



Mr. Anthony "Tony" Chiffy

October 19, 1938 - March 10, 2014

Mr. Anthony "Tony" Chiffy, age 75, passed away on Monday, March 10, 2014 at Mohawk Valley Health Systems, Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center, with the love and support of his family.

Born in Utica on October 19, 1938, Anthony was the son of the late Joseph and Eva R. (Cerra) Chiffy. Raised and educated locally, he was a graduate of T.R. Proctor High School/Class of 1956. He furthered his education at the Albany College of Pharmacy graduating in 1960. On November 21, 1959 he married his high school sweetheart, the former Mary Femia, with whom he shared a 54-year union graced with love and harmony. His wife and children filled his life, and he provided them with unity and strength.

In 1965, Tony and his best friend and brother-in-law, Rock Femia, established and began the operation of Parkway Drugs, an iconic enterprise which grew to become the region's largest independent pharmacy. Tony always had a smile on his face that complemented his friendly personality and his kind heart. He took great pride in his children and grandchildren and so enjoyed attending their sporting events. As a man of conviction, whenever Tony decided on a goal and determined what he was willing to exchange to attain it, he established his priorities and gave it his all. He had an insatiable desire to accrue knowledge and he was not afraid to give up the good and go for the great. This spirit and strength of character also shined through in his accomplishments as a sports enthusiast. During a city championship basketball game, Tony made a historic over-half-court shot, a most

memorable and renowned achievement during the Proctor vs. Utica Free Academy sports rivalry. On a collegiate level, he held the basketball points scored record at the Albany College of Pharmacy. He also loved the game of golf, a good game of cards with the boys on Mohawk Street, and the thrill of the horseracing track. He found joy in his travels to Florida where he spent his winters with his wife and his beloved in-laws, Rock and Amy. Tony was devoted to his Catholic faith and held a great devotion to the Blessed Mother. It was his faith that brought him perpetual hope and encouragement in the midst of his life's challenges.

Tony is survived by his wife, Mary; his daughters and sons-in-law, Mary Ann and Dr. Thomas Caruso, Eve and Dale Van de Wal, and Rose and Dominick Mauro, all of New Hartford; his sons and daughters-in-law, Anthony "Tony" II and Melissa Chiffy, twins Joseph and Heather Chiffy, Vincent "Vinny" and Nicole Chiffy, all of New Hartford;

and his grandchildren, Christine, Tom, and Carrie Caruso; Ann, and Bob Van de Wal; Joe, Marisa, and Maryrose Mauro; Ashley, Tony, Matthew, and Alex Chiffy; Caitlyn Chiffy; and Olivia Chiffy, and Christopher Luckina. Left to lovingly remember him are his sister, Celia Chiffy of New Hartford; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and cousins; his mother-in-law, Anna Femia; and in-laws Rocco M. "Rock" Femia Sr. of New Hartford, Judy and Dominick Totino of Long Island, and Raymond Cardinale of New Hartford. He was predeceased by his brother, Alexander A. Chiffy; his sister, Theresa Cardinale; his father-in-law, Vincenzo Femia; and his sisters-in-law, Amy Femia, and Alice Chiffy.

The family is grateful to the doctors and nurses who tended to Tony, especially Dr. Kevin McCormick, Dr. Gerry Love, and Dr. Eric Yoss for their years of compassionate and professional care.

By family request, please omit flowers. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Tony's funeral service and Celebration of Life which will commence on Saturday at 12:00 noon at the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes where his Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. Joseph Salerno. The

family will receive visitors at the conclusion of Mass. Memorial contributions may be considered to the Albany College of Pharmacy, ACPH Office of Institutional Advancement, 106 New Scotland Ave, Albany, NY 12208 (www.acphs.edu); envelopes will be available at the mass. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

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

Tribute Wall

CP

“ *My condolences.
Cenk Pekis*

cenk pekis - March 21, 2014 at 12:11 AM

SB

“ *We are saddened to learn of Tony's passing. He was such a good and happy man. We send our thoughts and prayers to the Chiffy and Femia families during this very difficult time. May God Bless all of you and help to ease your pain.*

*Sincerely,
Sharon and Bob Braunlich*

sharon braunlich - March 17, 2014 at 11:32 AM

PG

“ *Our sincere condolences To the Chiffy and Femia families. We briefly visited Tony at the Sitrin complex a couple days before our winter Florida trip in January. The consummate sports enthusiast , he was focused on a TV basketball play off game. So sorry for your loss.*

Phil & Joanne Geraci

Phil Geraci - March 17, 2014 at 10:25 AM

CM

“ *Mary and Family,*

I am so sorry to learn Tony has passed away. I have known you forever and wish I could be there to give you a hug. Tony was a very caring, wonderful person and I know you all have special memories to treasure. God bless you

*Carolyn Longo Mitchell
Cary, NC*

Carolyn Mitchell - March 16, 2014 at 05:39 PM

AE

“ *To Mary and Children.. You have lost a wonderful man, but we all know he has to be in Heaven today. A beautiful service yesterday and wonderful memories...Tony had to be smiling down...Bob and Amy Elinskas*

Amy Elinskas - March 16, 2014 at 09:43 AM

BG

“ *To Mary and children Sorry I was unable to attend Anthonys celebration of life at our Lady Of Lords Church. When I evaluate my life and all the good and bad people I have met Anthony was truly one of the good guys. Your Friend Bob (Charms) Giruzzi*

Bob Giruzzi - March 15, 2014 at 05:24 PM

ME

“ *Mike Excell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Anthony "Tony" Chiffy*



Mike Excell - March 15, 2014 at 01:59 PM

FF

“ Dearest Mary and Family,


We are so very, very sorry....after seeing you just recently we have had Tony on our mind and in our prayers. God bless you, your family and the Femia family...., you have been through so much. Although we are not there for you at this time please know that we are with you in spirit. Our prayers will continue for you, for Tony and your families. We hope to see you when we are back in town.

*Love and Prayers,
Frank & Fay*

Frank Ferraro - March 15, 2014 at 07:41 AM

DE

“ *I remember coming upstate with my parents and we always stopped at parkway drugs on our way to grandmas and grandpa house and right before we were on the road home and he always gave us things we needed . I also remember how he always made us laugh with Aunt Mary . I remember him in the den watching football with Tony Rocco and the twins were small back then yes Joey and Vinnie . I love you uncle Tony . May you rest in peace with aunt Amy , and grandpa and all other family members who are up there. Our sympathies and prayers*



Love Debbie and Tony

Debbie - March 14, 2014 at 08:43 PM

R6

“ *So Sorry for your loss. Ron Menard,ACP Class of 61*

Ron Menard ACP Class of 61 - March 14, 2014 at 05:07 PM

WP

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of loss...too soon for a good man.*

Bill Pfeiffer--former professor of the twins and Rose

William F Pfeiffer - March 14, 2014 at 01:31 PM

FT

“ *We are so sorry for your loss. Tony and Frank began their careers at the same time and we're very good friends. On behalf of the whole Talarico family, please accept our condolences.*

Family of Dr Francis J Talarico - March 13, 2014 at 06:33 PM

FC

“ *Dear Mary and Children*
Words cannot adequately express how saddened we are for the loss of our dear friend Tony. He was quiet yet respected, soft spoken yet heard, a loving husband to his wonderful wife Mary (his strength always) and a great Dad to his wonderful children.
You are what a true family is all about . Please know we hold each and everyone of you in our thoughts and prayers. We love you all.
Fred and Jeanne

Fred and Jeanne Castronovo - March 13, 2014 at 06:00 PM

JK

“ *Vinny and Joe,*

We are very sorry to hear of the loss of your father. Our deepest condolences to you and your family in this difficult time.

Jeff Kupiec and Family.

Jeff Kupiec - March 13, 2014 at 02:46 PM

VG

“ Dear Mary,
Chuck and I send our most sincere sympathy to you and all the family. Tony was a wonderful man and I am sure he will be missed by all. He certainly was a wonderful "Poppy" as Olivia has told us how much she loved him and will miss him.
Keeping you all in our prayers.
Chuck and Vita

Vita Gaetano - March 13, 2014 at 08:45 AM

FS

“ Dear Mary & children. So so very sad & heartbreaking to learn of Tony's passing. My sadness & Heartfelt sympathy & Prayers are with you as well as your children. Tony a Great Guy, always that smile when He said "Hello" I remember, like yesterday, our HS days, & passing our friends in the hallways on our way to class. His sportsmanship & professionalism was top of the line. Mary again I know what pain you are experiencing, please have Faith & know that Prayers Help. Our sincere condolences Francine & George Spinelli.

francine spinelli - March 12, 2014 at 06:06 PM

FS

“ Francine & George Spinelli lit a candle in memory of Mr. Anthony "Tony" Chiffy



francine & George Spinelli - March 12, 2014 at 05:53 PM

CC

“ Dear Mary ~ Thinking of you and your family with deep and sincere sympathy for the loss of your beloved husband. May you find comfort in knowing that you are not alone. Tony was a remarkable man in every sense of the word. Cherish the many happy memories you and your family have all shared together. Love, Carol & Joe Cifarelli

Carol Cifarelli - March 12, 2014 at 03:32 PM

KC

“ Chiffy family, We are so sorry about your loss. I will always remember him having a wonderful, genuine smile as we passed each other many times driving in and out of the neighborhood. I am honored to have lived across the street and also amongst your wonderful family. Deepest sympathy, Kelly (Welchons) Colantuoni and family

Kelly Colantuoni - March 12, 2014 at 02:53 PM

GM

“ Eve and family, from me, personally, and on behalf of the entire Board of Directors of the United Way of the Valley and Greater Utica of which you're such a wonderful member, our condolences are sent to you. We wish you peace, comfort and our prayers.

Greg Morra, President of the Board of Directors

Greg Morra - March 12, 2014 at 02:22 PM

SP

“ To the Chiffy Family I am sorry to hear about the loss of Tony .I had the honor to know him since he opened his drug store. He always went out of his way to say hello and smile. He will be missed by all .May he rest in peace and God be with you all at this difficulty time .
Sally Gigliotti Pugliese



Sally Gigliotti Pugliese - March 12, 2014 at 02:19 PM

KT

“ To the Chiffy Family: I want to extend my deepest sympathy to your whole family. It is so difficult to say good by to our parents but know that they never leave us they are in our hearts and memories always. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. With deepest sympathy. Kathi Tamer



Kathi Tamer - March 12, 2014 at 01:39 PM

FD

“ Vinny and family,
So sorry to hear about your Dad. You are in our thoughts and prayers.
Sincerely,
Tom and Flo DeSimone and family

Flo DeSimone - March 12, 2014 at 10:51 AM

BC

“ Dear Family of Tony, Cecelia (Cuifo) and Tommy Stoio's children, Barbara Jean, Marilyn and Tommy send our sincere condolences to you.

Barbara Jean Stoio Cappotto - March 12, 2014 at 09:59 AM

JC

“ Sorry to hear the bad news of Tony passing. He was a great guy and always upbeat and friendly. May he now rest in peace.

Joe Caramato - March 12, 2014 at 09:19 AM

JK

“ To the Chiffy family sorry to hear of Tonys passing have many happy memories of him and his children he will be missed.
Joe Kosmider
Seattle WA

Joe Kosmider - March 12, 2014 at 09:09 AM

AC

“ To the Chiffy family, We are so sorry for the loss of your father. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Andy and Linda Convertino

Andy & linda Convertino - March 12, 2014 at 07:30 AM

LC

“ *Dear Sweet Uncle Tony*
I am sitting here remembering the home movies that were taken of our families together on Eagle Street and later watched these movies and made fun of our selves of how much we had changed but never lost sight of our family bonds. You were not only my fathers brother but his best friend. I am sure by now that you have found each other once again, so if you could just please tell my dad (Alexander) and my mom (Alice) that i miss them terribly. Aunt Mary and family, I am so sorry for your loss, but the memories that you have shared over a life time will keep you together in spirit and help you to get through this saddened time in your lives as it has for me. You all are in my thoughts and prayers.

Love Linda Chiffy

Linda Chiffy - March 12, 2014 at 06:47 AM

TF

“ *We are sorry for your loss of a true gentle man.*



Tim & Colleen Moylan Family - March 12, 2014 at 05:32 AM

RG

“ *To Mary and children, My deepest symphaty on your great loss.*
Your Friend Bob "Charms" Giruzzi

Robert Giruzzi - March 11, 2014 at 06:50 PM

VC

“ *Mary and family - May all your beautiful memories help you through this difficult time.*

We are thinking and praying for you. Our love to all of you.

Vic and Vicki Castronovo - March 11, 2014 at 06:27 PM



To the Chiffy family - I am so sorry for your loss...from my family to yours. Tony will be greatly missed by so many. I can remember working with him at the French Rd. store. He was always smiling and had a sense of humor. Funny, he was. Always made people laugh.... Back when smoking cigarettes on the counter was second nature....he use to give me rides to the Albany St. store when they were short of help and scared the crap out of me when he drove! lol. I was just a teenager. Memories will help you through....his love will never die.....and know he will be with your loved ones who have passed before him watching over all of you. God Bless. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

love,

Celeste DeSantis Bennett

Celeste Shawn - March 12, 2014 at 04:22 PM