



Phillip P. Beno

September 20, 1920 - December 5, 2013

Mr. Phillip P. Beno, a proud Pearl Harbor survivor, age 93, and formerly of Eleanor Pl., passed away on Thursday, December 5, 2013 at the St. Luke's Home with his family by his side.

Born in Utica on September 20, 1920, Phillip was the son of the late Charles and Angela (Giacovelli) Beno. Raised and educated locally, he graduated from high school in Johnstown, NY. He and his family moved from the Utica area while he was in high school, to operate the family concern, Beno's Restaurant in Johnstown where he worked alongside his father. A veteran of World War II, he proudly served his country in the United States Navy stationed aboard the seaplane tender USS Tangier, a member of the Pacific Fleet moored at Pearl Harbor. The crew of the Tangier was in the fight from the very beginning as it was moored next to the USS Utah. Phillip was blessed to be a Pearl Harbor survivor, one of the few remaining. The attack on December 7, 1941 played a major role in influencing how he lived his life. He subsequently re-enlisted with the Naval Reserves and was honorably discharged in 1953. On April 7, 1945, in California, he married the former Lucy J. Rosato, his childhood sweetheart whom he met in the 7th grade at Wetmore School. Theirs was a marriage graced by great love, constant care, and deep dedication to each other and to their family. They remained united in their 67-year union until Lucy's passing on May 6, 2012.

Upon completion of his military duty, Phillip worked for the New York State Department of Taxation & Finance for over 30 years as a State Tax Auditor,

the position from which he retired. A proud patriarch and a warm and caring man, he was always eager to make others feel loved and appreciated. He shared a genuine concern for others. His happiest moments were those spent hosting or attending family gatherings at home or at the homes of relatives, both in Utica and Johnstown. His family will remember his wonderful sense of humor, and his unique storytelling, especially of his meritorious military career and his meticulous, and sometimes adventurous, work career. Phillip's loved ones brought harmony to his life and he loved and cherished them. His family and those who knew him will remember his exceptional generosity and the happiness he found in giving whatever was needed to those who shared life with him. At one time, Phillip was an active outdoorsman who took to the fields and streams to hunt and fish. He also enjoyed working and crafting with wood, sharing his creations and carpentry skills with family and friends. He was a faithful parishioner of the former St. Agnes Parish participating in its events and fundraisers as well as assisting with financial matters and business operations of the church. He was a member of the American Legion Post #229.

Phillip is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Charles W. and Gwen Beno of North Utica; his grandchildren, Dr. Kevin T. Mahoney and his wife, Dr. Christine Kilczewski of PA, and Korynne Mahoney of N. Utica; and his great-grandchildren, Rowan Mahoney and Scout Adele Mahoney. In addition, he leaves his sister, Betty Moane of Fort Plain, NY; many nieces and nephews including Charles "Chuck" and Susan Beno, Dr. Barbara Beno, Dr. Jeanne Beno and Alan Siracusa, Linda Beno, Kathleen Beno-Maxson, Cynthia Beno-Persico, Dr. Christopher Peckins, Angela Peckins-Sample, William and Janice Rosato, Steven and Barbara Rosato, Andrew and Suzanne Rosato, David and Michelle Rosato, Miriam and Ken Dell, Patricia and James Livecchi, and Catherine and Dave Florek; great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and in-laws, Josephine "Lily" Rosato, and Daniel "Dan" Rosato, both of Utica, Anthony and Carmella Rosato of Whitesboro, Dennis and Victoria Rosato of NJ, and Marilyn Fairbanks-Singer-Cohen of FL. He was predeceased by his

brothers and sisters-in-law, Peter Beno and his spouses, Rose and Florence; and Joseph and Helen Beno; sister, Toni Peckins-Wallace; nephew, Phillip W. Rosato; in-laws, Phillip O. and Mary Ann Rosato, Elen A. Rosato, and Frank Moane; and his father-in-law and mother-in-law, William and Rosemary Rosato.

The family wishes to thank the doctors, nurses, certified nursing assistants, and all those who assisted and offered loving care to Mr. Beno during his time at the St. Luke's Home, especially acknowledging the staff of Barton East. A special thank you is offered to Leanore Checchi for all the love and care given to Phillip and Lucy over the years.

Visitation will be held Thursday from 4:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Phillip's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Friday morning at 10:30 from the funeral home and at 11:30 at St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church where his Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. Mark Kaminski. Military honors will be conferred by the United States Navy. Interment will take place in St. Agnes Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Cemetery Details

St. Agnes Cemetery

Utica, NY

Tribute Wall

CB

“ *Chuck and Susan Beno purchased the Red & White Sympathy Basket for the family of Phillip P. Beno.*



Chuck and Susan Beno - December 12, 2013 at 09:57 AM

RC

“ *To the family and friends of Mr Beno, I had the pleasant opportunity to meet him years ago while I worked at the pharmacy where he got his prescriptions. He always came in with a smile on his face. He always talked fondly about his wife and mother in law while getting their prescriptions as well. Over the years of him being a customer of ours, we had some great talks and laughs. He was one of those people who would put a smile on your face and light up the room. Despite the pain that he was in, he always smiled and cracked a joke.*



A salute to him in honor of his service for our country. There aren't many people like him left in the world, a gentleman who had moral, values and a heart for our country.

May you seek God's comfort in this difficult time.

Rena Chapman - December 12, 2013 at 03:45 AM

KS

“ Charlie and family

your dad was like my dad . now Lucy will be happy that Phil will be with her now listening to the big band and Sentra I loved your folks. I am truly bless that I got to take care of them .

Karen and Georgia

karen stepanick - December 11, 2013 at 02:34 PM

VA

“ Charlie and Gwen,
I'm so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you.
Sincerely,
Vicki Andrews

Vicki Andrews - December 09, 2013 at 08:46 PM

JB

“ Charlie,

It's been a long time. Sorry to see your dad has passed. My condolences to you and your family.

*Be well,
Joey Borgia*

Joey Borgia - December 09, 2013 at 02:08 PM

AS

“ Hi Charlie,

Gus told me about your Dad. My favorite memories of your Dad are during the Christmas season, the lovely visits we shared. Your parents were wonderful godparents to me, and they will be remembered. Much love and sympathy to you and your family.

Angela

Angela Scarfarotti - December 09, 2013 at 07:55 AM

GS

“ Charlie

Kathy called to let me know Dad had passed. I am mailing you a note to your home with a couple of my favorite thoughts and memories . ANY one who truly knew your dad would agree that he was a kind and generous man with a warm smile, a HUGE heart and GREAT sense of humor. I think he would want us to find something to smile about today- as hard as that may be to do.

ALL MY LOVE

Gus

Gus Scarfarotti - December 09, 2013 at 06:43 AM

JG

Charlie

Sorry to,hear about the passing of your Dad. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Joe Gatto

joe gatto - December 09, 2013 at 02:47 PM