



## Mr. Lewis "Louie" Leshkivich

September 16, 1932 - October 31, 2013

Mr. Lewis "Louie" Leshkivich, age 81, passed away on Thursday, October 31, 2013 at The Abraham House.

Born in Utica on September 16, 1932, Lewis was the son of the late John and Sadie (Fortuna) Leshkivich. Raised and educated locally, he graduated from the Boys Trade School on Elizabeth Street, specializing in Carpentry. As a young boy, Louie had a happy childhood and was a good athlete, especially as a pitcher in baseball.

Louie retired from the General Millwork Corporation in North Utica where he applied his skills at building windows, doors, and other household carpentry necessities. He also worked in the warehouse in the Shipping and Receiving Department. A talented artist, Louie created an amazing painting of the Lamplighter Pub located in the Historic Hotel Utica. He was shy, but enjoyed conversation so that he could learn about others. He was creative and had a great imagination. Louie told the most interesting stories to his nieces and nephews, and they would happily listen for hours. He possessed a great inner strength, and faith. Though it was not easily recognized by an outsider, he was very wise, and he could often be seen walking the neighborhoods of North Utica.

Louie is survived by his sister and brother-in-law, Ellen Leshkivich and Ken Zanio of New Hartford; his brother, Alex Leshkivich of Utica; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and his many friends. He was predeceased by his brothers and sister-in-law, John Leshkivich, and

Sigmund and Dorothy Gac; his sisters and brother-in-law, Mary and Nicholas Caputo, and Veronica Gac; his sister-in-law Carol Leshkivich; and his nephews, Walter Gac, Michael Caputo, and Nicholas Caputo, Jr.

The family extends sincere appreciation to The Abraham House Angels for their heartfelt and God-given compassion that Louie was blessed to receive. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Lewis' funeral prayer service which will commence on Wednesday morning at 11:00 at Calvary Mausoleum Chapel, offered by Rev. Richard Dellos. The family will receive visitors at the conclusion of the Mass.

# Cemetery Details

## Calvary Mausoleum

2407 Oneida Street  
Utica, Ny

# Previous Events

## Service

NOV 6. 11:00 AM (ET)

Calvary Mausoleum Chapel  
2407 Oneida Street  
Utica, NY

# Tribute Wall

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“ I grew up a block away and always seen Lewis walking in all weather conditions and he would never accept a ride from anyone. He always smiled and waved hello. About two months ago, I seen Lewis at Price Chopper and asked him if he would like a ride home and he had a big smile and said, yes. ( I actually was waiting for him to say he changed his mind...haha) I was so excited and felt so honored to give him a ride home. He was such a joy to be around, and had such a charming smile. In the short distance we drove I felt like I knew him forever. I found him to be very smart, funny, and he loved life. I did tell him I was very surprised he accepted my offer of a ride home and he mentioned that his feet weren't as well as they used to be and I said, you wore them out and we laughed. I send my condolences to the family. Lewis will definitely be missed by many who knew him. I feel very blessed with having the oppertuninty to meet Lewis and to finally be able to give him a ride home!

Lori

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Lori - November 06, 2013 at 12:23 AM

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“ Lewis was a neighbor of ours on Coolidge Road...we live up two houses. He was always friendly and took great pride in his outside work and keeping the driveway shoveled and swept. He would never accept a ride in the car but walked everywhere and would give you a wave. Although we were not close in friendship, he will be missed in the neighborhood. Our condolences to his family.  
Karen and Mark Tiffany

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Karen Tiffany - November 04, 2013 at 05:48 PM

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“ *Lewis's memory will remain in the hearts of many of the staff members here at Abraham House. He was very appreciative of the care and attention he received and in turn we learned more about humility and humble acceptance of what life may deal any of us at any time. His days spent with us were at times a serious lesson and at other times laughter would be heard. Rest in peace our friend, your deserving . Bonnie McCarthy*

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**Bonnie mccarthy** - November 01, 2013 at 05:08 PM