



Mr. Carmen N. Tripolone

October 10, 1945 - May 16, 2018

UTICA- Mr. Carmen N. Tripolone, age 72, passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, May 16, 2018. His untimely passing occurred at the St. Elizabeth Medical Center while surrounded by his loving family.

Carmen was born on October 10, 1945, the son of the late Carmello and Helen (Scalise) Tripolone. It was from them that he learned to speak Italian and was very proud of his Italian heritage. He was a native of Herkimer and attended their local schools. At one time, he was married to the former Lorraine Capozzella and from that marriage came the blessing of two children. In 1985 Carmen met the former Theresa LaFache-Custodero; they were a unique couple who shared 33 of the best years of their lives together.

Carmen served in the United States Army and was a Veteran of the Vietnam War. After his service, Carmen's career included positions at the UNIVAC Corporation, New York Central Railroad Company, and as the Manager of Brindisi's Restaurant in Saratoga Springs.

Carmen could easily captivate any room with his quick wit, wisdom and mere presence. At any event he could be seen "holding court" as he said it, entertaining friends and family with stories or sharing his nicknames for those in attendance. Carmen was a dear friend to many as he was dependable, loyal and true. He loved to make his rounds every day and was there at a moment's notice with whatever you needed, ready to go with his car, a cigar and a great story. Carmen was so proud of the relationships that he had with his wife Theresa, his children and his grandchildren. He enjoyed the Turning

Stone Casino, Saratoga, traveling to Florida and Las Vegas, as well as reading and spending time in his pool with his grandchildren. He also cherished the memory of his dog Hootie, who was his close companion and source of comfort for many years.

Carmen is survived by his wife and best friend, Theresa; his children and their spouses, Regina and Paul Rayhill, David and Phyllis Tripolone, Kristin and Joseph Speciale, and Katie Custodero; and his grandchildren, Dan, Erin, Anna, Meghan, and Elizabeth Rayhill; Tyler Tripolone; and Joseph, and Christopher Speciale. He will also be remembered by his sisters and brother-in-law, Grace and Ray Durso, and Josephine Rocco; sister-in-law, Philomena Tripolone; aunt, Eleanor Scalise; nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and cousins; in-laws, Paul LaFache, Anthony J. LaFache, Esq. and Linda LaFache, Elizabeth and Ronald Sacco; and cousin Reverend Anthony P. LaFache, with whom he shared a close bond. He was predeceased by his brother, Phillip "Trip" Tripolone; in-laws Tony Rocco, Louis Francis LaFache, Jr., Louis Francis LaFache Sr., and Dorothy LaFache.

The family extends their gratitude to Dr. Fred Talarico; the staff of the St. Elizabeth Medical Center/Cardiac Unit; Drew from the ICU; and Dr. Nabin Adhikari, all of whom were so sensitive and compassionate in caring for Carmen.

Visitation will be held Monday from 4:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. The family will remain until all visitors have been seen. Carmen's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence at 11:30 from the funeral home and at 12:30 at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish where his Mass of Christian Burial will be offered with Military Honors conferred.

Entombment will follow in Christ Our Savior Mausoleum Chapel at Calvary Cemetery.

Obituary written in his honor by his family.

Cemetery Details

Christ Our Savior Mausoleum at Calvary Cemetery

2407 Oneida Street
Utica, NY

Tribute Wall

KZ

“ I am so sorry to hear of Carmen's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.



Kim Zogby - May 22, 2018 at 06:35 AM



“ Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Mr. Carmen N. Tripolone.



May 21, 2018 at 10:09 AM

 Karen Talarico

“ laughter...always smiling

Karen Talarico - May 19, 2018 at 10:55 PM

KL

“ Uncle Carmen! I will never forget the “green machine” you used to pick us up in and taken us everywhere. Because of my chronic lateness, you brought me to school a lot and brought me things I had forgotten to bring to school! And we can't forget how you chaperoned us girls to see Motley Crue and the joke you played on me there! You had a huge love for our family and everyone and we will all never forget you and miss you! I love you ❤️ Kara LaFache

Kara LaFache - May 19, 2018 at 10:25 PM

GI

“ Dear Threasa, Kristen. Katy and Regina
I cannot express the sadness in my ❤️
The fun times I had with him are to many to mention I would be here
forever. My heart hurts for all of you . He is and will always be the
Best .. My love to you all
Gina Ionta

Gina Ionta - May 19, 2018 at 03:27 PM



“ Healing Tears - All Pink was purchased for the
family of Mr. Carmen N. Tripolone.



May 19, 2018 at 03:03 PM



“ European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased
for the family of Mr. Carmen N. Tripolone.



May 19, 2018 at 02:30 PM

TG

“ Morning coffee at the Ridgewood will never be the same...I so much
looked forward to "the morning sessions". They were, at times
incite(ful), BUT mostly insightful! Gotta admit I knew how to push
your buttons..... I will forever play 1 4 2 5..... YOU WILL BE
MISSED, REST EASY MY FRIEND!
Tommy G!

Tom Giruzzi - May 18, 2018 at 04:34 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Carmen N. Tripolone.*



May 18, 2018 at 12:44 PM



“ *you will truly be missed by your Saratoga Family ! you always brought a smile to everyone you came in contact with. Much love and respect to you sir !!*

Cory - May 18, 2018 at 12:20 PM