



Mr. Rocco S. "Rock" Gigliotti

January 1, 2017

Mr. Rocco Salvatore "Rock" Gigliotti, age 89, passed peacefully Sunday, January 1, 2017 at the Presbyterian Home of Central NY.

Born in Utica, Rocco was the son of the late Frank and Antonette (DeCrisi) Gigliotti. He attended T.R. Proctor High School and furthered his studies at Utica College. A proud veteran of the United States Navy, Rock honorably served his country from 1946-1948 during World War II stationed in Europe on board the USS Fargo. On July 14, 1951 at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel Church he married the former Alice Lewis. They shared their life and their love until Alice passed away on July 14, 2016, their 65th wedding anniversary.

Rocco was employed at Griffiss Air Force Base for over 40 years, the position from which he retired. He also held a part-time position with the Independent Theatrical Employees of America (ITEA) Local #1/Utica. Rock was a member of the American Legion Fort Schuyler Post #290, a lifetime member of the Disabled American Veterans (D.A.V.) Stars & Stripes Chapter #82, a member of the USS Fargo CL-106 Association, the Moose Lodge, and the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees Union local #28. Rocco was a parishioner of St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish.

Rocco is survived by his daughters and son-in-law, Kathleen Niemenski of Utica, Susan and Bruce Harrison of Oneonta; his son, Frank R. Gigliotti and his partner David A. Schaitberger of San Francisco; and his grandchildren, Daniel and Christina Gigliotti of New Hartford, Caitlin Smith of Oneonta, and Allison Smith of Rochester. He also leaves several nieces, nephews, cousins,

and sister-in-law, Rita Gigliotti. He was predeceased by his brother, Felix Gigliotti; his sister and brother-in-law, Marie and Lugo Rastani; and his best friend, Pat DiCesare.

The family is grateful to the staff of the Presbyterian Home for Central NY for the compassionate care rendered to Rock during his stay.

Visitation will be held Saturday from 9:00-10:00 a.m. at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Expressions of sympathy in the form of donations may be made to Hope House or Central Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Rocco's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Saturday morning at 10:00 from the funeral home and at 11:00 at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish where his Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. James Cesta with Military Honors conferred by the United States Navy. Entombment will take place in Calvary Cemetery Mausoleum at the convenience of the family.

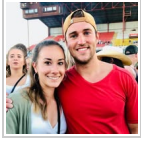
Previous Events

Funeral Service

JAN 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish
648 Jay Street
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 735-1482
<https://www.mountcarmelblessedsacrament.com/>

Tribute Wall



“ Grandpa,

I will forever cherish the memories we had at the kitchen table in Utica where you taught me my love for drawing! You were such a gift to all of us and I will forever smile when I sit down with a pencil and a piece of paper or eat a tomato pie. My greatest wish is that you are happy and at peace, dancing in the sky with grandma to Che sera sera. I love you and miss you but know that I will see you again, until then paint some beautiful sky's for us!

*Your granddaughter,
Allison Smith*

Allison Smith - January 07, 2017 at 05:21 AM



“ Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Mr. Rocco S. "Rock" Gigliotti.



January 06, 2017 at 08:38 PM

Cait
Smith

“ Grandpa,
You will forever be in my heart. I hope that heaven is full of tomatoes pie and the best meatballs you can imagine (although yours were the best on earth). It is hard to have you gone but it is comforting to know you are back with grandma. The last few times I saw you, you told me you were just waiting for your wife but really grandma was waiting for you. I am excited for the days I can see you both again. Thank you for all of the amazing memories! I love you grandpa!! <3
Love,
Your granddaughter Caitlin

Cait Smith - January 06, 2017 at 07:59 AM

BR

“ Bruce lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rocco S.
"Rock" Gigliotti



Bruce - January 05, 2017 at 02:33 PM

BR

Rock, How time flies...seems like yesterday when I became part of your family. You made me feel welcomed, appreciated, and loved over all the years. We had a lot of great times together. Thank you for entrusting me with the love of my life that you and Alice made possible. I will love and take care of Susan for the rest of my life. Bruce

Bruce - January 05, 2017 at 02:41 PM

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“ I.T.E.A. / LOCAL #1 UTICA STAGEHANDS purchased the Red & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Mr. Rocco S. "Rock" Gigliotti.



I.T.E.A. / LOCAL #1 UTICA STAGEHANDS - January 04, 2017
at 01:16 PM

JF

“ Rock, I will always remember your quiet manner, and that you were always a gentleman, and the love that you had for your wife. I learned much from you and proud to have had you as a co-worker and friend. People like you are a rare gift, and you will be missed by all that knew you.

Joe Fanelli
ITEA Local 1

Joe Fanelli - January 04, 2017 at 12:51 PM

KH

“ Kathy Hall lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rocco S. "Rock" Gigliotti



Kathy Hall - January 04, 2017 at 10:14 AM

KH

“ Thinking of all of you at this sad time and sending you peace and love.

"To live in the hearts we leave behind is not to die" - Thomas Campbell

He is always there in your heart.

*With love,
Kathy and Rich Hall*

Kathy Hall - January 04, 2017 at 10:13 AM

SH

“ Susan Harrison lit a candle in memory of Mr. Rocco S. "Rock" Gigliotti



Susan Harrison - January 03, 2017 at 01:38 PM

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“ Dad, I cannot believe you are gone, but I know you are with mom now in heaven. I have so many good memories of how great a father you were to me. The times I tagged along and helped you with the band instruments for the weekly music programs in the park. Our many adventures moving me from one apartment to the next in Scranton, Pa. Your weekly phone calls, always interested in how I was doing. The joy on your face when you first held my daughters. You were always there for me, and I always tried to be there for you. Looking at your picture now, I cannot stop crying. I love you, dad, and miss you. Your daughter, Susan

Susan Harrison - January 03, 2017 at 01:35 PM

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“ *Reunited in Heaven for eternity with his beloved Alice.* ”



Tim & Colleen Moylan Family - January 03, 2017 at 07:45 AM