



Mr. Anthony J. "Tony" Salerno

February 3, 1925 - June 14, 2019

UTICA - Mr. Anthony J. "Tony" Salerno, age 94, passed into the arms of Jesus on Friday, June 14, 2019 at MVHS at St. Elizabeth Healthcare with the ones he loved most in his heart.

Born in Utica on February 3, 1925, Anthony was the son of the late Paul J. and Irene (Hance) Salerno. A member of the Greatest Generation and a proud veteran of the United States Army, Anthony honorably served his country during World War II stationed in China and India in the Transport Division. On July 20, 1946 he married the former Eleanora M. Pelle with whom he shared 68 years. They loved each other in mind and spirit, and they honored their nuptial vows. Eleanora passed away on August 2, 2014, and he has missed her every day since.

During his working years, Tony held a position at Grossman's Lumber Company where his intrinsic capability in carpentry came easy to him. He built his own home, made wood carvings for the dialysis patients and fine crafted furniture for others to adorn their home. His main employment was with the Bendix Corporation as a Planner. For many years, he worked for Oneida County Board of Elections setting up the voting machines. Just as he approached any other task during his life, he performed his workplace duties with precision and pride. Most importantly, he was a devoted husband, and a loving father who was supportive during his son's years of dialysis. He and his late wife volunteered with much devotion for the Kidney Society of the Mohawk Valley.

A true gentleman in every sense of the word, Tony had the gift of humor that complemented his personality, and he was blessed with friendships during every phase of his life. An affable, well-attired man, he was meticulous and conscientious, and he saw every endeavor to completion. He was a gardener extraordinaire at his home, and a Master Gardener for Cooperative Extension for over 35 years. His horticultural knowledge was extensive, and he was able to research unanswered questions — into his 90's — on his computer, a method of technology he had mastered! He was proud to be able to drive his own car until almost the very end of his life. He kept a clean home, but when he did his laundry his whites were “whiter than white”.

Even during his recent illness, Tony remained independent; it was clearly his choice. He was very humble about all his good works, and any tributes that came to his heart and life were handled with grace and God's blessing. Tony was a faithful parishioner of St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish where he was a longtime altar server, an honor he performed with reverence. Anthony always kept close to his heart the memory of his son Joseph Anthony Salerno who preceded him on February 17, 2015. He is survived by his brother and sister-in-law, Richard and Dolores Hance; his sister, Jennie Sharpe; nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and beloved friends, Lydia Zegarelli, Lucy LaVine, and his Acacia Village family, especially Bob and Dottie Dever. He was predeceased by his brother and sister-in-law, Paul “Jim” and Joan A. Salerno; sister and brother-in-law, Alice and James Saponaro; and in-laws, Nancy and Daniel Robilatto, and Thomas Sharpe. The family extends their gratitude to the ICU staff at MVHS at St. Elizabeth Medical Center for the excellent care rendered to Tony.

Visitation will be held Thursday from 5:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Those wishing to express an act of kindness in Tony's honor may make a contribution to the Kidney Society of Central New York online at <https://www.kidney.org/offices/nkf-central-new-york>. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Anthony's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Friday at 12:00 from the

funeral home and at 1:00 at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish where his Mass of Christian Burial will be offered. Entombment will follow in Calvary Cemetery Chapel.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Mausoleum

2407 Oneida Street
Utica, Ny

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 20. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.
932 South Street
corner of Hammond Ave.
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 724-6714
eannacefh@roadrunner.com

Service

JUN 21. 1:00 PM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall

AR

“ My memories of Tony, Eleanora and Joe go back to my young childhood. He and his family were my Uncle Tony's across the street neighbors, but they were really just members of our family. Since Uncle Tony had "the pool" I remember many wonderful days of sunshine and laughter we all shared together. How wonderful it was to be able to reconnect with Tony when I began to attend 8 am Mass at St. Mary of Mt Carmel Church. He sat directly across the aisle from us, one row back. Ever the charmer, Tony's big hug and kiss were highlights of my day each Sunday. I considered Tony my last physical link on this earth to my father, his siblings and their spouses. Now that Tony has gone on his way to Heaven, the party gang is now complete again! May you enjoy your heavenly reward. Please give my love to everyone for me. I will miss you very much.

My deepest sympathies to all of Tony's family and dear friends. He was a fine, fine man!

Sincerely,

Angelina Brigano Roche

Angelina M Roche - June 19, 2019 at 03:53 PM

LN

“ Tony, we were blessed to have you as part of our CCE family. Thank you for your many years of devoted service both to your country as well as your community. You will be missed dearly. Lori

Lori North - June 17, 2019 at 02:12 PM

WR

Friend Tony; we gardened, laughed, prayed and shared time together for past 20 years. Thanks for the memories.

You are the Tony, who answered the call of his country, his work, his friends, his community, and his family. You set a High Mark and an example for us all.

*He will be missed dearly and remembered fondly for ever and forever.
R.I.P. Tony.*

+bicycle bill

"...Have faith in God." Mark 11:22

Wm. Rankin - June 20, 2019 at 03:37 PM

BO

“*Tony, It was a joy to have you as part of my life, and to share the title of master gardener, but you were the "Master". We at CCE will miss your stories, your devotion and your storytelling. Peace, Bonnie*

Bonnie - June 17, 2019 at 09:36 AM

JE

“*Tony, God Bless You, Always enjoyed your happy spirit and kindness. Thanks for all your years of service to the community as a master gardener with Cooperative Extension. You are loved, you will be missed. Jeff*

Jeff - June 17, 2019 at 09:08 AM

AR

Tony always came to work at CCE with a smile! He shared his love of gardening and life. I am blessed yo have known Tony and am sure he will be missed. He can now be reunited with his wife and son. May God bless....be at peace.

Arlene - June 20, 2019 at 12:17 AM

SM

“ Please accept our heartfelt condolences. Tony and his smile will always be remembered.

Ron and Susan Newell Miller

Susan Newell Miller - June 17, 2019 at 05:54 AM

MS

“ We are in deep sorrow for the loss of Nin, the Schiavetta Family wants you to know how much we loved Nin Elenor and Joey. You have our Deepest Sympathy. Jimmy, Maryrose Schiavetta

Maryrose Schiavetta - June 16, 2019 at 01:17 PM

RV

Tony I was so close to Joey, we were like brothers and I loved him with all of my heart, how many times I would tease Elenor I was gonna get Joey a girl. Tony was a good man a real fine gentleman, he taught us all about fishing 🎣 Joey and I fished every time we had a chance now RIP NIM JOEY & MA

Richard Vellone - June 20, 2019 at 05:58 PM