



Rocco J. "Rocky" Carzo

April 12, 2010

Mr. Rocco J. "Rocky" Carzo, of North Utica, passed away peacefully on Monday, April 12, 2010 at the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center with the love and support of his family by his side. His passing occurred after a courageous 15-month battle with cholangiocarcinoma (bile duct cancer). Born in Utica, Rocco was the son of the late Rocco and Carmella (Tripepi) Carzo. Raised and educated locally, he was a graduate of T. R. Proctor High School and pursued academic studies at Utica College. A veteran of post-World War II and the Korean Conflict, Rocky enlisted in the military upon graduation from high school. On May 25, 1985 he married the former Sandra "Sandy" Rastani. Together they were blessed with many years of great happiness and shared a mutual devotion. Rocco and Sandra celebrated their 20th anniversary with a trip to Italy which left them with many cherished memories. During his long illness, Sandra was his constant and sole caregiver. The couple would have celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary this year.

Rocky was employed by the Federal Government during his career at the Griffiss Air Force Base, Contracting Division. He began as a purchasing agent and was later promoted to Unit Chief. During his employment, he accepted a position at the Richards-Gebaur Air Force Base in Missouri as a contractor specialist in the procurement of communication systems. He later returned to Griffiss where he ultimately held the position of Branch Chief and contracting officer, retiring in 1985. Rocky was an avid golfer. As a member of the Valley

View Golf Course he enjoyed many rounds of golf with his friends as well as many winter trips to Florida with his golf buddies. Rocky will be sadly missed by his lifetime friends, Al Mallozzi, and Frank Liuzzi... the three were commonly referred to as "The Three Musketeers".

Rocky is survived by his wife, Sandra; and his daughter and son-in-law, Kim Marie and Michael Doyle. Rocky loved his daughter dearly and was always there for her, from her birth to his passing. He also leaves his step-son, Michael and Jean Garro; his step-daughter, Lauren and Stephen Brown; his grandchildren, Jerrod and Stephanie Macko, Anna Garro, and Ava Brown; and his great-grandchildren, Samantha Macko, and Katie Marie Macko. Survivors also include his sister, Connie Calo; his nieces and nephews, with special mention of Carm and Dan Vanno, Joseph and Fran LaPaglia, Carol and Phil Scampone, and Jim and Katie LaPaglia; great-nieces, great-nephews, and cousins; his father-in-law, John L. Rastani; in-laws, Arlene and Russell Ogden, Judy and Bill Kleine, and Cindy and Brian Ure. He was predeceased by his brothers and sisters-in-law, Joseph and Helen Carzo, Frank and Helen Carzo, and Dominick Carzo; his sisters and brother-in-law, Catherine and Joseph LaPaglia, and Frances Gdowski; a special nephew, Rocco Carzo; mother-in-law, Edith Rastani; and brother-in-law, Alexander Calo.

The family offers special thanks to Dr. Mathew Ulahannan, Dr. Atul Butala, Dr. Gilbert Lawrence, Dr. Ankesh Nigham, Dr. Kenneth Murphy, and the physicians and nurses in the ICU at the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center. A very special thank you is extended to Michael Garro, Stephen Brown, Al Malozzi, Michael Doyle and Dan and Carm Vanno for their unending love and concern. They all assisted Rocco and his family with much care, especially with the many trips provided to Albany Medical Center.

In keeping with Rocco's wishes, there will be no public visitation. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Rocco's funeral service and Celebration of Life which will commence on FRIDAY at 12:00 noon at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish where his Mass of Christian Burial

will be celebrated. The family will receive visitors at the conclusion of the Mass. For those wishing to do so, please consider memorial contributions in Rocco's honor to The Cholangiocarcinoma Foundation; envelopes will be available at the service. Entombment will take place in Calvary Cemetery Mausoleum with Military Honors conferred.

Tribute Wall



“ Eannace Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Rocco J. "Rocky" Carzo



Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. - April 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Sandy, I'm so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Take care.

Mary Anne Laribee (JCPenney)##imported-begin##Mary Anne Laribee##imported-end##

April 22, 2010 at 12:56 PM



“ I was so sorry to hear of Rock's illness and passing. I worked with him and for him for many years at Griffiss AFB. He was a joy to work for and I actually looked forward to going to work in those days. We and my fellow co-workers shared so much laughter and good times.##imported-begin##Dorothy A Winker##imported-end##

April 16, 2010 at 06:28 PM



“ Sandy, I am very very sorry for your loss. I know you and your husband were inseparable and the love you both had for one another can't compare. If you need any thing ,even to talk to someone you can call me. I'll give you my phone # through my e-mail. Take care and God Bless You and your Family.##imported-begin##Carol Alden##imported-end##

April 15, 2010 at 08:50 PM



“ Sandy and Family: So very sorry for your loss. My prayers are with all of you. Love, Kathie##imported-begin##Kathie Scalise##imported-end##

April 15, 2010 at 02:27 PM



“ Im so sorry for your loss, I had alot of golf rounds and tournaments with Rock and great memories & laughs. My thoughts and prayers are with you, Andy##imported-begin##Andrew##imported-end##

April 14, 2010 at 09:03 PM



“ Sandy,& Family
We are so sorry to hear of Rock's passing.we are thinking of you at this timeof sorrow. You have our deepest symphy. Maryrose & Jim##imported-begin##Maryrose & Jim Schiavetta##imported-end##

April 14, 2010 at 01:52 PM



“ Dear Aunt Sandra,
Our thoughts and prayers and deepest sympathies are with you as you bid farewell to Rock. Knowing his suffering is over and he is watching over you from a better place should bring you comfort. I'm sure Nana was there to greet him when he arrived.
Much love to you.
Leslie, Craig, Zachary, Zoe, & Zodie##imported-begin##Leslie Mazeska##imported-end##

April 14, 2010 at 01:13 PM



“ Hello Sandy
Dick and I want to extend our most sincere condolences to you and the family. Rock was one of a kind; the likes of which we will probably not see again. We will see him at the golf course.
Mary and Dick##imported-begin##dick and mary costello##imported-end##

April 14, 2010 at 10:56 AM



“ Dear Mrs. Carzo

I am sincerely sorry for your loss of Rock. He was my boss and friend and he was a wonderful person. We had so much fun during our working years, Rock was always making us laugh.

Again, my sincerest sympathy to you and your family.##imported-begin##Theresa Corradino##imported-end##

April 13, 2010 at 07:33 PM



“ Rocky,

May you go in peace, to rest within the light of God, free from pain. I want you to know that Mike and I will continue to watch over your beloved daughter Kim. I'm going to miss your phone calls asking me to run over to her house to make sure that she was doing okay, or if she needed anything. Trust me, I will continue to be there for her as long as she needs me.....I promise.

Kay###imported-begin##Mike and Kay Burke##imported-end##

April 13, 2010 at 06:29 PM



“ Rock,

You always said that there was a time for living and a time for dying. Like so many before you, this was your time. Now come the rewards to you for living such an honorable and loving life for family and friends. You are definitely in a better place and in the hands of the Almighty.

Yours, Al Mallozzi's and my friendship was something very special and something that not all experience in a lifetime. Best friends for over 70 years and it doesn't end here, because soon we'll all be together again - something to look forward to.

God bless you Rock. Buddy, Frank###imported-begin##Frank Liuzzi##imported-end##

April 13, 2010 at 02:00 PM



“ *Your suffering has finally ended. But also ending was our living boyhood to adult friendship of over seven decades. Frank Luizzi and I shall never forget us three growing up from the great depression, to meeting overseas, trips, and all that we were privileged to enjoy in our lives. Rarely in anyones life have people been dedicated to each other, as well as to our families as us three were. The "Iron Triangle" of friendship and bond has been dent, but not broken. Soon, we will all be together again. Rest in peace buddy. Al Mallozzi##imported-begin##Al Mallozzi##imported-end##*

April 13, 2010 at 12:19 PM