



## Mr. Thomas J. "Tommy" Caruso

December 8, 1943 - January 10, 2013

Mr. Thomas J. "Tommy" Caruso, age 69, of Utica, passed away on Thursday, January 10, 2013 at the Heritage Health Care Center.

Born in Utica on December 8, 1943, Thomas was the son of the late Louis T. and Helen "Hully" (McTiernan) Caruso. He was a graduate of T.R. Proctor High School. At one time he was married to the former Deborah Ellis. For many years, Tommy held a position at UNIVAC. Afterwards, he worked as a bartender at several area taverns and lastly was employed at Rick's Place.

Tommy was easy-going, respectful, and good-hearted. He was blessed with a quiet, gentle personality and a smile that garnered him many friends. He was an avid pool player, Sudoku solver, and card enthusiast; he especially liked a good game of gin. He followed the NY Yankees and the Dallas Cowboys.

Tommy was predeceased by his beloved daughter, Karen Christine Caruso, who passed away on April 1, 2011. He is survived by his sons and daughter-in-law, Thomas J. Jr. and Ann Caruso, Mark Caruso, all of Utica, Sgt. Louis Caruso of OK, and Joseph Caruso of Remsen; and his grandchildren, Brittney Caruso and husband Alan Putnam, Jewel Caruso, Louis Caruso Jr., LaToya Brooks, and Anthony Caruso. He also leaves many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and in-laws Sandy Zegarelli, Ricky Ellis, Bobby Ellis, Scott Ellis, and David Ellis. Tommy's close friends included Chris Albertine, Douw Sacco, Charlie, Frank, and Randy. He was predeceased by his sister and brother-in-law, LouAnn and Francis "Frank" Klar, Sr.; and his brother-in-law, Ron Ellis.

The family is grateful to the staff of Heritage Health Care for the comprehensive and sensitive care rendered to Tommy.

Visitation will be held Sunday from 1:00-3:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. By family request, please omit floral offerings. Tommy's funeral service will commence on Sunday afternoon at 3:00 at the funeral home immediately upon conclusion of visitation with Rev. Mark Kaminski officiating the ceremony.

# Tribute Wall



“ Eannace Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Thomas J. "Tommy" Caruso



Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. - January 10, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ Paul Mangano lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas J. "Tommy" Caruso



Paul Mangano - January 15, 2013 at 09:23 AM

FF

“ Im going to miss the great parties that we had at his apartment Lots of laughs and with douw,,charly, and randy....

frank folino - January 14, 2013 at 01:57 PM

DS

“ Mark and family,  
So very sorry to hear about the loss of your Dad. You are in our thoughts and prayers.  
Diane and Joe T.

Diane Shephard - January 14, 2013 at 11:44 AM

BD

“ I am so sorry about your grandfather Latoya--  
---Love Barb and Ginny Duff



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**Barbara and Ginny Duff** - January 14, 2013 at 12:28 AM

NW

“ Noreen Wiater lit a candle in memory of Mr.  
Thomas J. "Tommy" Caruso



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**Noreen Wiater** - January 13, 2013 at 09:24 PM

GD

“ I haven't seen Tommy in about 40 years but have thought about him often. We used to hang together, party, and played a lot of pool and cards. Tommy would always say when he lost at a game or cards, "What am I, the kiss of death? " He was always laughing and smiling. I introduced Tom to Debbi and remember when little Tommy was born. Tom was a good guy who always had your back and a good friend. I'll miss him. Please accept my condolences on your loss.....Gene DiFondi

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**Gene DiFondi** - January 13, 2013 at 11:54 AM

CC

“ *Christiana Conway lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas J. "Tommy" Caruso*



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**Christiana Conway** - January 13, 2013 at 10:56 AM

DC

“ *To the Caruso Family*

*We're so sorry to hear about Tommy's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. May he rest in peace. Tommy your laughter and smile will never be forgotten. We will truly miss you. May your rest in peace, our friend.*

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**Debbie Barbero and Bob Crouse** - January 13, 2013 at 06:42 AM

CK

“ *My deepest sympathies go out to your family. Tommy was my god father and unfortunately we have not seen each other in many years.*



*Cyndi (Armstrong) Kozak*

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**Cyndi Kozak** - January 12, 2013 at 09:40 PM

MS

“ Tommy was one of my Dad's best friends. I will always remember him as a gentle soul. Give Mike Surace a big hug when you get home Tommy. I know he has missed you!  
My deepest sympathies to the Caruso family and all of Tom's friends at Rick's Place

Mike and Melody Surace

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**Michael Surace** - January 12, 2013 at 04:24 PM

SW

“ A friend with we all had good times with. Will miss that smile and always remember all the good memories she all shared. My prayers go out to the family

Sharon Crouse Wood

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**Sharon Crouse Wood** - January 12, 2013 at 02:13 PM



Noreen  
Wiater

Hugs Sandy! Please contact me [nwiater@yahoo](mailto:nwiater@yahoo) or facebook Noreen Wood Wiater 272-6953

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**Noreen Wiater** - January 13, 2013 at 10:18 PM

JR

“ We used to get into a lot of trouble back in the day. I can still hear that wonderful laugh Tommy, it was contagious. We may have lost touch over the years, but you were never forgotten. I remember listening to you and Clyde sing "In the Still of the Night". Those were the good old days. Until we meet again....RIP.

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**JoAnne Rotach** - January 12, 2013 at 02:00 PM

CA

we were talking about u and buddy when we saw his mothers obit thinking about the good ole days. sorry for ur loss also

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**chris albertine** - January 13, 2013 at 04:01 AM

CR

“ Clyde K Rotach lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas J. "Tommy" Caruso



Clyde K Rotach - January 12, 2013 at 01:56 PM

CR

“ 1 file added to the album Tommy



Clyde K Rotach - January 12, 2013 at 01:55 PM

LB

“ Lisa Bilodeau/Tirado lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas J. "Tommy" Caruso



Lisa Bilodeau/Tirado - January 12, 2013 at 01:31 PM

TJ

“ I Love you Dad!



Thomas J. Caruso Jr. - January 12, 2013 at 01:17 PM



“ *Rachelle Pastorella-Rustici lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas J. "Tommy" Caruso*



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**Rachelle Pastorella-Rustici** - January 12, 2013 at 01:06 PM

JA

“ *To the Caruso family, we were friends of your father & mother many years go and your father was our oldest daughters god father. We are very sorry for your loss & our prayers go out to the family. and will always remember him. Jack & Carm Armstrong. R.I.P.*

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**John (jack) armstrong** - January 12, 2013 at 12:34 PM

BM

“ *Brenda Chrisman - Moore lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas J. "Tommy" Caruso*



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**Brenda Chrisman - Moore** - January 12, 2013 at 12:24 PM

BV

“ *Butch Viti lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas J. "Tommy" Caruso*



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**Butch viti** - January 12, 2013 at 12:00 PM

CP

“ Christine Pullman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas J. "Tommy" Caruso



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**christine Pullman** - January 12, 2013 at 11:32 AM

RT

“ Regina Talerico lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas J. "Tommy" Caruso



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**Regina Talerico** - January 12, 2013 at 09:51 AM

 Fran Patterson

“ Fran Patterson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas J. "Tommy" Caruso



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**Fran Patterson** - January 12, 2013 at 08:17 AM

TF

“ The Chapman Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas J. "Tommy" Caruso



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**The Chapman Family** - January 11, 2013 at 11:14 PM

LC

“ Lorena Chapman-Cunningham lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas J. "Tommy" Caruso



Lorena Chapman-Cunningham - January 11, 2013 at 11:13 PM

JF

“ Joe Foley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas J. "Tommy" Caruso




Joe Foley - January 11, 2013 at 08:42 PM

KB

“ Kara Bottini lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas J. "Tommy" Caruso



Kara Bottini - January 11, 2013 at 08:40 PM

 Tammy Klar Bottini

“ Tammy Klar Bottini lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas J. "Tommy" Caruso



Tammy Klar Bottini - January 11, 2013 at 08:37 PM



Tammy Klar

*Uncle Tommy, our family has suffered so much loss over the past 4 year's..Standing together we have made it through. You are loved and will be missed, but never forgotten. I was looking through old photo's that were Hully's and Papa's and my parents. Was good to remember all the happier time. God Bless and when you get home, give all my family member's especially your beautiful daughter a big hug and kiss from me. I love you , your neice Tammy*

**Tammy Klar Bottini** - January 11, 2013 at 08:41 PM

AM

“ *Agnes Milligan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas J. "Tommy" Caruso*



**Agnes Milligan** - January 11, 2013 at 08:13 PM

SR

“ *Susan Rahauiser lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas J. "Tommy" Caruso*



**susan rahauiser** - January 11, 2013 at 07:49 PM



“ *Denise Doolen lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas J. "Tommy" Caruso*



**denise doolen** - January 11, 2013 at 06:01 PM

LA

“ Through all this tragedy we will hold on to one another



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**LaToya** - January 11, 2013 at 01:22 PM

PE

“ Joe,

*We are so sorry for the loss of your father. Our condolences to you and your family.*

*Paula T and staff*

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**Paula Eddy** - January 11, 2013 at 08:56 AM

MS

*I will miss you my good friend. Its been an honor. Say hi to Mikey for me.*

*Love you,  
Mark AKA Mario*

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**Mark Sirianni** - January 11, 2013 at 05:06 PM

SR

*WE LOVE YOU TOMMY ALWAYS AND FOREVER, YOU WERE JOHNNYS BEST MAN AND YOU ARE STILL OUR BESTMAN LOVE YOU ALWAYS ,LOVE YOU .*

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**SUSAN RAHAUISER** - January 11, 2013 at 08:26 PM

JD

*Our condolences to all Tommy's family. We will miss his smiling face, such a wonderful person, gone too soon.*

*David Taylor and Jo Ann Delmonico*

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**Jo Ann Delmonico** - January 12, 2013 at 11:35 AM



*Joe and Sandy sorry for your Loss, for I know the pain. Sandy please call me for I always have you in my prayers and would like to chat with you! Noreen Wood Wiater 272-6953*

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**Noreen Wiater** - January 13, 2013 at 10:04 PM