



## Mr. Felice E. Gigliotti

April 12, 1927 - February 19, 2020

UTICA - Mr. Felice E. Gigliotti was reunited with his wife Maria when he passed away on Wednesday, February 19, 2020 in the comfort and dignity of his home with his loving family by his side.

Born in the village of San Bernardo, province of Catanzaro, Italy on April 12, 1927, Felice was the son of the late Luigi and Angelina (Scalzo) Gigliotti. On December 21, 1950, in Italy, he married the former Maria Carmela Bonacci. He adored her and dutifully cared for her during her long illness, until her passing on July 8, 2005. His children are forever grateful for the care he gave their mother in her time of need.

Felice was trained in Italy by Fiat as a master automotive mechanic. In 1952 the young couple had the opportunity to come to America where he transitioned to home appliance repair and became the owner and operator of Central Washer Sales and Service. Felice garnered a lifelong following of customers because of his honesty and integrity.

A renaissance man in his own right, he had a keen intellect, was an avid reader, musician, woodcarver, and could fix anything! He was also a cyclist who won regional competitions as a young man in Italy on a bicycle he built himself. He kept an impeccable garden. Much produce began as seedlings and he irrigated the land in an old world style. He grew a variety of grapes on his vines and fermented them into homemade wine. He was also a culinary artist and, ahead of his time, followed the concept of "farm to table" from his bounty. He shared his harvest with family, neighbors, and friends. Sunday

dinner was served at 1:00 p.m., and “don’t be late!” At family holiday gatherings he made Italian rice croquettes which disappeared almost instantly. He enjoyed watching Serie A Italian and World Cup soccer matches with his sons and grandson, as well as programs from Italy on RAI Network. He was a faithful communicant of St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish. The most important things in Felice’s life were his family, religion, and Italian heritage.

Felice is survived by his children and spouses: Angela and Walter Bange, Vinicia and Frank DeFazio, Honorable Louis Gigliotti, Michael and Lisa Gigliotti; and daughter-in-law, Carmela Gigliotti. He was “Nonno” to his amazing grandchildren with whom he shared an enriched and loving relationship: Suzanne, and Jacqueline Bange; Maresa (Christopher Kutas); Cristina (Brendan Lyons), Sarah (Andrew Tubis), Mary Gigliotti; Michael Gigliotti (fiancée Kandice Schmidt), and Alexandra Gigliotti (companion Angelo Gentile); his great-grandchildren: Francesca Maria, and Anthony Christopher Kutas; Everleigh Rose Lyons; and Luciana Maria Gentile. He also leaves his nieces, nephews Angelo, and Andrew Bonacci, great-nieces, great-nephews, and cousins in Australia, Italy, and the United States; and in-laws Frank and Sylvia Bonacci. He shared his later years with his special friend, Nellie Maggiore. He was predeceased by his sisters and brothers-in-law, Maria and Raffaele Molinaro, and Marietta and Vincenzo Marasco.

In his final days, Felice was grateful to have the blessings and compassion of his friend Father Joe Salerno.

Visitation will be held Sunday from 2-5 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc, Those wishing to express an act of kindness in Felice’s memory may make a donation to Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc. online at <https://hospicecareinc.org> in memory of the care given to Felice and his late wife Maria; envelopes will also be available at the funeral home. Felice’s funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Monday morning at 10:00 from the funeral home and at 11:00 at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish where his Mass of Christian Burial will be offered. He will be laid to rest in Our Lady Assumed

into Heaven Corridor at Calvary Mausoleum.

# Cemetery Details

## Calvary Mausoleum

2407 Oneida Street  
Utica, Ny

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **23**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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

## Funeral Service

FEB **24**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall

HV

“ *To the Gigliotti Family,*

*I have very fond memories of the early days when our families would visit each other. Your parents left a legacy of love and generosity to many.*

*My condolences to you.  
Hank Visalli*

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**Henry Visalli** - February 24, 2020 at 08:18 PM

NV

*I remember many Sundays at your house on Bleeker St. ,With our parents. My condolences to you all 🙏*

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**Nick Visalli** - February 24, 2020 at 08:28 PM

RT

“ *My sincere condolences to the Gigliotti family!*  
*Rocco Tebsherany*

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**rocco tebsherany** - February 24, 2020 at 02:32 PM

BO

“ *My condolences to all, I'll keep your father and you all in my prayers. I have so many great memories of him on Bleecker St. in the early days of my life. I was probably 13 or so when I'd help him out with deliveries and the start of something I did for years after. You all certainly have many great memories and those memories will get you thru this. May he RIP*

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**Bobby Ollerenshaw** - February 22, 2020 at 10:21 AM

BF

“ *bob morris and family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Mr. Felice E. Gigliotti.*



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**bob morris and family** - February 22, 2020 at 06:48 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Felice E. Gigliotti.*



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February 21, 2020 at 08:33 PM

JD

“ *Lou: I will always remember meeting you in 1979 and for the past over 40 years, trading stories about our Italian heritage and our fathers. Remember when we said we should give up trying to become lawyers and instead open an Italian sausage shop? Well, I know that your clients for all those years, and now the citizens of your community, are happy you decided to become a lawyer and a judge. And I know that your father and mother have always been so proud of you and will be pleased to watch your continued good works from above. I hope to see you soon. I send you a hug by this message today.*

*Joe DeMaria  
Miami, Florida*

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**Joseph DeMaria** - February 21, 2020 at 03:30 PM

SP

*Our hearts go out to our friends and former neighbors for your loss of this extraordinary and kind man. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Steve and Kris Pecheone  
Naples, FL*

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**Steve and Kris Pecheone** - February 22, 2020 at 08:27 AM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Mr. Felice E. Gigliotti.*



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February 21, 2020 at 01:47 PM

PD

“ *Phil & Patti Dontino purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Mr. Felice E. Gigliotti.*



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**Phil & Patti Dontino** - February 21, 2020 at 12:04 PM

EG

“ *My favorite memory of Mr Gigliotti was when I went with him and his family to pick grapes for him to make his wine. I cut my finger and he was so upset. We had the best Italian version of picnic. They brought hot dishes, cloth table cloths and his home made. Best day ever. RIP Mr. Gigliotti I know your wife is so happy to be reunited. You were the kindest man I've ever know next to my dad. I will miss you. 💔💔💔*

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**Elaine Geary** - February 20, 2020 at 03:35 PM

KS

*Vinicia and family. So very sorry for your loss. I'm sure your Mom is happy to see him and they will both be watching over all of you. Thinking of you at this difficult time. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. Kathie Scalise. ❤️*

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**Kathie Scalise** - February 21, 2020 at 03:36 PM

ED

*Lou,*

*My condolences to you and your family.*

*Ellen Damsky*

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**Ellen Damsky** - February 22, 2020 at 08:04 PM