



## Mr. Robert J. Tehan

December 23, 1944 - October 2, 2010

Mr. Robert J. Tehan, age 65, of New Hartford, passed away on Saturday, October 2, 2010 in the comfort and privacy of his home, surrounded by the love and devotion of his family.

Born in Utica on December 23, 1944, Robert was the son of the late Louis B. and Victoria "Vicky" (Salem) Tehan. Raised and educated in Utica, he was a 1962 graduate of Utica Free Academy and he attended M.V.C.C. A veteran of the United States Army, he served his country during the Vietnam Conflict. On September 5, 1966 he wed his high school sweetheart, Kamleh Massoud; the couple shared a sense of love and fulfillment in their marriage, and Robert lived for his family in the truest sense of the word.

As a youngster, Robert began his working career rotating candy along side his father in the family venture, Tehan's Wholesale, on James Street and Conkling Ave. He and his brothers continued their father's legacy, and he helped to make the business flourish until his retirement in 1999. Robert loved his family and grandchildren beyond reason, and just the mention of their names would light up his face. He was an easy-going person who made friends effortlessly. He was intelligent and did not ask for much, but he believed in respect. At the end of the day, it can be said that he lived a good life. An active man, he enjoyed golfing, and he ran the Boilermaker Race for many years until his illness. He spent winters in Florida where he found peace and pleasure running on the beach in Naples. In his earlier years, he pursued a wide array of recreational activities, including fishing and hunting. He was a parishioner

of St. Louis Gonzaga Church.

Robert is survived by his wife, Kamleh; his sons and daughters-in-law, Louis and Lisa Tehan, and David and Norma Tehan, all of New Harford; his grandchildren, Alissa, Andrea, Arica, Mary Magdalene, and Robert; and his father-in-law and mother-in-law, John and Susan Massoud of Utica. Survivors also include his sister and brother-in-law, Marianne and Seth Gordon of Clifton Park, NY; his brothers and sisters-in-law, Frederick J. and Kathleen Tehan of Marcy, Richard J. and JoAnne Tehan, and Steven A. and Kathleen Tehan, all of New Hartford. He cherished in his heart the memory of his brother, Basil L. Tehan, who passed away on August 19, 2009. In addition, he leaves his many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and in-laws, John and Samira Massoud, Loretta and Gene Romano of New Hartford, Susan Massoud Issa, and Paul Massoud, both of Utica; and his dear and cherished friends in Utica and Florida. He was predeceased by his uncles and aunts, Tony and Elizabeth "Betty" Salem, Katherine and John Favat, Marie and Trevor Fergusen, Julia and Albert Adjan, and Lena and Philip George; and his sister-in-law, Bertha Tehan.

The family extends sincere appreciation to the staff of Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc., for the care and compassion they rendered to Robert.

Visitation will be held Tuesday (today) from 4:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Those wishing to express an act of kindness in lieu of flowers may make a donation to Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc., or St. Jude Children's Hospital; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. The Prayer of Incense will be offered Tuesday evening at the funeral home at 6:30. Robert's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Wednesday morning at 11:00 from the funeral home and at 12:00 noon at St. Louis Gonzaga Church where his Divine Liturgy of the Faithful Departed will be celebrated by Chorbishop John D. Faris. Entombment with Military Honors will take place in Christ Our Savior Mausoleum Chapel at Calvary Cemetery.



# Cemetery Details

## Christ Our Savior Mausoleum at Calvary Cemetery

2407 Oneida Street  
Utica, NY

# Previous Events

## Service

OCT 6. 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Louis Gonzaga Church  
520 Rutger Street  
Utica, NY

# Tribute Wall



“ *Eannace Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Robert J. Tehan*



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**Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.** - October 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LO

“ *UB, Thanks for all the talks and advice after pops passed away...you always had the answers...I miss talking to you. Your legacy continues with your boys. Love, your nephew, Louis*

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**Louis** - October 27, 2010 at 06:42 AM

DG

“ *Dear Kamleh and family,  
I will never forget how you always told me how you met when you were so young, and fell in love right away, so many people never experience that. My family and I are truly saddened by Bob's passing, he was such a nice man. I will pray for you Kamleh, and your children, you have wonderful memories.  
Debra Chrobak Graziano. Susie's friend*

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**Debra Graziano** - October 06, 2010 at 03:07 PM

LF

“ *To The Tehan Family and All That Love Him:  
We will miss you and you will never be  
forgotten. May God look after you. Love  
always, Lori, Kraig, Matthew and Rachel*



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**Lori Forman** - October 06, 2010 at 07:42 AM

SG

“ *TO THE TEHAN AND EXTENDED FAMILY:  
I too worked as a supervisor at Tehan's Store on Mohawk St. in the  
mid 70's. I loved working at that job, and its because of Bob Tehan  
and his brothers. My deepest sympathies to your loss. There is no  
better tribute to someone than to say that they had a positive effect  
on someone else in this life. Bob (and his brothers) did that for me.*

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**Steve Gonyea** - October 06, 2010 at 07:02 AM

BS

“ *To the Tehan Family, It saddened me deeply  
to read of Robert's passing. I worked at  
Tehan's on Mohawk St. back in the mid 70's. I  
remember Robert as a gentle spirit with a big  
smile and a twinkle in his eyes. No matter  
how busy, he always found time to say hello and asked how we all  
were doing. His smile was infectious.  
Life has changed for you all, but take comfort in your faith and know  
that he is still and always will be with you.*



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**Beverly Schrader** - October 04, 2010 at 10:14 PM

LF

“ Uncle Bob,  
I will miss you so much....we all miss you so much....  
Since I was 16 you and I would go to lunch together, you made time for me. You are my Special Uncle and God Father and I will never forget you. I wish I could see you one more time but I know I will see you again someday.

Aunt Kam, Louis and David you are in my heart and in my prayers everyday, I love you all  
Lori

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**Lori Forman** - October 04, 2010 at 06:26 PM



“ Where to begin is hard. Bob was "my favorite brother-in-law" which I told him often and of course, he would respond appropriately that I was his favorite sister-in-law. A smart man!Bob and his wife, Kamleh, watched me grow up and must have often wondered if I would ever "get it". Bob loved the simple pleasures of life and that was what struck me most. He was always in the mood for an adventure and the family outings we shared most definitely exemplified that. I must say though that it was Bob and me that kept the glue together on these occasions, or at least, that is how WE viewed it.

Oh the many laughs over the years. Sign language, jokes, family bloopers are innumerable. Yep, there were tears, but Bob was there to be a shoulder if you needed it. He loved his family deeply and because of that had a compassionate heart for his family and friends. Yes, Bob was knowledgeable and very well versed, but that laugh and smiling eyes will always remain with me.

Kam, Louis and David you are in my heart and will always be there.  
Love you all deeply, Mary

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**Mary Massoud** - October 04, 2010 at 04:29 PM

EW

“ *Kamleh and Family,*

*I know for certain that we never lose the people we love, even to death. They continue to participate in every act, thought and decision we make. Their love leaves an indelible imprint in our memories. We find comfort in knowing that our lives have been enriched by having shared their love. Although it's difficult today to see beyond your sadness, may looking back in memory help comfort you.*

*Peace, Prayers and Many Blessings,  
Neil and Erica (Borek) Wood*

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**Erica Wood** - October 04, 2010 at 04:01 PM

EW

“ *Kamleh, and the Tehan Family..Bob was a fantastic gentleman.We will all miss him..Ed Butch Waszkiewicz*

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**Ed Waszkiewicz** - October 04, 2010 at 03:52 PM