



Mr. Theodore A. "Ted" Camesano

March 11, 1942 - October 16, 2025

WHITESBORO – Mr. Theodore A. “Ted” Camesano, age 83, went home to the Lord and was reunited with his beloved wife, Edie, and loved ones who passed before him on Thursday, October 16, 2025.

Born in Utica on March 11, 1942, Ted was the son of the late Gerald J. and Antoinette R. (Solimando) Camesano. He was a member of the T.R. Proctor High School class of 1959 and went on to earn a Bachelor of Science degree in Secondary Education at SUNY Potsdam, graduating in 1963. He furthered his education at SUNY Potsdam and in 1966 he completed his Master’s degree, also in Secondary Education.

On June 26, 1965, Ted was united in marriage with the former Edith P. “Edie” Gianotti. Deeply devoted to one another, they treasured dining out, leisurely walks, and cherished moments spent with family and friends. Together, they shared 59 beautiful years filled with love and companionship, until Edie’s passing on August 18, 2024.

Ted devoted his career to educating the students of the Whitesboro Senior High and Junior High Schools, specializing in Physics and Earth Science. He bestowed his knowledge with precision and excellence, preparing his students for the Regents exams with great care and dedication. Ted concluded his teaching career in 1997, leaving behind a legacy of excellence and inspiration.

Post-retirement, Ted remained close to his colleagues, forging long-time bonds that extended well beyond the classroom. He faithfully attended “Lost Weekend,” a cherished tradition among his fellow male faculty members who gathered up north every June to enjoy sports, cards, camaraderie, and great food. Ted’s signature dish, sausage and peppers, became a staple of the event.

Ted cherished growing up in a large extended family and more broadly enjoyed being part of social and community organizations. The values by which he lived, centered on the well-being of his loved ones, were learned from his parents and in-laws and were passed down to his children and grandchildren. Reminiscing about his siblings and cousins gave him great comfort in his later years.

A man who offered himself and his energies to his community with sincere passion, Ted was actively involved with the Knights of Columbus Council 189 since joining in 1967, serving as a past Faithful Navigator with the 4th Degree, and member of the Color Guard. At Christmas, Ted could be found ringing the bell for the Salvation Army Kettle on behalf of the Whitestown Optimists. Musically inclined, he sang in the choir at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish, where he was a devoted parishioner and volunteer. He was generous with his time and talents, always ready to lend support.

Ted was a lifelong learner and always thoughtful about what he discovered. Tech-savvy and endlessly curious, Ted developed an early fascination with Apple products and later became an enthusiast of electronic vehicles. His beloved wine club satisfied both his love of socializing as well as his intellectual interest in the wine making process and wine regions. In his retirement years, Ted traveled with Edie to much of Europe, keenly interested in the culture and history of the places he visited.

Ted always taught his daughters that they could accomplish anything. As a father, Ted was inspirational and set the bar high. He encouraged his daughters in their academic and musical pursuits, attending every performance and milestone with pride. After his daughters reached adulthood, Ted sent monthly handwritten letters that included observations, reports on his doings, and even drawings, all showing his unique perspective on things. Throughout his life and even up to the very end, Ted shared his unique humor and witty observations.

Together, Ted and Edie created a beautiful and inviting home in Whitesboro. While Edie focused on the inside, Ted meticulously cared for the yard and maintenance of the home. A summer's day would find him riding his lawnmower over the extensive and perfectly manicured backyard lawn, past the tidy red shed. Many special times were spent relaxing in the screened-in garage and above-ground pool out back. At Christmas, Ted strung lights on the two trees in the front yard and put out lighted deer. Tending to his house was always a source of pride and satisfaction.

Ted enjoyed being active and always made time to go down to the YMCA after work. Part of the first wave of joggers during the 1970's running boom, Ted was an early participant in the Falling Leaves Road Race. He celebrated the Boilermaker each year as if it were a national holiday and proudly supported all of the runners from his cheering station at MVCC. Combining a way to be both active and social, Ted participated in a Thursday night bowling league for decades as well as a golf league. Up until the very end, he enjoyed watching baseball and football on TV, cheering on his favorite teams, the New York Yankees and the Jets.

Ted is survived by his devoted daughters and sons-in-law, Lisa Comesano

and her husband, Dr. John W. Byers, and Beth and James Hua; and his beloved grandchildren, John Ryan Byers, Andrew T. Byers; Alex Hua, Alan Hua, and Zoe Hua. He also leaves to cherish his memory his sister and brother-in-law, Philomena and Philip Mark; brother and sister-in-law, Gerald and Lucille Camesano; nieces and nephews, Stephen Mark, Jerry Mark; Dr. Terri Camesano and Dr. Ramanathan Nagarajan, Alison Camesano and Eric Szczerbaniewicz, Jerry and Megan Camesano; Donald J. Lazzaro, Jr. and Kinga Kobialka, and Marianne and Jonathan Grandusky; great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins; in-laws, Francine and Donald J. Lazzaro; and treasured friend of 70 years, Paul LaFache. He was predeceased by his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Vincent A. and Mary (Morice) Gianotti.

The family wishes to extend their gratitude to the staff at the Sitrin Health Care Center, especially the Cypress House for their outstanding and compassionate care of Ted, and to the Daughter for Hire caregivers, who gave his children peace of mind and were Ted's advocates when his family could not be present.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, November 2, 2025, from 3:00-5:00 p.m. at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Those unable to attend may be present virtually at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86430284880>. Memorial contributions in Ted's honor may be made to The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research online at www.michaeljfox.org/donate; envelopes will also be available at the funeral home. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Theodore's Mass of Christian Burial and Celebration of Life, which will commence on Monday, November 3, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish, 648 Jay St. The service will be livestreamed at <https://youtube.com/live/5AJ8FzyxaU8?feature=share>. Entombment will follow in Calvary Mausoleum at Calvary Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Mausoleum

2407 Oneida Street
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 735-2727

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 2. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.
932 South Street
corner of Hammond Ave.
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 724-6714
eannacefh@roadrunner.com

Funeral Service

NOV 3. 10:00 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

SN

“ *Senatro and Mary Louise. Nudo purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Mr. Theodore A. "Ted" Camesano.*



Senatro and Mary Louise. Nudo - November 02, 2025 at 10:42 AM

DM

“ *Lisa and Beth, as you know, Ted is one of my oldest and dearest friends. That friendship greatly enriched by life. The more I think about it, the more things come to mind. I have multiple myeloma and pulmonary fibrosis. I have to turn the oxygen concentrator all the way up to stand up and walk to the bedroom. While I will not be there in person, know that I will always appreciate your dad. David Mount*

David Mount - October 30, 2025 at 10:11 AM

KB

“ *Rest well, Mr. Camesano. Your obituary is a testament to a life well lived. You were my earth science teacher, nearly 35 years ago at Whitesboro middle school, and your passion for the subject instilled a life-long love of meteorology in me. There are precious few special people who were absolutely born to be educators and you were definitely one of them! Godspeed.*

KB - October 25, 2025 at 03:58 PM

PI

“ I was in the Optimist Club with Ted and he was a great guy to talk to as he was very intelligent. RIP!

Peter Inserra - October 23, 2025 at 01:23 PM



“ Maryann Bruno lit a candle in memory of Mr. Theodore A. "Ted" Camesano



Maryann Bruno - October 22, 2025 at 05:32 PM



Most sincerest condolences to all Mr C's family and friends. Deeply sorry Jerry for such a, great loss. In Faith and many Prayers. May OUR LORD BE WITH YOU ALL. REST IN PEACE. 🙏

Maryann Bruno - October 22, 2025 at 05:35 PM

FS

Ted was a great classmate Class of 1959 Proctor High School. Always enjoyed visiting with him at class reunions. 🙏🙏 Frank Lamanna

Frank P Lamanna Sr. - October 25, 2025 at 01:37 PM

JD

My deepest sympathies to the Camesano family on their loss. Mr. Camesano was a great teacher and an inspiration for many of us to follow in that career.

Jim Delitto - October 30, 2025 at 05:00 AM

JK

I'm sorry to hear of Ted's passing. I had the opportunity of working with Ted in my early years as a teacher at Whitesboro MS. In later years, I had the pleasure of serving in the Whitestown Optimist's Club together and sharing both dinners and many laughs along the way. Ted was also a long-time supporter of the Renaissance Rallies at Whitesboro HS right up until my retirement. Ted will certainly be missed.

Jeffrey Kuhn - October 30, 2025 at 03:43 PM

SN

Lisa and Beth. Your dad was special person. He was like the brother I didn't have in our youth He was kind and intelligent and a great sense of humor He will be missed Senatro

Senatro A Nudo - November 02, 2025 at 11:48 AM

CM

*Lisa and Beth,
I taught with your mom and dad for many years. I loved hearing about the both of you as children to adults. Your mom and dad were the definition of what made the school great. I admired your dad's professionalism, close friendships, and pleasant demeanor. I am sure you both will always be surrounded by their love that lives in your hearts.*

Cathy Mulvihill - November 06, 2025 at 12:33 PM