



## Mr. Anthony Louis "Red" Ricco

April 3, 1934 - March 21, 2017

UTICA - Mr. Anthony Louis "Red" Ricco, 82 years young, passed away on Tuesday, March 21, 2017, at the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center with his loving family by his side.

Born in Utica on April 3, 1934, Anthony was the only child of the late John Paul and Gabriela "Rae" (Peluso) Ricco. He attended Brandegee Elementary School, T.R. Proctor High School, and later served in the US Army. Red was married for 52 years to Phyllis (Kinlock) Ricco with whom he raised three sons, John Paul, Anthony, and Ross.

Red worked for many years with his dad at Ricco's Liquors in Whitesboro, and later held a position at the Durr Packing Company in Utica. Most recently he worked in the Mail Room at the Oneida County Office Building. He is remembered for knowing and telling thousands of jokes. He also loved recounting stories of the good old days and his upbringing on Albany Street in the Italian neighborhood of East Utica. His knowledge of history made him a formidable opponent in Jeopardy. An award-winning boxer and track-and-field athlete as a young man, he passed down his love of all sports to his sons, coaching them and their teams for many seasons and attending every one of their games. For many years, he ran the City of Utica Summer Basketball Program. He was the Philadelphia Phillies, Eagles, 76ers, and Flyers' biggest and most devoted fan. A great lover of jazz, at a young age he learned to play the trumpet and lately had been so proud that his grandson Antonio not only shared his love of the trumpet, but learned to play using the very same

instrument that he had played back in the day. His granddaughter Sophia's bright spirit along with her singing and dancing always made him smile. Nicknamed "Reno Red", he enjoyed going to the casino each week and traveling with his wife to Atlantic City.

Red is survived by his loving and devoted wife, Phyllis; his son, Professor John Paul Ricco, PhD of Toronto; his son, Anthony Louis II, daughter-in-law Lucia, and grandchildren Sophia (his "dolly") and Antonio (his "bummie"); and his son, Ross Michael and daughter-in-law Mary. His sons and grandchildren were his greatest joy and he always told everyone how proud he was of them. He leaves many aunts, uncles, his sister-in-law and nephew, Marion and Richard Morris; and his brother-in-law, Edward and his wife Laura Kinlock and their children Nicole and Alex and Alex's wife Meghan. Surviving cousins include Sharon (Perry) and Dick Racioppa; Arthur and Marie Perry; Carolyn (Peluso) and Jerry Corigliano; Bonnie (Pettinelli) and Paul Adey; Doug and Beverly Pettinelli, and their families; as well as many friends and co-workers, including his close friend Dino Franco. He was predeceased by his parents, John and Rae Ricco; his mother-in-law Angeline M. Kinlock; his sister-in-law Rose Marie Moraco; and his uncle Louis Peluso, his mother's brother who was raised with him and was like a brother to him.

Visitation will be held Sunday from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Anthony's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Monday morning at 9:00 from the funeral home and at 10:00 at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish where his Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. James Cesta. He will be laid to rest at Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

"Rest in peace my love", Phyllis

# Cemetery Details

## Calvary Cemetery

2407 Oneida Street  
Utica, NY

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

MAR 27. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish  
648 Jay Street  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 735-1482  
<https://www.mountcarmelblessedsacrament.com/>

# Tribute Wall

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“ I just returned from the funderal parlor. I thought the wake was today, not yesterday. This truly saddens me for the reason that I have known Red for most of my life. We both went to Brandegee and Proctor. We both entered the service, the Army for him and Navy for me. We would meet often as we circled around Utica and shared many of the same friends, especially Dino Franco, who I see regularly at breakfast on James St.

*Red was a character. Full of fun and always with a smile. He attended the Proctor Boys dinners and usually had a joke or story to tell. To Phyllis and his family I extend my heartfelt sympathy. We Brandegee and Proctor boys have gone a long way together and always remember each other thru our journey. I am so sorry I could not say some of this in person. ANTHONY J. GARRAMONE*

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**HON. ANTHONY J. GARRAMONE** - March 27, 2017 at 03:37 PM



“ Tony,

*Wishing you and the rest of your Family much "Warmth and Comfort" during this very difficult time. May your Dad Rest in the Peace that he deserves until you see him again.*

*Bil yitb*

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**Bil Gardiner** - March 26, 2017 at 07:27 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Mr. Anthony Louis "Red" Ricco.*



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March 26, 2017 at 10:28 AM



“ *Multicolor Bright Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Anthony Louis "Red" Ricco.*



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March 26, 2017 at 08:00 AM



“ *Simply Lily was purchased for the family of Mr. Anthony Louis "Red" Ricco.*



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March 25, 2017 at 09:02 PM



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**Ross Ricco** - March 25, 2017 at 08:42 PM

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*22 Years Old.*

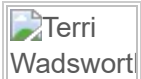
**Ross Ricco** - March 25, 2017 at 08:43 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Mr. Anthony Louis "Red" Ricco.*



March 25, 2017 at 01:08 PM



“ *Phil and Family,  
I'm so sorry for your loss...please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you all...Tony worked for me for many years and he kept us laughing...he was a great friend to me and I will always cherish that friendship...Rest In Peace Tony...fly high*

*Terri*

**Terri Wadsworth** - March 25, 2017 at 10:23 AM

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“ *Michael Murad and Family purchased the White Standing Spray for the family of Mr. Anthony Louis "Red" Ricco.*



**Michael Murad and Family** - March 25, 2017 at 09:16 AM



“ *Healing Tears - All Pink was purchased for the family of Mr. Anthony Louis "Red" Ricco.*



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March 24, 2017 at 06:25 PM



“ *Shades of Purple was purchased for the family of Mr. Anthony Louis "Red" Ricco.*



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March 24, 2017 at 05:55 PM



“ *I will never forget Red and his stories of him and my dad in the army in Berlin Germany. They would sneak out of the barracks late at night and head to town to buy supplies for themselves. Hug my dad for me Red and watch over your wonderful family...*

*Your friend, Mark Ambrosi*

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**Mark Ambrosi** - March 24, 2017 at 03:45 PM



*We are so very sorry for your loss. My father, Frank T. Ricco, Red's cousin passed away January 7, 2017. He had many fond memories of your Dad. God bless you all. Your Ricco cousins in Maryland!*

*Theresa Ricco Hook*

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**Theresa Hook** - March 24, 2017 at 04:39 PM

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*Thank you Theresa for reaching out and expressing your condolences. We are very saddened to hear of your Dad's passing. Not too long ago my Dad was talking about growing up on Albany Street in Utica and had some good stories about your Dad.*

*God Bless.*

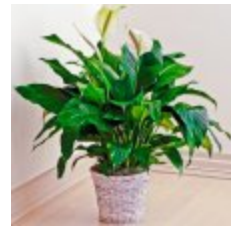
*Ross Ricco*

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**Ross Ricco** - April 20, 2017 at 05:03 PM

FK

“ *From Cors, Sue, Hans and Inka Korteweg purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Mr. Anthony Louis "Red" Ricco.*



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**From Cors, Sue, Hans and Inka Korteweg** - March 24, 2017 at 01:02 PM

TF

“ *The Kirk Family purchased the Healing Tears - All White for the family of Mr. Anthony Louis "Red" Ricco.*



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**The Kirk Family** - March 24, 2017 at 10:30 AM



“ *Serene Green™ Bouquet For Sympathy was purchased for the family of Mr. Anthony Louis "Red" Ricco.*



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March 24, 2017 at 09:59 AM

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“ Your Acosta Family purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Mr. Anthony Louis "Red" Ricco.



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**Your Acosta Family** - March 24, 2017 at 09:21 AM

MM

“ Phyllis and family,  
Our heart-felt condolences to your family. We really enjoyed having "Red" as our friend and neighbor. When we look your way he will always be remembered by myself, my wife and children. May he rest in peace. Mike Mancuso and family

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**MIKE MANCUSO** - March 24, 2017 at 07:48 AM

KZ

“ Coach, "Birds sing after the storm... so shall you" RIP Mr. Ricco

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**kim zogby** - March 23, 2017 at 05:30 PM



“ White Sympathy Baskets was purchased for the family of Mr. Anthony Louis "Red" Ricco.



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March 23, 2017 at 12:44 PM