



## Mr. Remo A. Zegarelli

March 13, 1934 - May 17, 2020

UTICA - Mr. Remo A. Zegarelli, age 86, entered into eternal rest on Sunday, May 17, 2020 after a courageous battle with his loving wife at his side. He passed away at the Abraham House Rome location.

Born in Utica on March 13, 1934, Remo was the son of the late Vincenzo and Maria Carmine (Fiore) Zegarelli who were humble immigrants from the town of Ausonia, Province of Caserta, Italy. Remo was a graduate of T.R. Proctor High School/Class of 1953 excelling in the sports of Cross Country and Track. A proud veteran of the Korean Conflict, he honorably served his country in the United States Army from 1953-1956. On June 4, 1960, he wed the former Theresa Migliaccio. Remo describes their marriage as a match made in heaven. Their love for each other deepened through the years, and how proud he was of the fact that they were so well suited for one another.

Remo was employed by Griffiss Air Force Base as a Procurement Officer in the shipping and receiving department. He also held a later job at the Vernon Downs Raceway. Remo was conscientious of physical fitness and participated in many activities including playing the vigorous sport of racquetball and working out at Planet Fitness. A true sportsman, he enjoyed hunting and fishing and was a highly accomplished, competitive golfer; he challenged himself to the game at all times! He was a member of the Crestwood Golf Club whereas they made him an honorary member for life. He won many tournaments and looked forward to his yearly trip with the "Utica gang" to Savannah, Georgia for a week of golfing pleasure. He was proud of his

upbringing and Italian heritage and customs. In fact, many of his friends highly respected his parents for who they were. By nature, he was a very non-judgmental man with a magnetic personality that drew him to people and made him an instant friend. He was respected by others for the consideration and thoughtfulness he so genuinely showed. Remo planted a vegetable garden every year and spent time working his patch of land that produced many prized possessions including tomatoes, hot peppers, and pole beans that he so generously shared with others. He was a devout patron and parishioner of St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church.

A City of Utica Councilman, Remo served his 27th District during the 1970's and 1980's, was a former Oneida County Legislator, and most of all managed to remain a friend to all.

Remo is survived by his devoted wife, Theresa; his sibling, Sister Mary Irene Zegarelli/OSF; his sister-in-law, Lydia Zegarelli who has been with Remo and Theresa through it all; his nieces and nephews, Vincent Zegarelli, Patrick Zegarelli, Mary Irene and Christopher Hare, and Sam Tantillo; great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, in-laws, Antoinette Tantillo, Ralph and Roseann Migliaccio, Fran and Sandra Migliaccio, and Judy and Mike Seakan. He is additionally survived by a host of special, exceptional friends who have shared great devotion, not only with him, but with Theresa as well, especially Michael Filippelli, Florio and Rosemarie Vitullo, Fran Joseph, Phil DePerna, Lou Delmonico, and Theresa Pannofino. He was predeceased by his brother, Pasquale A. Zegarelli; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Anthony and Clara Migliaccio; brothers-in-law, Thomas Migliaccio, and Samuel Tantillo; and his lifelong close friends, Lenny Pannofino, Tony Filippelli, and Sal Borruso, Sr. The family will long remain grateful to Dr. Atul Butala who cared for and respected Remo as if he were family. His wife Theresa has heartfelt gratitude for each and every one of the nurses and aides of the Abraham House, Utica location, and the Rome site, a godsend that provided incredible caretakers who went above and beyond in an environment where kindnesses were extended to Theresa, allowing her to remain with her husband until the end.

Their motto rang true: Their home was Remo and Theresa's home. God bless them, especially Gina Ciaccia who was an incomparable advocate.

Due to current health concerns and in keeping with federal and state regulations, the immediate family will honor Remo's life privately. Expressions of sympathy in the form of donations may be directed to the Abraham House online at <https://www.theabrahamhouse.org> or by mail to Abraham House, 1203 Kemble St., Utica, NY 13501. Please take a moment to connect with Remo's family through the "Memories" section of his obituary on our website at [www.EannaceFuneralHome.com](http://www.EannaceFuneralHome.com). Our prayers continue to go out to all as a sign of our community support.

# Tribute Wall

RB

“ Teresa, I am very sorry for your loss. Remo was a lifelong friend of my dad, Sal Borruso, Sr. Remo will be remembered as a friendly and caring man - always with a smile on his face. You were blessed to have such a long and happy marriage. May your memories provide you comfort through these difficult times.

Rose Borruso Bothner - June 15, 2020 at 02:27 PM

SA

“ I would like to offer my condolences to the family of Remo. He was such a gentleman.  
I met Remo back in the early 70s. He was a political voice for reason and action. It was my pleasure to have known him.

Scander Astafan

Scander Astafan - June 01, 2020 at 09:02 AM

DL

“ Donna Lacatena lit a candle in memory of Mr. Remo A. Zegarelli



Donna Lacatena - May 30, 2020 at 12:57 PM

DL

Teresa, We are so sorry to hear of Remo's passing. Just remember, Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, LOVE leaves a memory no one can steal, Keep all your beautiful memories within your heart and Remo will always be with you. With our deepest sympathy. Donna & Butch Lacatena

Donna Lacatena - May 30, 2020 at 01:01 PM

AG

“ My father, Al Grimaldi, was a lifelong friend of Remo, and I am writing to extend his condolences as well as my own. I remember seeing Remo when I was a kid visiting my aunt, Connie Mannella, on Jefferson Ave. He was a good man and a friend my father cherished, and my prayers go out to your entire family.

*Aldo Grimaldi*

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**Aldo Grimaldi** - May 29, 2020 at 08:32 AM

AG

“ So very sorry for your loss!!! Remo got me summer jobs when I was 16-18 years old!!!! The years of 1983-1986!!!! He was so very kind to me every time he would see me and would say come see me next year I will take care of you!!!! I'm very saddened with his passing and my condolences to his family!!!! Rest in peace remo!!!!  
*Angelo giacovelli jr*

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**Angelo giacovelli** - May 24, 2020 at 05:58 PM

CS

“ You were a good man, Remo. You loved the community and the people in it, and in turn, they loved you back.

*You made everything you touched better. Rest in peace,*

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**Cynthia S'Doia** - May 24, 2020 at 05:53 AM

CB

“ My dad, John Bonacci, and Remo were lifelong friends. I will always remember Remo's big smile and sunny personality, and the joy he brought to my dad at his 80th surprise party in Utica. They spoke on the phone often, and My dad always had a hearty laugh and smile after his calls with Remo. Glad they are together again with the angels. -The NJ Bonacci Family

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**Carla Bonacci** - May 22, 2020 at 02:57 PM

RE

“ What a GREAT GUY! Remo was a leader in the County Legislature and in the Party. A guy who truly cared about his community and donated great time and talent to greater Utica and Oneida County. Also just plain FUN! Great sense of humor, warm, compassionate character. Certainly will miss Remo. My condolences to all of his loved ones.  
Ralph Eannace

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**Ralph Eannace** - May 22, 2020 at 09:39 AM

AW

“ Dear Theresa, Mary Irene and family,  
We are so saddened to hear of the passing of our cousin Remo. Theresa, you and Remo were always so welcoming when we visited. Dick always enjoyed his time spent with Remo, of course the main subject was golf! My brother John and Remo were so close growing up, and they carried this relationship into adulthood. They are now once again together in Heaven. When I think of Remo, I remember him being so outgoing, friendly, proud of his Italian heritage, and ever so handsome even as he grew older. You are in our thoughts and prayers.  
Much love,  
Angela (DeVito) and Dick Wadas, Pennsylvania

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**Angela Wadas** - May 22, 2020 at 09:35 AM

PM

“ *Paul Migliaccio lit a candle in memory of Mr. Remo A. Zegarelli*



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**Paul Migliaccio** - May 22, 2020 at 09:30 AM

PM

“ *I was saddened to read of his passing in the paper of a wonderful man and loving husband. When ever I meet Remo, he always had a smile, was very friendly and offered a kind word or two. I know the two joys of his life where you, always told me his wife was special and a gift from God. His second joy was the pursuit of a perfect golf game; and I am sure there are many fairways in haven to keep him happy.*



*My prayers go out to you and God Bless.  
PaulMigliaccio*

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**Paul Migliaccio** - May 22, 2020 at 09:29 AM

EC

“ Theresa. Mary Irene. Lydia and Family, We all are going to miss Remo especially the ones that grew up with him and picked beans in the farmers lot as we did as youngersters. Knowing Remo was to love him, he was that kind of a man & boy. Theresa you are in my prayers for you Loss and its a big one. Mary Irene i know you will miss your brother and i will say some prayers to help make it easier, Lydia, we lost another great guy. Stay well and stay safe Zegarelli's. I told Lou of Remo's passing but like everything else it doesn't register in his lost mind!

Much LoVe  
Esther Comito

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**Esther V Comito** - May 21, 2020 at 09:04 PM

MB

“ Monica Barile lit a candle in memory of Mr. Remo A. Zegarelli



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**Monica Barile** - May 21, 2020 at 08:34 PM

AR

“ Theresa so sorry for the loss of your beautiful husband. I don't think I've ever seen a stronger love for each other! How special to have shared that for so many years. Please know you have been in our thoughts and prayers and will continue to be. Rest In Peace Remo. Annette and Miguel Rivera



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**Annette Rivera** - May 21, 2020 at 04:23 PM

PB

“ Theresa I am deeply saddened to hear of Remo's passing. You married one of the best. Always remember those good times you shared. My prayers go out to you. God Bless



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**Paula A Brittelli** - May 21, 2020 at 03:50 PM

NP

“ Remo was a mans,man and always the gentleman. A good sportsman, jokester, a Man of good taste, honest and most of all a Loyal Friend. His smile was contiguous, and he loved good food. May Remo Rest In Peace.

*Nick Parrotta*

*Naples,Fl.*

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**Nick Parrotta** - May 21, 2020 at 02:07 PM

KZ

“ I was not fortunate enough to know Remo as a personal friend, but the few times I met him he impressed me as being some one "special". I was saddened to read of his passing. Ken Zaino

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**Ken Zaino** - May 21, 2020 at 01:17 PM



“ *Sending Prayers and condolences on the passing of a truly wonderful gentleman. Remo holds a very special place in my heart for his kindness and I know he is watching over his loved ones from his Heavenly home.*

*Siri Thorngren-Reardon  
Charlotte, NC*

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**Siri Thorngren-Reardon** - May 21, 2020 at 12:05 PM

TG

“ *Theresa, I'm so sorry to hear of Remo's passing.....A true gentleman and friend, who would do anything for anyone at anytime.....God Bless and Rest in Peace my Friend!!!*

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**Tom Gadziala** - May 21, 2020 at 08:16 AM

JT

“ *Dear Theresa and Family:*

*Although our paths didn't cross often, Remo always left me with a smile. He and a shirt tail cousin of mine, Benny Salamone, served in Korea together and we would share memories of Benny whenever we were in each other's company.*

*I hope the pain of his passing will soon subside and that you can find solace in the many happy memories he provided.*

*Joe Tierno  
Melbounre Beach, Fl.*

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**Joe Tierno** - May 21, 2020 at 07:53 AM

TC

“ Our deep condolences to the family. Remo was always ready to be of help in our days at RADC. After his retirement I would continually bump into Remo either on a golf course, Voss, golf shops, and at the casino golf dome. He always had a ready smile and a warm greeting, the kind of guy you look forward to seeing often. He will be greatly missed.  
Tony Ciancio

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**Tony Ciancio** - May 21, 2020 at 05:56 AM

DM

“ My deepest sympathy and condolences to Theresa and the entire Zegarelli family. I have known Remo all my life. He was from the old school a true gentleman always smiling and happy. Theresa I am so sorry I am in Florida and could not come in person to pay my respects. Theresa May the great love and wonderful memories you shared with Remo carry you through this difficult time. RIP Remo. I can hear you now talking Italian with your Mon and Dad , Zia Libra and my parents. Rest well deserved.

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**Donna Pedone Merhib** - May 20, 2020 at 09:52 PM

DM

“ Donna Pedone Merhib lit a candle in memory of Mr. Remo A. Zegarelli



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**Donna Pedone Merhib** - May 20, 2020 at 09:45 PM

PC

“ Remo was a great guy, he always had a smile and was a joy to be around, he will truly be missed by many, Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to Wife Theresa and his family. Peter and Patricia Cerminaro.

peter cerminaro - May 20, 2020 at 08:41 PM

GG

“ Remo was always kind and respectful to others. He was a true gentleman he will be truly missed George Gazzal

George Gazzal - May 20, 2020 at 08:15 PM

RC

“ Rosemary Chambrone-Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. Remo A. Zegarelli



Rosemary Chambrone-Brown - May 20, 2020 at 06:21 PM

RC

“ Rest In Peace Remo . You were a wonderful person and will be missed by many .

*The Chambrone family*

Rosemary Chambrone-Brown - May 20, 2020 at 06:20 PM

LJ

“ I wish I could have seen Remo one more time! His smile would light up the room.  
I always enjoyed my time with him over the years! He’s golfing in heaven now!  
I Will Miss You Cousin!

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**Larry Zegarelli Jr** - May 20, 2020 at 05:38 PM

MG

“ fond memories ,dad spoke highly of him.god speed.

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**Mark Graziano** - May 20, 2020 at 05:34 PM

MG

“ Mark Graziano lit a candle in memory of Mr.  
Remo A. Zegarelli



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**Mark Graziano** - May 20, 2020 at 05:32 PM

AT

“ I will never forget the time Remo chipped in for birdie on Four  
Straight Holes.  
And it was against me!

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**Anthony (tony) Tartaglia** - May 20, 2020 at 02:50 PM

AT

“ Dear Theresa.  
*I am deeply saddened to learn of Remo's passing. Remo and I played hundreds of rounds of golf together and I enjoyed not only winning but also losing to him. It was always a pleasure to be in the same group together.*

*A TRUE gentleman. May God embrace him.*

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**Anthony (tony) Tartaglia** - May 20, 2020 at 02:43 PM

AT

*My wife Dee adds her condolences.*

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**Anthony (tony) Tartaglia** - May 20, 2020 at 02:47 PM

AC

“ *We are So Sorry for Your Loss, Remo a Great person and Friend. Our Thoughts and Prayers are with the Famiy! Andy & Linda Convertino*

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**Andrew Convertino** - May 20, 2020 at 01:41 PM

RS

“ *Theresa my condolences. Remo was always a class act.. I was always astonished to watch him play golf at Valley View CC.. A kind and gentle soul he was.. always welcomed me back when I visited from Florida.. May he rest in peace..*

*Richard Saladino*

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**Ricardo Saladino** - May 20, 2020 at 01:26 PM

EM

“ I'm Am So Sorry To Hear Of Remo's Passing You Fought A Great Fight..... Say Hello Too Everyone Especially My Nana And Papa R. I. P. My Friend.... The Mass Family.....

Ernie Massa - May 20, 2020 at 01:18 PM

MD

“ My prayers are with my godfather and great uncle Remo, as he is welcome home to be with God forever, now reunited with loved ones and dear friends who have gone before. I am also holding close to my heart and prayer my Aunt Theresa especially during this very sad time and all the family and friends who feel the loss of Remo.



Marc DelMonico - May 20, 2020 at 12:36 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Remo A. Zegarelli.



May 20, 2020 at 12:33 PM

JJ

“ Fond memories of Remo when I was employed with the Utica Common Council as their research analyst in the early 1980s. We will pray for him. He was a good man.



Janice and Samuel L. Russo, Jr. - May 20, 2020 at 11:36 AM

CF

“ Remo, I am so sorry ,we are florida and can,t be with at this sad time, I will miss you coming to the dealership and looking ar cars. You bought the most beauiful Cadillac ever. I will miss our talks about our illness and most of all seeing you at the golf course.I will always watching. You hit the ball long and straight your friend alway  
Carl famolaro

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**carl famolaro** - May 20, 2020 at 11:33 AM

JC

“ My heartfelt sympathy to Theresa and all of Remo's family and friends. Remo was a true gentleman with a quiet presence. May you find peace and happiness with all your beautiful memories. God Bless 🙏  
Jeanne Castronovo

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**Jeanne Castronovo** - May 20, 2020 at 10:55 AM

FA

“ We are so sorry to hear of Remo's passing. Please accept our deepest sympathies. Our prayers are with you during this time. Remo was such a kind soul. He will be greatly missed by all the people that had been lucky to have known such a wonderful soul.  
God Bless!  
Aljukic Family

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**Family Aljukic** - May 20, 2020 at 09:52 AM

PM

“ Theresa...we are so sorry to hear of Remo's passing. Always remember him calling out 'the boys' when he saw my brother and me and to this day remember your beautiful wedding together. God bless always.  
Peter Mannella

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**Peter Mannella** - May 19, 2020 at 08:18 PM

LD

*Theresa and Family - I am very sorry to learn of Remo's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Remo always had a great smile and warm welcome for everyone. RIP my friend - Lou D'Amore*

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**Louis D'Amore** - May 20, 2020 at 11:27 PM