



Mr. Anthony F. Diana

December 19, 1924 - February 20, 2019

UTICA – Anthony F. Diana, our beloved father, age 94, entered into the Lord’s kingdom after a wonderful life. At the time of his passing on Wednesday, February 20, 2019, his loving family was by his side.

He was born in Utica on December 19, 1924, the son of the late Giuseppe and Victoria (Frisillo) Diana. He was the eldest member of Laborers’ International Union Local 35 until his death, and retired from Hardy and Parry Construction after 30 years of service. He established the Construction Apprenticeship Program at Mohawk Valley Community College in the 1980’s. Anthony adored his family. He loved gatherings and looked forward to many traditions of having everyone at his home to celebrate Thanksgiving, 4th of July, and Memorial Day. He was an avid hunter, fisherman, and enjoyed picking berries and mushrooms. He loved the outdoors and was an expert in locating many of the wonderful fishing spots in Oneida and Madison Counties. He loved working out at the Fitness Mill and did so three days a week up to the age of 93. He would spend quality time socializing and having lunch at the former Utica Hydra-Matic Services on Elizabeth Street with the original owner and dear friend, the late Hank Panera, the late Thomas Brown, and the former owner David Arnum.

He will always be remembered by his two beloved sons and their loves, David A. Diana and Maria A. Paladino, and Philip A. and his wife Paula M. Diana. He cared deeply about his four precious grandchildren, Marissa, and Ryan; Nicholas, and Amelia Diana. He was predeceased by his love of 30 years,

Angelina Booras. He was once married to the late Anna M. (Thomas) Diana. Anthony also leaves his loving sisters-in-law, Mary L., and Dolores R. Thomas; his devoted nieces and nephews, Louise (Diana) Carletta, Barbara Diana, Raymond Jr. and Vicky Diana, Kit and Robert Diana, Barry and Jean (Diana) Tallman, Daniel Diana, Thomas and Mary Ann Diana, John and Karen Diana, James Diana, Louie and Michelle Spiridigloizzi, Anthony and Mariann Spiridigloizzi, Martha and Richard Steet, Rosemary and Skip Napier, Gloria Rogers, and many great-nieces and great-nephews. Tony was blessed with the loving friendship of Sandra Grigoriadis and her late husband Paul "Lucky." He was predeceased by three brothers and sisters-in-law, Thomas and Irene, Raymond and Sally, and Medio Diana; one sister, Anna Spiridigloizzi and her husband Louie; and a sister-in-law, Kay Thomas.

Deepest gratitude to his neighbors Karen Cox and Bruce Zakala who provided constant friendship and enduring love for over 20 years, and for their compassionate care for him during the last months of his life.

Visitation will be held on Sunday from 2-4 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Anthony's funeral service will commence on Monday morning at 10:00 from the funeral home and at 11:00 at his home parish, St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church where his Mass of Christian Burial will be offered. Entombment will follow in Christ Our Savior Mausoleum at Calvary Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Christ Our Savior Mausoleum at Calvary Cemetery

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

Tribute Wall

DW

“ *Dan Walker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Anthony F. Diana*



Dan Walker - March 09, 2019 at 09:27 PM

DD

Thank you so much Dan. It is greatly appreciated.

David Diana - April 20, 2019 at 11:43 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Anthony F. Diana.*



February 23, 2019 at 01:04 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Anthony F. Diana.*



February 23, 2019 at 12:54 PM



“ *Marguerite Spano lit a candle in memory of Mr. Anthony F. Diana*



Marguerite Spano - February 23, 2019 at 08:30 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Anthony F. Diana.*



February 22, 2019 at 11:08 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mr. Anthony F. Diana.*



February 22, 2019 at 04:25 PM

MS

“ *David and Family,
What a blessing for your father to live 94 years. Cherish the
memories of beautiful well lived life. You are in my thoughts and
prayers,*

Peace and Blessings,

*Montrose A. Streeter
Geneva, NY*

Montrose A. Streeter - February 22, 2019 at 04:18 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the
family of Mr. Anthony F. Diana.*



February 22, 2019 at 03:12 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the
family of Mr. Anthony F. Diana.*



February 22, 2019 at 11:54 AM

CC

“ Chris Conway lit a candle in memory of Mr. Anthony F. Diana



Chris Conway - February 22, 2019 at 11:17 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Anthony F. Diana.



February 22, 2019 at 10:46 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Anthony F. Diana.



February 22, 2019 at 09:46 AM

NN

“ Niece and Nephews purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Anthony F. Diana.



Niece and Nephews - February 22, 2019 at 09:46 AM

RT

“ *Robin Diana & Bryan Trotti lit a candle in memory of Mr. Anthony F. Diana*



Robin Diana & Bryan Trotti - February 22, 2019 at 08:45 AM

JL

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Janet Percacciante litz - February 21, 2019 at 08:08 PM

JL

“ *Our memories go back so very far when we spent alot of time with Omps., That Is what we called him. My brother Larry Percacciante, Angela, Cathy, me(Janet) and Sandi were neices and nephew of Hank Panaro. Unc was such a great friend of Omps for as long as we can remember. God Bless the Diana family. RIP Omps....Keep Smiling....*

Janet Percacciante Litz - February 21, 2019 at 07:56 PM

CC

Hank had this photo hanging up to camp and was one of his favorite photos of the "boys"

Chris Conway - February 22, 2019 at 11:15 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mr. Anthony F. Diana.*



February 21, 2019 at 07:35 PM



“ *The Bennett Family purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of Mr. Anthony F. Diana.*



The Bennett Family - February 21, 2019 at 07:27 PM



“ *Enjoyed all the times spent with Tony(& Angie.) Tony was a great man & very considerate of others. He truly will be missed, his family was his life. Our thoughts & prayers to you Phil & David(also your families) . Much love, thoughts & prayers to all.*

Sue C Berkman Giruzzi - February 21, 2019 at 07:23 PM



“ *I met David's father years ago, and he made me feel like part of his family...we laughed, drank beer, and laughed some more. God bless you, Anthony Diana, and may you rest in peace....*

Steve Avelleyra

Steve Avelleyra - February 21, 2019 at 07:19 PM