



Anthony J. "Chic" DeFuria

July 4, 1920 - April 4, 2008

Mr. Anthony J. "Chic" DeFuria, age 87, of Utica, passed away on Friday, April 4, 2008 after a long illness, while visiting his son in Cape Coral, Florida.

Born in New York Mills on July 4, 1920, Anthony was the son of the late Louis and Cora (Coriale) DeFuria. He was raised and educated locally. A proud veteran of World War II, he served his country in the U. S. Army Air Corps. On March 23, 1946 he married the former Anne Marie Petronella who passed away on January 19, 1997. The couple enjoyed 50 years of love and devotion to their family.

Throughout his working years, Chic was the proprietor, along with Phil Vennero, of the Nu-Look Barber Shop from 1946–1982. He also enjoyed his time spent at the Center Barber Shop in the New Hartford Shopping Center. A soft-spoken gentleman with a lovable laugh, he was blessed with a respectful and robust enthusiasm for life, living each day to its fullest. He was also known to be dynamic on the dance floor. A genuine family man, Chic loved and cherished his grandchildren. He always enjoyed Sunday dinner at his daughter's home. During his spare time, he pursued the hobbies of woodworking and golf and also enjoyed the serenity of his grapevine. He valued his memberships in local civic and cultural organizations, including the American Legion Post #229, past president of the Sons of Italy Lodge #2054, the Knights of St. John, the North Utica Community Center, and the IAM. He was a communicant of St. Anthony of Padua Church.

Chic is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Cathy A. and Guy L.

Seminaro of Deerfield; his son, Anthony S. DeFuria of Cape Coral, Florida; his grandchildren, Bethany A. and Ronald Rickard of Oriskany Falls, Anne Marie Seminaro of Deerfield, Anthony J. DeFuria and fiancée Carley Nelson of Utica, and Sara N. and Justin McBride of Liverpool, NY, and their mother Joan M. DeFuria, also of Liverpool, NY; and his beloved great-grandchildren, Gavin Rickard, Jaida McBride, Vincent McBride, and Cora Grace McBride. Survivors also include his brothers and sisters-in-law, Nicholas and Lucretia DeFuria of Deerfield, and Salvatore and Caroline DeFuria of AZ. Also surviving is his companion, Virginia Hardt, with whom he shared a special bond; his nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and in-laws, Harry Kushner, Claire Casaletta, and Joseph and Betty Petronella.

Visitation will be held Thursday (today) from 4:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. The Knights of St. John will gather for ritualistic services at 5:30 p.m., and the Sons of Italy Lodge #2054 will meet at 6:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Anthony's funeral service will commence on Friday morning at 9:30 from the funeral home and at 10:30 at St. Anthony of Padua Church where his Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated with Military Honors offered by the U. S. Army Air Corps. Interment will take place in St. Agnes Cemetery.

Tribute Wall



“ Tony,

*Thanks for all the "Masterpieces"!
May God Bless You and Your Family.##imported-begin##Bob
Bullwinkle##imported-end##*

April 11, 2008 at 06:03 AM



“ *From Woodside Condo's in Pal m Bay Florida , (Virginia Hardt
friends) We would like to send our condolence to the family of
Anthony DeFuria who we knew as Tony Fine... He was a kind and
gentle man and a lot of fun...We will miss him.##imported-
begin##Ann Guerrieri, Pat Lynn, Peg Davis, Jeannie Griffin, The
Johnsons, The Butlers##imported-end##*

April 10, 2008 at 10:39 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the DeFuria family at this difficult
time.##imported-begin##Carl & Shirley Vogel##imported-end##*

April 08, 2008 at 07:49 AM



“ *My deepest sympathy to all of the Tony DeFuria family.##imported-
begin##Sam Coriale##imported-end##*

April 07, 2008 at 03:09 PM



“ *There's little we can do or say right now please know that our hearts and thoughts are with you in your time of sorrow, we'll miss Tony ver y much we had a lot of good time at the Son of Italy will always remember the good times.*

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April 07, 2008 at 12:08 PM



“ *My heart goes out to all the family and friends. I'll remember all the "Sunday dinners" I got to spend with him. and all the stories he told. He truly was a great man and I'm so very sorry for your loss.##imported-begin##Heather Pezdek##imported-end##*

April 06, 2008 at 03:11 PM