



Mr. Anthony L. Papa

January 6, 1950 - May 8, 2017

UTICA - Mr. Anthony L. Papa, age 67, passed away on Monday, May 8, 2017 at the Abraham House with his family by his side, after a valiant battle.

Born in Ausonia, Italy on January 6, 1950, Anthony was the son of the late Michael and Lucia (Zegarelli) Papa. Raised and educated locally, he was a graduate of T.R. Proctor High School/Class of 1968. He was a veteran of the United States Army National Reserve at the Elihu Root U.S. Army Reserve Center on Burrstone Road. At one time, he was married to the former Debbie Montero. As a couple, they shared a memorable relationship.

Anthony was employed by the City of Utica Water Board in the Maintenance of Water Mains and Meter Installation Department. As a motorcycle enthusiast, he enjoyed touring the highways and by-ways on his Kawasaki and later on his posh and powerful Harley-Davidson Softail Deluxe. He also attended local car shows and was proud of his 1994 Corvette and his customized metallic red Audi Cabriolet. An outdoorsman, Anthony was an avid hunter, and many mounted deer heads were displayed in his home. As a member of a local Rifle Association, he was a target shooting enthusiast and a gun collector. He also found and fashioned tree limbs into unique walking canes which he donated to persons in need. He often walked with his loyal, obedient canine Ruby on nature trails. She knew him well and was a great companion.

Anthony treasured family holidays, Sunday dinners, and the safety of growing up together. It was a simpler time and a reason why he related to the

President's promise to "Make America Great Again". Anthony was a believer of his Catholic creed and a communicant of St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church. Anthony is survived by his sister and brother-in-law, Maria and John Durso of Utica; his nephews and their wives, who he adored and took a special interest in each of them: John and Regina Durso, Mike and Maria Durso, Anthony "A.J." and Toby Durso; cousins, Remo and Theresa Zegarelli; special friends, Chris Sebastian, Ron Monaco, and Gary Talerico who were totally there for Anthony. They were best friends for years, until the very end; and all his neighbors who assisted in helping with anything he needed. He was predeceased by his aunts and uncles.

The family is grateful to Dr. Manzurul Sikder, a devoted professional who gave Anthony his personal attention; the kind and attentive staff of the Abraham House who provided Anthony with comfort and encouragement; Rev. Mark Kaminski and Deacon Bill Dischiavo who prayed for him and offered spiritual solace; and Chris Sebastian who is an angel; he was always present mentally and physically for his friend and prayed for his peace.

Anthony's family will honor and commemorate his life in a private time.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend his funeral service and Celebration of Life which will commence on Thursday morning at 10:30 at St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church where his Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. Mark Kaminski. The family will receive visitors at the conclusion of Mass. Entombment will take place in Resurrection Chapel Mausoleum at Holy Trinity Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Chapel Mausoleum

Champlin Ave.
Utica, NY 13501

Tribute Wall

DO

“ Marie, John and family. So sorry to hear of the loss of Anthony. Know that he is now with your Mom and Dad. What a reunion in heaven that will be. Love, Doreen and John

doreen - May 15, 2017 at 08:07 AM

CB

“ Maria and family: I am so very sorry to hear of Anthony's passing. I will always remember the fun times we had as children at Aunt Ang's and Uncle Louie's house. Those times were the best! Please find solace in your memories and please accept my deepest condolences. Thinking of you in your time of sorrow.

Cathy Schiavetta-Bohen

Cathy Bohan - May 11, 2017 at 12:33 PM

RL

“ We would like to extend our condolences to Tony's family. He was a life long friend and will be very much missed ! Our prayers are with you John and Maria and sons.

Rick and Linda LaClair

Rick LaClair - May 10, 2017 at 09:42 PM

DL

“ Sorry to hear about Tony. We grew up in the same neighborhood as kids and we were reunited again when he would walk his faithful companion Rudy around Valley View GC daily no matter what the weather. We had great talks and I was able to learn many things that he believed in. He will be missed by many. RIP, my friend.
Dominic N. Longo

Dominic N. Longo - May 10, 2017 at 07:47 PM



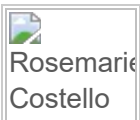
“ It was a pleasure to know such a great young man. RIP Tee Pop

CiCi Camidge - May 10, 2017 at 11:39 AM

AC

“ So Sorry for Your Loss, Going to miss our talks with Tony & Ruby walking tru Valley View every Day! Rest In Peace My Friend, God Bless, Andy Convertino

Andy Convertino - May 10, 2017 at 11:36 AM



“ Sorry for your loss. I had the pleasure of meeting Tony last summer on Mary Street walking my Dog and he was always very nice to my dog and I. RIP Tony!

Rosemarie Costello - May 10, 2017 at 11:12 AM

MS

“ Marie, John & family. We are so sorry to hear of your loss we want you to know we are thinking of you in your time of sorrow. With Our Deepest Sympathy Maryrose & Jimmy

Maryrose Schiavetta - May 10, 2017 at 06:48 AM

DS

“ John and Marie....I am so sad hearing of T-Pop's passing!! Many memories of him and Ruby will always be treasured. He fought a battle, but eventually lost it. Bless him, and rest assured he is looking over you from above. Know you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers! He will be missed!

Diane Shephard - May 10, 2017 at 02:38 AM

MR

“ Dear Papa Family:
So terribly sorry to read the news about the passing of T-Pop. My sincere sympathy to his family and friends. RIP Tony Papa.
Marcia Reesh

Marcia Reesh - May 09, 2017 at 10:32 PM

BW

“ Marie, John and family, we are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. RIP T POP.
Bryan & Angela Ward



Bryan& Angela Ward - May 09, 2017 at 10:26 PM

FA

“ T pop. You were a good friend and I enjoyed working and swapping hunting stories with you! I will never forget picking up a deer off the side of the road with you with the water board truck and bringing it back to the shop to butcher. John Inman(the boss) went out of his mind. Great times at work. Great memories of our Christmas parties in the good old days! Rest in peace my friend. HIP HIP!

Frank Andrello - May 09, 2017 at 07:28 PM

FP

“ Tee pop you were one of the first to take me under your wing at the water board I will miss you my friend

frank puleo - May 09, 2017 at 07:07 PM

MA

“ Marie, John and family... John and I are very sorry for your family's loss... May Tony Rest In Peace. John and Maggie Aceto



maggie aceto - May 09, 2017 at 07:07 PM

FP

“ Frank Puleo lit a candle in memory of Mr. Anthony L. Papa



frank puleo - May 09, 2017 at 07:03 PM