



## Mr. Thomas J. Giacobelli Kalies

November 17, 1952 - December 9, 2023

UTICA – Mr. Thomas J. Giacobelli Kalies, age 71, passed away on Saturday, December 9, 2023, at the Abraham House in Rome, following a battle with pancreatic cancer.

Born in Utica on November 17, 1952, Thomas was the son of the late Francis “Butch” Giacobelli and Sandra M. “Sandy” (Belgrano) Kalies. Thomas was a member of the first graduating class of John F. Kennedy High School. After high school, he answered the call to serve his country with the U.S. Army and was stationed in Panama.

Following his army service, Thomas held a position in Kansas at Haliburton Oil Drilling Co. He later returned home to Utica and secured employment with the RWA Local 195 Roofers Union, from which he retired after 36 years.

Thomas “lived a thousand lives.” He was a risk taker and an avid outdoorsman who loved extreme camping, hunting, hiking, and fishing. These were integral parts of his lifestyle. In his earlier years, he could often be seen riding his Electra Glide Harley all over the country, making many great friends along the way. The idea he might ride again was a dream, but his brother Jeff rebuilding it so his grandchildren have a chance to ride it, sustained him. Later, he was a gardener and loved sharing recipes, taunting his sister Cindy to add one more ingredient, she had never tried before, to make a dish just

right. He bragged about good food, but boy did he love sweets!

He cultivated many long-lasting friendships with his “charming” personality – which also allowed him to get away with a lot! He was brutally honest and firm in his convictions. Regardless, those friends stuck with him, especially Joe Arabia, Tom Tarbox, Lou Ferrone, Bob Purdy, Aimee Parchura, Ben Bialek, Ron Humphreys, Dickie and Pat Marco, and Steve Russo; who walked with him through life, to the end. There were many others who called and texted keeping his spirits high and Tom wanted them all to know it mattered.

Thomas is survived by his daughters and their loves, Jenelle M. and John Hammill, and Breanna D. Kalies and fiancé Max Darman; grandchildren, Alexander Hammill, and twins Delaney, and Madeline Hammill. His siblings and their loves, Jeffrey Kalies and Hannah Gage, Cynthia Kalies-Lazzaro and her husband Thomas, Gregory Giacobelli and Michael Barnum, Michael and Janet Giacobelli, Nicholas Albertine, Regina Westcott, Margaret Voultisios, Rebecka O’Donovan and her husband Kevin O’Donnell, Francine “Fran” and James Oliver, Joanne Giacobelli, and Veronica Giacobelli. And in no way last, his nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews, will miss Uncle Grump; his gruff voice and loving advice.

The family wishes to thank to Dr. Richard Sullivan at the Rome VA, and Dr. Emmalee Kennedy and Susan Smith at the VA Hospital in Syracuse for their exceptional care and compassion. Gratitude is also extended to Hospice and Palliative Care, Inc., and the Abraham House of Rome.

A Memorial Gathering will be held in Thomas’ honor on Saturday, December 30, 2023 from 2:00-3:00 p.m. at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Thomas’ Memorial Service and Celebration of Life will commence at 3:00 p.m. at the funeral home. In lieu of floral offerings, memorial contributions in Thomas’ honor may be made to the Abraham

House online at <https://www.theabrahamhouse.org/ways-to-support/donate/>;  
envelopes will also be available at the funeral home.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Gathering

DEC 30. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.  
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corner of Hammond Ave.  
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## Memorial Service

DEC 30. 3:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

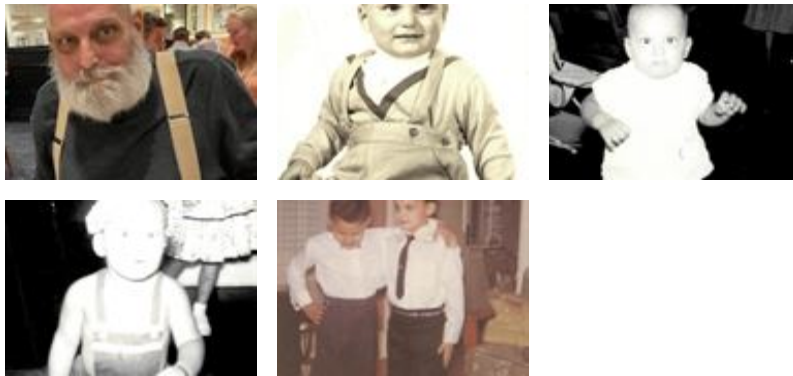
LJ

“ *Tomm and I have been friends for forty or so years. We were best of friends, we had some crazy times. We also had very deep and introspective times. Talking about life etc. I'd come home from work, and Tom would be sitting at the table with my mom drinking coffee. When my dad passed Tom drove through a blizzard from Kansas to be there with me and my family. I'll sure miss you brother. Peace*

Louis Ferrone Jr - December 29, 2023 at 07:48 AM



“ *110 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. - December 27, 2023 at 04:24 PM

JB

“ *With deepest sympathy. May his memory be eternal.*

john brown - December 16, 2023 at 08:52 AM

CL

*Thank you John Brown*

Cynthia Kalies Lazzaro - December 24, 2023 at 09:38 AM

TH

“ *My sincere condolences to The Giacovelli/ Kalies Family. Sending caring thoughts and prayers.*

*Tonya Hamell-Hoyte*



**Tonya Hamell** - December 15, 2023 at 11:59 PM

CL

*Thank you Tonya*

**Cynthia Kalies Lazzaro** - December 24, 2023 at 09:37 AM

SR

“ *What can I say? Tom and I had been friends for over 40 yrs. We had some great times together and I always loved him like my brother! He had a big heart and was very adventurous in his spirit! He loved his family, his daughters & his grandchildren! Christine and I will miss him very deeply! Tom may you Rest In Peace my brother! Our sincere condolences to his family!*

**Steven S Russo** - December 15, 2023 at 06:10 PM

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*Steve when I see you I will share with you a most memorable moment. He loved you too.*

**Cynthia Kalies Lazzaro** - December 24, 2023 at 09:37 AM

DZ

“ *Tom was a lifetime friend of mine since JFK. He was my best man at my wedding. We went in different direction for a number of years and reconnected our friendship the last several years. He will be missed by all. Love you man! RIP my good friend.*

**Dennis Zurakowski** - December 15, 2023 at 02:58 PM



*Thank you Dennis*

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**Cynthia Kalies Lazzaro** - December 24, 2023 at 09:39 AM