



Mr. Orlando V. "Lindy" Brigano

September 26, 1924 - January 16, 2016

Mr. Orlando V. "Lindy" Brigano, age 91, of Utica, passed away on Saturday, January 16, 2016 at the St. Elizabeth Medical Center with the love and support of his family in his heart.

Born in Herkimer on September 26, 1924, Orlando was the son of the late Frank and Angelina (Pugliese) Brigano. He attended St. Francis DeSales and Utica Free Academy high schools. Born into a generation that sacrificed so much for so many, Lindy honorably served his country from 1943-1945 as a veteran of the United States Army during World War II. He was involved in the 5 major battles of the European Theater of Operations; Normandy Landing at Utah Beach, Northern France, Central Europe, Ardennes (Battle of the Bulge), and Rhineland. He assisted in the liberation of the concentration camp at Flossenburg, Germany and was awarded numerous decorations and citations for his courage while in battle. On May 23, 1949 he married the former Lucy Scarpino with whom he shared 66 years in a marriage of their era. Theirs was a loving, lifetime commitment and they will be remembered forever holding hands.

Lindy worked as a tool and dye-maker at Drop Forge. He later ventured into business as the co-owner and operator of the Brigano Brothers Super Market on South Street. As manager of the Produce Department, he was personable and loyal to patrons. He had a deep pride in his work and strived for quality and consistency. Although his outgoing and friendly nature brought him happiness, the greatest source of his joy was his wife and three sons of whom

he was so proud. Lindy once said that his vision of the American Dream would be that his children would have opportunities greater than his, and that he lived to see it. And he did. His sons were well educated, happily married, and blessed with children, which made him even prouder. Lindy especially loved the holidays as treasured times when all the family was together. Although he was a busy man, he enjoyed fishing, golfing, harness racing, and an occasional afternoon off from his duties at the store. After retirement, he found ways to remain active: he traveled with his wife overseas to far-away lands where he made many friends who have remained in contact over the years, and he volunteered at the St. Elizabeth Hospital Gift Store. He was a member of the Whitesboro American Legion and a parishioner of the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes. Orlando knew his Lord and often sought his guidance throughout his life, always faithful to his Catholic beliefs.

Orlando is survived by his wife, Lucy; his sons and daughters-in-law, Frank and Nancy Brigano of CT, Anthony and Diane Brigano of OH, and Michael and Debbie Brigano of Utica; his grandchildren, Christopher Brigano, Alicia and Jesse Foster; Anthony and Lindsey Brigano, Michelle and David McMahan, Dominic and Rebekah Brigano, Camille Brigano; Michael O. Brigano, Danielle and Sam DiMartin, and Daniel Brigano; his great-grandchildren, Tucker, and Ansley McMahan; Angelina DiMartin, and the anticipation of a new great-grandchild. He will also be remembered by his many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and sister-in-law, Flora Jean Scarpino. He was predeceased by his brothers and sisters-in-law, Anthony F. and Martha A. Brigano, and Joseph D. and Vita Brigano; his sisters and brothers-in-law, Rose J. and Ralph A. Martelli, and Margaret A. and Samuel F. Cardamone; and his in-laws, Antonio and Mary (Lia) Scarpino, and Dr. Pasquale V. Scarpino; and his two nephews, and two nieces.

The family extends their sincere thanks to Dr. William D. Ryan for his longtime personal care; Jessica Almond, his home health aide; the Presbyterian Home for CNY, Inc. especially the Willow and Cedar units for their kindness and great concern. The final journey of Lindy's life was cared for by the St.

Elizabeth Medical Center ICU who did so with such finesse and dignity. A special note of thanks to Father Joe Salerno for his Anointment of the Sick which were important prayers for his family at that time.

Visitation will be held on Thursday from 9:30-11:30 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Orlando's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Thursday morning at 11:30 from the funeral home and at 12:30 at the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes where his Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. Joseph Salerno with Military Honors conferred. In lieu of flowers, please consider memorial donations in Lindy's honor to the Auriesville Shrine, 136 Shrine Road, Amsterdam, NY 12010 (www.jesuitseast.org); envelopes will also be available at the funeral home. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Tribute Wall

GC

“ Gladys M. Crooks lit a candle in memory of Mr. Orlando V. "Lindy" Brigano



Gladys M. Crooks - January 22, 2016 at 12:31 AM

GC

The first time I met your father & mother was about 10 years ago. We were celebrating your retirement from Lebanon Correctional. I was there to take pictures of the celebration. I was instantly captivated by both of them. I felt I had known them for years. I remember him smiling at me and he spoke of how proud he was of you and the family. I'm so sorry about the loss of your father Tony. We know that he is in the arms of angels and in the presence of God. Again I'm so sorry.

Gladys M. Crooks - January 22, 2016 at 12:55 AM

MH

“ I have childhood memories of the Brigano store. As a child I stayed with my aunt Gertrude Bantz almost every weekend, she lived next store to the store and she did all of her shopping there and of course if I had a nickel that's where I would run to to buy something. They were always good to my cousin Eddie who lived with his mother and found him odd jobs around the store. My husband and I saw Lindy and Lucy at Walmart a few years ago and he had a big smile and hug even tho he hadn't seen me in years. . To Lucy and your whole family I am so sorry for your loss.

Marilyn [Miner] Heinrich

Marilyn[Miner} Heinrich - January 21, 2016 at 03:37 PM

GQ

“ Frank/Tony/Mike always enjoyed seeing and talking with your father following services at Lady of Lourdes Church on Sundays. His positive attitude was contagious that affected one's personality. Unfortunately we are out of town and won't be able to attend the services. Gene and Mary Theresa Quadraro

Gene & Mary Theresa Quadraro - January 21, 2016 at 07:08 AM

DM

“ Frank, Anthony and Michael,

Kathy and I are so deeply saddened with the passing of our beloved Uncle Lindy. The earliest memory I have of my childhood was that of being the ring bearer for his and Aunt Lucy's wedding. To this day I still have the toy model T car they gave me on that day sitting on my bookshelf in my home office in Illinois. When I was 16 years old Uncle Lindy asked me to come to work with him at Brigano Bros. of which I have many fond memories. He has always been my hero and he will be remembered and loved forever.

Dominick (Donnie) and Kathy Martelli

Dom Martelli - January 21, 2016 at 06:44 AM

JC

“ Judge Kirby and staff at Probate Juvenile Court purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray for the family of Mr. Orlando V. "Lindy" Brigano.



Judge Kirby and staff at Probate Juvenile Court - January 20, 2016 at 11:22 AM

AH

“ 7 files added to the album *New Album Name*



Art Henry - January 19, 2016 at 06:58 PM



“ *Red, White & Blue Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Orlando V. "Lindy" Brigano.*



January 19, 2016 at 06:34 PM

DP

“ *To Tony and Family: I am so sorry for the loss of your father. Sending sympathy and prayers from Ohio.*

David Parry, Lebanon, Ohio

David Parry - January 19, 2016 at 12:31 PM

MB

“ Mohammed and Sherri Bayati purchased the Classic Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Mr. Orlando V. "Lindy" Brigano.



Mohammed and Sherri Bayati - January 19, 2016 at 11:04 AM

EM

“ Ernie and Penny Moore purchased the Fields of Europe for the family of Mr. Orlando V. "Lindy" Brigano.



Ernie and Penny Moore - January 19, 2016 at 10:33 AM



“ European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mr. Orlando V. "Lindy" Brigano.



January 19, 2016 at 10:06 AM

EM

“ Lindy Brigano was an American hero. A kind and gentle person who touched many lives in a positive way. May God bless his family through this difficult time.
Ernie Moore, Sabina, Ohio

Ernie Moore - January 19, 2016 at 09:42 AM

DL

“ Lucy and family, my condolences and prayers are with you. May Lindy rest in peace. A wonderful person who always had a smile on his face and respect for others. Never had a bad word about anyone. Your cousin David.

David (Lee) Lia - January 19, 2016 at 08:06 AM

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“ 9 files added to the album New Album Name



Arthur Henry - January 18, 2016 at 06:19 PM

AH

“ 8 files added to the tribute wall



Arthur Henry - January 18, 2016 at 06:15 PM

SC

“ Rest in peace beloved Godfather. I am Lindy's Godson Samuel Ross Colasanti of Utica, New York. I am the son of Constance Watkins of Utica, New York. My maternal Grandmother is the late Margaret (Brigano) Cardamone, Lindy's sister. I have many fond memories of Tony, Joe and Lindy and the Brigano Brothers grocery store on South Street. I will never forget the many times my Godparents Lindy and Lucy would remind me of how they said a prayer to our lord to watch and protect me at my Baptism. It worked. I always felt a special fondness and bond with my Godparents. They are special, unique and loved by many. I always enjoyed my time and conversations with "Uncle" Lindy, even during my brief visits when I would return back home to Utica. I love you :) Samuel Ross Colasanti Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Samuel Colasanti - January 18, 2016 at 02:15 PM

MG

“ MARY E GAHAN lit a candle in memory of Mr. Orlando V. "Lindy" Brigano



MARY E GAHAN - January 18, 2016 at 12:36 PM

MG

I HAVE HAD THE PRIVELEGE OF KNOWING THIS MAN FOR OVER 30 YRS.MANY LAUGHS .AND GOOD TIMES TOGETHER.MAY YOU REST IN PEACE.WILL SEE YOU ON THE OTHER SIDE TO CONTINUE

MARY E GAHAN - January 18, 2016 at 12:42 PM

PW

“ *Auf weiderschen from your old Army buddy, Paul, who turned into a life long friend, and his wife, Annabell.*

Paul Wannemacher - January 18, 2016 at 11:21 AM

PB

“ *To the rest of our Family,
So sorry for our loss. If there is a heaven, we all can be comforted by knowing that finally all of the Brothers and Sisters are reunited.
Bless You,
Palma*

Palma M. Brigano - January 18, 2016 at 06:59 AM

RW

“ *Lindy will truly be missed. I have known him since I was a little girl when he and his brothers owned Brigano Brothers! You would always see his smile every time you saw him he was a sweet person and gained the name uncle Lindy by the Wynder children. May Gid comfort the family and keep them strong.*

Rosie Wynder - January 17, 2016 at 07:11 PM

AL

“ *My Uncle Lindy left me singing messages of loving me when I needed to hear his smiling voice. I love you too Uncle Lindy as I am wintering in Arizona you will always be in my heart. I'm so happy to know you are dancing with my mom, your Rosie and you will see my beloved Joe. Love, Neice Angela Martelli Paolozzi Lord*

Angela Lord - January 17, 2016 at 06:49 PM

CL

“ Mike, Deb, Michael. Dena and Dan soo sorry for the loss of this amazing man. God bless you all. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. xo

cheryl lavalley - January 17, 2016 at 04:50 PM

CW

“ I remember Lindy since I was a little girl. He and his brothers owned the store across the street from my house on South street. He always was kind to my family. And he always kept in touch. He will be missed greatly. R. I. P. Lindy love little Carmie(as you always called me) Wynder.

Carmelita Wynder - January 17, 2016 at 04:47 PM



I worked for Brigano's for years. They treated me like family. This is so sad. Lindy, Joe ,and Tony, Thank you for taking me under your wing, I know the angels are taking you under their wings. My deepest sympathy to the family.

Christine Pullman - January 17, 2016 at 08:13 PM

JC

To Frank, Anthony, and Michael, I am saddened by your loss. I remember going to that store many times, when we used to walk, down South Street, to go downtown. May your dad rest in peace. John T Capraro Jr

john capraro - January 18, 2016 at 07:56 AM

LF

We shared a pew in Blessed Sacrament Church for many years. Lindy and Lucy were so kind and loving to everyone. Lindy loved to wear his green hat that would sometimes be found under my coat. We watched their grandchildren grow up and excel in gymnastics and diving. Lindy would call to make sure we saw each newspaper article about the kids latest efforts. We shared many laughs and a few tears thru the years. May Lindy now rest in peace. We are presently away and unable to attend the services with you. Joe & Linda Flihan

Linda M Flihan - January 19, 2016 at 08:04 AM

DJ

Lindy was like a dad to me when I worked at the store on south street. Lindy and Joe showed me how to drive standard on the store van that I went on to drive orders to our shoppers. Lindy instilled values in me that make me the person I am today. Lindy always supported me when ever I tried to better myself. last I saw Lindy was when I was running for county Coroner he was as always happy I was doing something to help others. I will carry him in my thoughts as I do Joe and Tony for the rest of my life.

David Julian - January 19, 2016 at 03:18 PM

EH

my parents myself and my brother shopped at the store for many years joe tony and lindy were wonderful people who certainly wont be forgotten I know in heaven adah is eating grapes and lindy is laughing there are so many wonderful memories of the brigano brothers I am very sorry for your loss

ed horvath - January 20, 2016 at 07:43 AM

TP

I met Lindy on the Honor Flight in 2013 and I am deeply sorry for your loss. I met him first at the Iwo Jima memorial and introduced him to the lady from Paris at the 'changing of the quard' that wanted to meet one of the veterans of Normandy and who liberated Paris. Was I ever impressed with the humbleness of a true hero.

Tom Pieper - November 28, 2017 at 08:49 PM