



Mr. Dominic A. Massella

December 12, 1933 - January 31, 2015

Mr. Dominic A. “Danny” Massella, age 81, passed away on Saturday, January 31, 2015 at the Charles T. Sitrin Health Care Center with his loving family by his side.

Born in Philadelphia, PA on December 12, 1933, Dominic was the son of the late Angelo Edward and Marie (Inzello) Massella. Raised and educated in Philadelphia, Danny joined the United States Air Force after his high school graduation. As a proud veteran, he honorably served his country during the Korean Conflict. On February 8, 1958 he married the former Marie A. Romanelli and shared with her 53 years; their relationship was bonded by their companionship throughout their life’s journey. His beloved Marie passed away on August 22, 2011.

Dominic’s working career as a member of the US Air Force spanned many years until his retirement from service. A loving family man at heart, he provided for his family’s needs and met his commitments to them. He was especially devoted to his granddaughter. He was thoughtful and willing to give a hand or a kind word if needed, and he felt happiness when helping others. In his daughter’s words, her father was a gift from God. A skilled woodworker, Danny enjoyed carpentry and handcrafting wood. He enjoyed trips to Turning Stone and Atlantic City casinos with his wife, and visits to his hometown Philadelphia to see his family. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, the Disabled American Veterans (DAV), and the Parkway and West Side Senior Centers. He was a parishioner of Historic Old St. John’s Church.

Dominic is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Donna M. and Richard P. Schram of Utica; his grandchildren, Dana (Plado) and David "Zeek" Zito with whom he was awaiting the arrival of his first great-grandchild; and his step-grandchildren, Renee and Rod Potter, and Richard P. Schram, Jr. Always close to his heart was the memory of his granddaughter, Dominique "Monique" Marie Plado, who passed away in 1980. He also leaves his sisters and brothers-in-law, Rita and Joseph Taraska, Jerry and James Payne, and Dolores Masciarelli; and his many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and cousins. He was predeceased by his brother, Edward; his sister, Marie; and his brother-in-law, John Masciarelli.

The family is grateful to Carol, Dennis, and Christopher Tuttle, Jim Viscusi, and Sally and Jerry Burdick who Dominic considered his extended family. The family would also like to thank the nurses and staff of the Magnolia House at Sitrin Health Care, D & T Transport, the personnel of the St. Luke's Dialysis Unit, the 3rd Floor staff, the Mohawk Valley Nephrology Associates, and Rev. John Buehler, for all their care and concern. These caring people provided Dominic with inspirational words and kind acts during his final journey.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Dominic's funeral service and Celebration of Life which will commence on Saturday afternoon at 1:00 at Historic Old St. John's Church where his Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. John Buehler with Military Honors conferred by the US Air Force. The family will receive visitors at the conclusion of the service. In lieu of floral offerings, expressions of sympathy in the form of donations may be made to the Historic Old St. John's Food Pantry; envelopes will be available at the service. Entombment will take place in Christ Our Savior Mausoleum at Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Eannace Funeral Home, 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Mausoleum

2407 Oneida Street
Utica, Ny

Tribute Wall

DA

“ Grandpa- Mom and I made cookies without your help this year. it was hard but we did it. I have to say you and Grandma must have been there laughing with us, we made a huge mess but had so much fun. They came out the best they ever did, (believe it is because they were cooked in your kitchen) Anthony is getting so big, I wish you got to meet him, He looks just like you sometimes. We love and miss you and Grandma so much.

dana - December 16, 2015 at 08:04 AM

DA

“ Grandpa it still is so hard to bieve you are not physically here anymore. I know you will always be with us in spirit. I just want to hear your voice again, heck you can even yell at me and I'd be so happy. Please enjoy today with Grandma since its your anniversary. I love you and miss you so much. Till we meet again xoxoxoxo

dana - February 08, 2015 at 07:46 AM

KT

“ Donna and Dana you have my thoughts and many prayers. I will fondly remember the long passed days when your mom shared her wisdom and your dad his humor I was so blessed to have your friendship and will always remember the kindness of your parents. Take some comfort in knowing they are once again together.

Kathy Torbitt - February 07, 2015 at 12:00 PM

JP

“ I am sorry for your loss, I know your Mother and Father are together again, you will always have the memories and I was bless to have know them and be part of there family

Jim Payne III

james payne - February 06, 2015 at 06:30 PM

DM

“ I will miss seeing Dominic and his sense of humor- he was a true Gentleman! ! RIP my friend!

Dana Mallozzi - February 06, 2015 at 06:19 AM

DA

“ Grandpa you will always be my #1 man. Thank you for always being there for me. I am going to miss our talks, our casino trips and the stories you would tell me. Diamond keeps looking for you every time I say I just want Grandpa to walk through that door one more time. Thank you for everything- you definitely had a part in who I am today. I miss you terribly, tell Grandma Hi and I love and miss her too!

dana - February 05, 2015 at 11:45 AM