



Mr. Dominick J. "Doc" Rose Jr.

April 28, 1932 - May 12, 2022

UTICA – Mr. Dominick J. “Doc” Rose, Jr., age 90, passed away peacefully on Thursday, May 12, 2022. As always, his devoted family surrounded him with love as they bid their farewells to their “sugar daddy”.

Born in Utica on April 28, 1932, to the late Dominick J. and Lucia (Pietropaolo) Rosa, Dominick was raised and educated locally, having attended Wetmore Elementary School. A man with humble beginnings, Dominick went to work while still very young to help his parents. He went on to enlist in the US Army, by which he took part in the Korean conflict, particularly in the Battle of Pork Chop Hill where on his 21st birthday, Dominick stepped on a landmine in an attempt to protect a fellow GI. It was through that valiant incident that left Dominick with life-long injuries. During his time in service, he was the recipient of various medals, inclusive of the Korean Service Medal with 2 Bronze Service Stars, the Combat Infantry Badge, National Defense and United Nation Service Medals, and most notably the Purple Heart for his bravery. Through working together at the iconic DeCuffa’s Bakery, there was a friendship bonded as co-workers, and on September 3, 1956, Dominick married the former Carmella Brescia and the whirlwind began! As a husband, Dominick was a good provider—and he was Carmella’s “Sugar Daddy.” Even when they disagreed, Dominick would choose to see things Carmella’s way. They loved each other deeply and were a fine example of what a marriage should be. They made the magic happen for nearly 66 years, always working together.

A hard worker and an industrious man, Dominick began working at Brescia Sign Co. for many years, followed by a position with the Friendly Sign Company. Many considered him to be one of the finest sign makers in all of Utica, for he had created many of Utica's notable and memorable signs. When working, Dominick would start with the initial design and perfect the product. He liked to putter—along with his brothers—and was constantly remodeling and improving whatever could use it. Each of them had their own unique talent to bring to a project, for they had vast innate qualities as a team. Dominick was an easygoing man who, as a father, had earned the respect of his sons. They often frequented the family camp on Black River, a camp that Doc and his brothers built. A strong man, Dominick brought that strength and resolve to all areas of his life. He was loved and admired by all, especially as he accepted life challenges with grace. Dominick was known as a “man's man” and yet never swore; he knew how to live his life with laughter. The abundance of Dominick's love grew as his family matured and the grandchildren came into his life. He was a man with a full heart. “Pop” was a mentor to his grandchildren, who flocked to him for love, advice, and precious quality time. Sunday mornings were Dominick's time to make breakfast, which he did even when in a wheelchair. As testimony has it, he was an outstanding cook, and he prepared a vast variety of foods. On Monday nights, Carmella cooked, and a game of Pitch would begin—although he was the only one who really knew how to play the game! Dominick loved the family's multigenerational celebrations, and his grandchildren rejoiced in joining in and seizing every opportunity to be together. Even in their adulthood they would spend New Year's Eve with their “Pop.” The family has made sure to continue all of the traditions, which has been their honor and delight to do. Dominick was known for some of his own quirks, like having his own vocabulary that included many “Doc”isms. Additionally, he had a collection of wine glasses that were engraved with some of his many words of wisdom (written with his East Utica slang): “Yous are all crack pots” and “My mudder,

my fadder, and kid brudder.” Dominick was also a stamp and coin collector. He furthermore enjoyed frequenting horse racing, particularly at Vernon Downs in the early years, and then visiting Saratoga Race Track for all of its excitement, he was a decent handicapper, and he especially enjoyed the casino with his wife Carmella.

Of all his many accomplishments, Dominick especially appreciated the blessing of blending the Rose and Brescia families, through whom he and Carmella had made memorable friendships, all of whom gathered for family reunions with cousins galore. Anyone could come to the Rose house, for it was open to all. Doc and his family treasured their trips to Baltimore to visit his in-laws, Patricia and Ramon Salas, his godson Louis and Barbara Salas, his niece Lisa and Sam Bayne and their children Sam, Elena, Lindsey and Sara. Dominick was involved in various civic organizations, including the Ft. Schuyler Post 1290; VFW NY Mills Post 7393; and Engine II.

A man of faith, Dominick was a parishioner at St. Anthony and St. Agnes Church.

He is survived by his loving wife, Carmella; and his sons and daughters-in-law, Dominick J. “Dicky” and Sharon A. Rose, and Michael L. and Jean M. Rose. He will live on in the hearts of his grandchildren, Valentina Rose and fiancé Raymond Ulrich, Dr. Dominick and Amanda Rose, twins Julianna Rose and Dante Rose and fiancée Kaitlyn DiFlo, Michael D. Rose, Federal Officer CBP and Justine Hamilton, Anthony Rose and fiancée Hannah Brown, and Francesca Rose, —she was instrumental in his care during Dominick’s last journey at his rehab as well as a comfort to “Pop” and to the entire family. Dominick was blessed to have his only great-grandchild: Leah, whom he called “Little Girl, # 2.” He was predeceased by his siblings and their loves, Mary and Joseph DeGeorge, Adeline and Frank Juliano, Isabelle R. and Raymond Guido, Michael P. Rose, John F. Rosa, Pasquale “Pat” Rose, Angela “Angie” Rosa, and Ronald A. and Lynda Rosa. Left to carry on the memories is Dominick’s sister-in-law, Florence Rose. He was a loving uncle to

his nieces, nephews, grand-nieces, and grand-nephews; as well as a beloved presence in the lives of his cousins and godchildren. Dominick leaves behind his sister-in-law, Jeanette Brescia. He shared many good years with Raymond Paciello, John Vella, and was saddened to have lost his dear and long-time friend, Louis "Weisy" Kallasy. Additionally, Peter Zyma knew the fatherly love of Doc who loved him as a son. Dominick was predeceased by his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Agazio "Michael" and Gaetana "Carrie" (Bellezza) Brescia; and his in-laws, Mary and Joseph Riccardi, Anthony and Mary Brescia, Frank J. and Josephine Brescia, Rose and Frank J. Comito, Nicholas J. Sr. and Genevieve "Jenny" Brescia, Joseph J. and Betty Brescia, Teresa B. and Adelbert Brown, Fred A. Brescia, and Patricia and Dr. Ramon Salas. The family would like to extend their gratitude to Dr. Marissa Kalil at MVHS at St. Luke's Campus, who played a huge part in giving Doc additional time with his family, and especially acknowledging his niece, Stephanie Pastorelli, RN, whose familiar face brought comfort to Doc; as well as the entire staff who showed great respect and care to all. During his medical journey, he was cared for by the caring staff at the VA Hospital in Syracuse; the Iroquois Nursing Home in Jamesville, NY was his last place of care for which it would not be possible without the assistance of his granddaughter, Francesca, whose daily visits and updates brought comfort to the family; to Tom, Dominick's aid and right-hand man at the nursing home; and to Fr. James Fritzen, who brought harmony and closeness, as well as his Anointing of the Sick prayers with such grace.

The family commemorated Dominick's life at a private time. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Dominick's Mass of Christian Burial on Thursday, May 19, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Anthony and St. Agnes Church; military honors will be conferred by the US Army. There will be an opportunity to greet the family at the conclusion of the Mass. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Dominick's being a disabled veteran may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, payable online at <https://support.woundedwarriorproject.org/Default.aspx?>; envelopes will also be available at the Mass.

Interment will take place at Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family.
“In Doc’s memory, whenever you see a veteran, please remember to thank them for their service.”

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family

2407 Oneida Street
Utica, NY

Tribute Wall

DB

“ *Dick & Sharon & Family, Just learned of your fathers passing. Our deepest sympathy Mark & Dawn Bruzzese*

Dawn Bruzzese - May 25, 2022 at 09:37 AM

AD

“ *Dear Carmella and Family,
Sending my deepest condolences for your loss of Dominick. My thoughts and prayers are with you.
Sincerely
Ann DeNigro and Family*

Anna DeNigro - May 23, 2022 at 02:00 PM

MP

“ *Mike so sorry about your family's loss. Your father was a good man. God bless. Mike Pi and Donna*

Michael Pisano - May 21, 2022 at 06:45 AM

TF

“ *Dickie and Mike, I am very sorry for your loss. I never met him but it sounds like he was a great man. Just like his sons. God bless and may he rest in peace.*

Tom Ficarro - May 20, 2022 at 07:57 AM

LG

“ *We are sending our deepest condolences to the entire Rose family on your loss. We are thinking of you and sending love and prayers.
Mike and Lynn Guca*

L & M Guca - May 18, 2022 at 07:27 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mr. Dominick J. "Doc" Rose Jr..*



May 18, 2022 at 12:54 PM



“ *Aunt Tootus, Dickie, Sharon, Mike , Jean and grandchildren. Loss of a wonderful husband, father, grandfather and uncle. Always a smile on his face. In our thoughts and prayers ❤️*

Gina Sychtysz - May 17, 2022 at 01:57 PM



“ *To the Rose Family,
It is with great sadness that I learned of the passing of Mr. Rose.
Please accept my sincere condolences and know that others share in your loss. May God comfort the entire family in your time of grief.*

Rick Polera

Rick Polera - May 16, 2022 at 09:22 PM



“ *Lynette Franco lit a candle in memory of Mr. Dominick J. "Doc" Rose Jr.*



Lynette Franco - May 16, 2022 at 08:36 PM

DC

“ Dear Dick and Mike and the entire Rose family. We are so sorry to hear of your loss. What an amazing and fulfilled man, as you all captured in his obituary. We are thinking of you and sending prayers your way. Sincerely, Frank and Debbie Curriere

D&F Curriere - May 16, 2022 at 07:16 PM

DJ

“ My thoughts and prayers of comfort to a most wonderful family.
Dominick DeNigro Jr.

Dominick DeNigro Jr - May 16, 2022 at 06:08 PM

RD

“ Dear Carmella and Family,
What more can I say that hasn't already been said through the magnificent obituary.
Junior and I grew up as friends on Blandina street in Utica. He always had that great smile, no matter what. I remember, as kids , climbing the trussel at the the New York Central bridge. We would stand on the bridge and watch the trains go by beneath us, Black smoke and all. Later, with his brother John and Mike, we would play in the old stage coaches that were left abandoned next to the railroad tracks. And finally we would take a swim in the creek bear by. Junior and I were both inducted in the Army on October 21, 1952. I would always kid him about being older than me, (By one day). And despite his wounds from the "Forgotten " Korean War, he never complained. Yes, the obituary says it all!
May you rest in peace,
Dickie DeFazio

Richard (Dickie) DeFazio - May 16, 2022 at 02:18 PM

BS

“ *What a beautiful tribute to Uncle Doc. A wonderful man with an infectious smile and a heart of gold. He will be missed, but always in our stories and our hearts.*

Barbara Salas - May 16, 2022 at 04:02 AM

MC

“ *Dear Carmella and family: Babe and I were so sorry to hear of Doc's passing. We will miss talking to the both of you at the casino. Doc would always talk to us and always had a big smile on his face. May God Bless you and your family. Sending prayers.* 🙏💜✝️

Mr and Mrs Jim (Babe) Cannistra - May 15, 2022 at 11:35 PM

MS

“ *Carmella and Family , we are so sorry to hear of Doc's passing . We are sending our Deepest Sympathies to all.Jimmy &Maryrose*

Maryrose Schiavetta - May 15, 2022 at 08:23 PM

DM

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire family. Uncle Doc was such a kind and loving family man. We always enjoyed our time with him when he visited Baltimore. Love to all❤️ Steve and Debbie Manger*

deborah manger - May 15, 2022 at 05:39 PM

TJ

“ *Our thoughts & prayers to the Rose Family.
Bill & Tina Seelow*



Tina Jones-Seelow - May 15, 2022 at 11:04 AM

NG

Our thoughts and prayers and with the Rose family We remember His smile and great food at Dickys 4 of July backyard gathering that we were fortunate to be invited to Nick & Deb Galotti

Nick Galotti - May 16, 2022 at 04:28 PM

JM

*Uncle doc was a one of a kind, gentleman and good friend to everyone that had the pleasure to know him.
Rest In Peace.*

Joanne and Tom Morelle - May 16, 2022 at 06:30 PM

TD

*Carmella, Dicky & family
I was saddened to read of Doc;s passing. I remember the first time I met him when I collected his insurance at his house. It was instant karma. When I went to Boston on business trips I used to bring him back beer bottles that he collected. He was a true family man & always had a smile on his face. Rest in peace Big Doc.*

*Tony Domanico
Tucson, AZ.*

tony domanico - May 17, 2022 at 12:45 AM