



Mr. Anthony J. "Tony" LaValla

January 22, 1941 - November 7, 2011

Mr. Anthony J. "Tony" LaValla, age 70, of Marcy, passed away unexpectedly on Monday, November 7, 2011 in the privacy of his home.

Born in East Utica on January 22, 1941, Anthony was the son of the late John and Carmella (Cardone) LaValla. He was raised and educated locally, a graduate of T.R. Proctor High School Class of 1959. A veteran of the United States Army, he proudly served his country stateside as a member of the Military Police. Upon his honorable discharge from the service, he joined the National Guard at the Armory on Culver Ave. A patriotic man, Tony honored our nation in every respect. At one time, he was married to the former Antoinette M. Montana and to that relationship came the blessing of three wonderful children.

A local licensed barber and a brother of the Barbers Union, Tony worked at one time at the Hotel Utica and the Utica Psychiatric Center. During a majority of his working years, he was employed by the Central NY Psychiatric Center where he served in numerous capacities, lastly as a safety officer, the position from which he retired. For over 30 years he was a Volunteer Fire Policeman for the Deerfield Fire Company No. 1 where he actively participated in the brotherhood and numerous activities and fundraising endeavors with much devotion. He also found gratification from volunteering in the Mail Room at the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center Champlain Avenue Campus. When his children were of school age, he was very involved with scouting in the Deerfield Troops. Through the gift of socializing he was well known to the

community, and through his sense of humor, he made others laugh. He was a gifted cook, and during his later years his culinary skills became mastered and vast. For Tony, family functions were made special any time he could be with his grandchildren, as they were the 'apples of his eye'. In retrospect, he was a man of great strength of character, and being a part of the mainstream of life made him happy and content. He was fond of the sport of fishing, and was a fan and enthusiast of the NY Yankees and the NY Giants.

Tony is survived by his children and their spouses, Daniel and Beverly LaValla of Lansdale, PA, Deborah and David Strzepek of Marcy, and Mark LaValla of Plymouth Meeting, PA; his adored grandchildren, Shane, and Zachary LaValla; Justine, and Joshua Strzepek. He was known as "Grandpa Tony" and loved and adored Jesilynn Drake, and Carmella Rizzo and their mother Tammy Ott and her husband Jim. Always close to his heart was the memory of Zachary Rizzo. In addition, he will also be remembered by his sister and brother-in-law, Joan and Marshall Ciccone of North Syracuse; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, in-laws, Nicholas V. and Terri Montana, and Flora A. Montana; and his many memorable friendships with which he was blessed during his life. He was predeceased by his brother, Carmen LaValla; and his brother-in-law, Vincent A. Montana.

The family is grateful to Dr. Mark Blaker and especially his Nurse Practitioner Lisa Ennas; Dr. Robert Hammond, Dr. Sultana Razia as well as all of their compassionate personnel; and the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center Staff for their professional regard.

Family and friends are respectfully invited to attend a Memorial gathering on Thursday evening from 4:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. The Deerfield Volunteer Fire Department will honor Tony in their ritualistic service. Those wishing to express an act of kindness in lieu of flowers may make a donation to the Deerfield Volunteer Fire Company No. 1, the American Heart Association, or the Leukemia Society; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Tony's funeral service with Military Honors will commence on Friday morning at 10:30 at St.

Anthony & St. Agnes Church where his Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. Anthony P. LaFache.

Tribute Wall



“ Eannace Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Anthony J. "Tony" LaValla



Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. - November 07, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Thinking of you Uncle Anthony. Missing you so much. Dominick's been missing you and wishing you were here to make us laugh. He said it's his job now. Love you!!!



Dominick Homer - November 19, 2011 at 10:12 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear of your loss. My love and prayers are with all of you.

Kathy Cannistra - November 13, 2011 at 11:48 AM



“ Kathy Cannistra lit a candle in memory of Mr. Anthony J. "Tony" LaValla



Kathy Cannistra - November 13, 2011 at 11:46 AM



“ *Renee LaValla lit a candle in memory of Mr. Anthony J. "Tony" LaValla*



Renee LaValla - November 12, 2011 at 03:08 PM



My deepest sympathy to my family. I share in your loss as Uncle Anthony was like a dad to me and I love him very much. He was always there to talk to and lift me up when down. I will miss him dearly and I hope to keep in touch with all of our family because through him I was able to stay connected with all of you.

Renee LaValla - November 12, 2011 at 03:10 PM

JS

“ *Deepest sympathies - Dan, Debbie, Mark, Joannie.*

I learned of this sad news while out of the country (in Europe currently).

I was fortunate enough to visit with Anthony just a few wks ago while in NYS and still recall his smiling joking laugh even in times of illness.

He will be missed by all of us and the memories will always be there.

I'm sorry to not be able to be there at this time but you are in my thoughts and prayers during this sadness.

Love, Joey Scalise

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Joey Scalise - November 11, 2011 at 07:03 PM



“ *Peter Mino lit a candle in memory of Mr. Anthony J. "Tony" LaValla*



Peter Mino - November 11, 2011 at 10:10 AM



We were good friends during our school days and I will never forget Tony. I would like to offer my sympathies to the family and say he will always remain in my memory as a man who made a difference. God Belss

Peter Mino - November 11, 2011 at 10:18 AM



“ *Heather Lynn lit a candle in memory of Mr. Anthony J. "Tony" LaValla*



Heather Lynn - November 11, 2011 at 07:11 AM



“ *Our thoughts and sympathies go out to the Lavalla family at this time. We are thinking of you and praying for your loss. God bless. Love, Shane and Lisa McEachern*

Shane McEachern - November 11, 2011 at 12:43 AM

BG

“ *Deb, Dave and family,
We are so sorry for the loss of your dad. Remember the good times
and the memories. Sending our thoughts to you all.
Bill & Jenn Gagnon*

Bill & Jenn Gagnon - November 10, 2011 at 10:27 PM

AH

“ *Amanda Hajdasz lit a candle in memory of Mr.
Anthony J. "Tony" LaValla*



Amanda Hajdasz - November 10, 2011 at 08:13 PM

GG

“ *Danny, Debbie and Dave, Mark, and families--*

*Your father was like macaroni to Italians--a "staple," always there
with a comforting presence. Looking back on those Explorer
Post/firehouse times, your dad's loving smile lingers in our
memories. He was a warm, beloved part of those precious Deerfield
days!*

Many blessings to all- Gwen Cittadino Gelfuso, Chicago

Gwen Cittadino Gelfuso - November 10, 2011 at 10:22 AM

RC

“ Rhonda Ciccone lit a candle in memory of Mr. Anthony J. "Tony" LaValla



Rhonda Ciccone - November 10, 2011 at 10:09 AM

SD

“ Sue Kellmurray / Greg DeBernardis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Anthony J. "Tony" LaValla



Sue Kellmurray / Greg DeBernardis - November 09, 2011 at 06:58 PM

SD

Debby & Dave our deepest sympathy. Your Dad was a Great Man. Always a smile on his face, & a hug!!! Cherish the good memories- Sue Kellmurray

Sue Kellmurray / Greg DeBernardis - November 09, 2011 at 07:01 PM

ST

“ Sheila Collea Tracy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Anthony J. "Tony" LaValla



Sheila Collea Tracy - November 09, 2011 at 05:24 PM

GL

“ *Gina LaValla lit a candle in memory of Mr. Anthony J. "Tony" LaValla*



Gina LaValla - November 09, 2011 at 05:18 PM

GC

“ *Gina Catera lit a candle in memory of Mr. Anthony J. "Tony" LaValla*



Gina Catera - November 09, 2011 at 03:33 PM



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Heather Lynn - November 09, 2011 at 12:21 PM

MB

“ *Debby, Mark, Danny. Your father was a former coworker, but most important he was a special friend who I enjoyed our weekly coffee times and visits with. In all my times of illness your dad was there for me, and I appreciated his friendship. I will miss him greatly. He loved you kids and he cherished his time with his grandchildren. He was a true definition of a friend. My wife Gail has many stories of things Tony would do to the girls in Marcy Post Office that would make them laugh. Gail and I are out of town, but we send our condolences. Our prayers are for you all. Your Dad was a very special person.*



Mitch and Gail Beauchamp

Mitchell A. Beauchamp - November 09, 2011 at 12:19 PM

HH

“ *Heather (Ciccone) Homer lit a candle in memory of Mr. Anthony J. "Tony" LaValla*



Heather (Ciccone) Homer - November 09, 2011 at 12:15 PM

SF

“ *Sue Wiggins And Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Anthony J. "Tony" LaValla*



Sue Wiggins and family - November 09, 2011 at 10:45 AM

LC

“ *Lisa Chandler-Carzo lit a candle in memory of Mr. Anthony J. "Tony" LaValla*



Lisa Chandler-Carzo - November 09, 2011 at 10:41 AM

LC

Danny, Debbie, and Mark: I am truly sorry for your loss of your father; it is very hard to lose a parent. The easiest way to get through it is to remember all the good times you've had together throughout the years and to be there for each other. My prayers go out to all of you. God Bless you and your families.

Lisa Chandler-Carzo - November 09, 2011 at 10:48 AM

KL

“ *Karen And Scott Lowell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Anthony J. "Tony" LaValla*



Karen and Scott Lowell - November 09, 2011 at 09:06 AM