Bimbo" and Barbara Maugeri; Michael and Dee Dee Maugeri and their children, Michael Maugeri, Jr. and Meghan Leonard, and he held close to his heart the memory of his grandson, Vinny Maugeri who he has now joined; Nicole and Brian Yaghy and their children, Brianna, Joseph, and Isabella Yaghy; Kelli and David Sherline and their children, Alyssa, Jacob, Katie, and Brooke Sherline; and Kim M. and Karl Boruty and their children, Kayla, and Kendle Boruty; his great-grandchildren, Landon, and Lillian Maugeri; and Arya June Pacuk. He also leaves his sister, Theresa Bravo; brother, Michael "Mickey" Maugeri; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins; in-laws, Teresa Maugeri, Esperanza Maugeri, and Robert Fontaine; and the thousands of friends who graced his life. He was predeceased by his brothers and sisters-in-law, Anthony and Mary Maugeri, Pasquale and Lena Maugeri, Salvatore Maugeri, Thomas and Rose Maugeri, Joseph Maugeri, Eleanor Maugeri, and Angelo Bravo; his sister and brother-in-law, Stella and Enoch Blackwell; mother-in-law, Lucille Fontaine; and daughter-in-law, June Marie Maugeri.

In keeping with Vinnie's wishes, there will be no public visitation. Family and close friends are respectfully invited to a Celebration of this good man's life which will be held on Thursday evening from 5:30-7:30 at the Chesterfield Restaurant, 1713 Bleecker St., Utica... Bring a happy memory. By family request, please omit floral offerings.

Arrangements are under the care of Eannace Funeral Home Inc.

Comments



“ Tommy, Vinnie, Michael and family - I have so many great memories of your father growing up. The obituary you put together really does him justice. I can remember him and my father in the front of our station wagon heading to Fonda on Saturday nights. Us kids would be bouncing around in back with the window open! It was a different time, a good time. Our deepest condolences to all of you.

Frank & Wanda Arcuri
Fayetteville, NY

Frank Arcuri - June 08, 2018 at 01:27 PM



“ Rest in Peace Uncle Vinnie. My love and prayers are with you all during this very sad time

Lisa Velleto - June 06, 2018 at 05:28 PM



“ Denise, Tommy, Bimbo , Michael and families...I am so very sad to hear about Vinnie's passing..I can't help but sit here and think back and smile remembering the wonderful times our families shared...Rest in peace my dear old friend....Love Aunt Joanie

Joan Velleto - June 06, 2018 at 05:25 PM



“ Vinnie was a great friend of mine as well as a mechanical genius. He did a great deal of work on my race car engines. I valued his friendship and totally trusted him to work on my cars. He was a true friend! My condolences go out to the Maugeri family..

Dick Fowler #11

Richard Fowler - June 06, 2018 at 04:53 PM



“ My deepest sympathies to the entire Maugeri family for your loss. Affable and gracious in character, Vinnie had a positive impact on so many of us growing up in the neighborhood there. The true ambassador of Albany Street...

Ken Meola - June 06, 2018 at 08:06 AM



“ To the entire Maugeri family my prayers and condolences. Vinnie was a pedestal of East Utica and was always there in his shop at the center of it. He proved to be a great business man doing it his way. Growing up on Bleecker St. Vinnie was always looking out for us neighborhood kids. A simple thing like getting air in your bike tires was not an issue there at his shop. He was an avid family man and that is what's important. May he RIP

Bob Ollerenshaw - June 06, 2018 at 06:49 AM



“ Joseph & Tina LePage lit a candle in memory of Mr. Vincent "Vinnie" Maugeri



Joseph & Tina LePage - June 06, 2018 at 04:29 AM



“ As a little girl we lived across the street from station. I always remember Vinny is a young man handsome and always smiling. But I would always see from across the street because we were too young to cross and never allowed to go into the station because of all the cars.

Then he always had a smile on his face and family meant everything to him. He never forgot who I was as an adult it was always kind whenever I brought my car in for service.

May God bless and keep you safe Vinny. You will be missed.

Barbara Parisi Lambright

Barbara Parisi Lambright - June 06, 2018 at 12:07 AM



“ Tom, Mike, Bo and family. I am so sorry for your loss. Vinny was a great man. I have a lot of memories growing up at the shop. He will be missed. Prayers

Frank Meola Jr - June 05, 2018 at 10:18 PM



“ Our heartfelt sympathy to the entire Maugeri family. This is truly the end of an era. Vinny was loved by everyone who had the pleasure to be family or friend. Truly a genius in the automotive world.. second to none. Kindness and caring along with a true respect for all ... always humble were the legacy he leaves to his family. God Bless you all with courage and strength to carry on in the manner he'd want from all of you. He was loved deeply and will be missed always.
Fred and Jeanne Castronovo

jeanne castronovo - June 05, 2018 at 06:54 PM



“ I had the honor of knowing him since I was 12 years old I'm gonna miss him. May he rest in peace and God Bless Him.

Butch Chandler - June 05, 2018 at 07:26 PM



“ Denise &Family , We want you to know how sad we feel for your loss and our friend. We have great memories just like you and your family. With our Deepest Symphy Jimmy &Maryrose Schiavetta

Maryrose Schiavetta - June 05, 2018 at 03:45 PM



“ We are sending all of our love and prayers to The Maugeri family. I loved Vinnie's soft heart and gentle personality which I will hold close in my heart. Big hugs to my dear friend Denise Maugeri. Love you lots.... xoxox

From the Hawkins Family

Mary Ann Hawkins - June 05, 2018 at 12:40 PM



“ Chris Conway lit a candle in memory of Mr. Vincent "Vinnie" Maugeri



chris conway - June 05, 2018 at 07:40 AM



“ Denise We are so sorry for the loss of your loving husband he will be missed he was a great and gentle man Love Lois & Bob

Lois - June 05, 2018 at 06:54 PM