



## Thomas J. "Tom" Mannino

June 11, 1927 - April 30, 2013

Mr. Thomas J. "Tom" Mannino, age 85, passed away on Tuesday, April 30, 2013 in the comfort and dignity of his home while being cared for by his wife and daughter.

Born in Frankfort, NY on June 11, 1927, Thomas was the son of the late Rosario "Charles" and Marie (Lombardo) Mannino. Raised and educated in Frankfort, he attended Frankfort High School. A proud veteran, Tom honorably served his country with the United States Army Air Force from 1946-1947. At a Mayfair Dance in 1947, Tom met his sweetheart, the former Frances D. Scalzo, whom he courted, cherished, and made a lifelong commitment to on June 10, 1950 when he married her in St. Mary of Mt. Carmel Church. They have been inseparable ever since.

During Tom's younger years, he held a position at the Union Fork & Hoe Company in Frankfort and Rome. After his wedding, he began his career as a crater and packer at Griffiss Air Force Base. He later held positions at Kelsey-Hayes and MDS (Mohawk Data Sciences) Corporation in Herkimer. He ultimately returned to Griffiss AFB in 1983 where he worked in the Auction Department, the position from which he retired. A man with a loving, compassionate heart, Tom was always the first to lend a hand. Though he was humorous and sharp-witted, he also held a sentimental side. He was expert at repairing things and finding practical solutions to problems and was meticulous in the maintenance of his home as well as his landscape. But Tom expended the most energy and love as patriarch of his cherished family. He

treasured his family trips to Atlantic City and the Boardwalk, and he loved to travel the country for fun and especially to visit his family. Tom enjoyed bowling on the men's leagues and also with his wife on the co-ed leagues. Tom and Fran enjoyed the Wii bowling League with their friends every Friday night. The OTB (Off-Track Betting Lounge) was his second home, and he liked to trot off to Vernon Downs on occasion. Tom was an avid NY Yankees fan. He was a member of the New Hartford American Legion and the IAM (International Association of Machinists). He was a parishioner of St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish.

Tom is survived by his wife, Fran; his children and their spouses, John and Terah Mannino of MI, Karen A. Fellows and fiancé Mark Gesaroni of New York Mills, and Capt. Thomas J. USMC and Morgan Mannino of Astoria, NY; his grandchildren, Kristen Fellows and E.J. Banas, Michael Fellows and Joan Kupiec; Rylan Mannino, Nicholas Mannino; Matthew Mannino, and Brock Mannino; and his great-grandchild, Hannah Fellows, who was the apple of Tom's eye. Also left to recollect his life are his many goddaughters and nieces including Dina Scarchilli, Joan Lomery, Barbara LoMedico and her husband Jack; nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews; cousins, especially Debbie, Nelson, and Brittany Pohoreskey; in-laws Lucille and Donald Capraro, Isabelle Mannino, and Bev Mannino; and friends Robert and Adele Pacilio, Josie Palazzo and her daughter Christine Sherman, Gertie Gagliano, Don and Mary Reese, Helen Trotta, and Steve Semeraro. He was predeceased by his brothers, James Mannino, John Mannino, and Sam Mannino; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Anthony and Frances Scalzo; cousin Phyllis Ross, and buddy Joe Palazzo.

A special thank-you is extended to his daughter Karen, for all of her care, devotion and time she took to care for her dad; Dr. Thomas John for his support and home visits; the nurses and staff of Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc., especially Julie, Bonnie, Laurie, Irene, Nadine, Kelly, Ann, and Christine for their compassion; and the Visiting Nurse Association caretakers Julia, Elaine, Brenda, and Lori for their dedication. Much appreciation is also given

to Belma, their neighbor for all her care and assistance.

Visitation will be held Friday from 4:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. The members of the New Hartford Post #1376 will perform ritualistic services at 6:30 p.m. By family request, please omit flowers. Thomas' funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Saturday morning at 8:30 from the funeral home and at 9:30 at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish where his Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. James Cesta. Committal service and interment with Military Honors will take place graveside in Calvary Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## **Calvary Cemetery**

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

# Tribute Wall

PB

“ *Paulette Borruso-DeSimone lit a candle in memory of Thomas J. "Tom" Mannino*



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**Paulette Borruso-DeSimone** - May 03, 2013 at 07:29 AM

LA

“ *Fran, So sorry to here of Tom's passing. My prayers are with you and your family. I think of you often and the fun times we had at G. E.*

*With Love, Linda Angrisano (853-8715)*

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**Linda Angrisano** - May 03, 2013 at 03:38 AM

TS

“ *Aunt Fran, I'm so sorry to hear of Uncle Tom's passing. I will always remember with such fondness the big bear of a man that gave great hugs. My thoughts and love are with you all. I'm sure he and Uncle Jim are together and smiling on all of you.*

*With love, Toni Lynn*

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**Toni Lynn Scalero** - May 02, 2013 at 09:49 PM

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“ Beverly, Mike, Mark, & Randy purchased the With Deepest Sympathy Gift Basket for the family of Thomas J. "Tom" Mannino.



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**Beverly, Mike, Mark, & Randy** - May 02, 2013 at 03:49 PM



“ European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Thomas J. "Tom" Mannino.



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May 02, 2013 at 03:37 PM

PN

“ Fran,

*I was sorry sorry to read of Tom's psassing on the Internet. Although it has been years, I often think back to the Madison Lanes, and of course, our famous "parties" with all my fabulous hostess gifts. My prayers and thoughts are with you at this very sad time.*

*As always,*

*Pam Nasto  
Las Vegas, Nevada  
pnasto194@aol.com  
(702) 860-8559*

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**Pam Nasto** - May 02, 2013 at 02:46 PM

PM

“*Fran and Family, Please accept my most sincere condolences for Tommy. Tom and I were both hired in 1983 at the DRMO @ Griffiss. I want the Mannino Family to know that Tom took me under his wings like an Uncle would do for a Nephew and "Showed me The Ropes." He was a pleasure to work with and at times made me laugh so hard I would cry. Tommy you rest in peace. The next time I hear thunder I know Tommy is bowling a 900 series. Paul Mangano*



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**Paul Mangano** - May 02, 2013 at 01:54 PM

“ *If tomorrow starts without me,  
And I'm not there to see;  
If the sun should rise and find your eyes  
All filled with tears for me;  
I wish so much you wouldn't cry  
The way you did today,  
While thinking of the many things,  
We didn't get to say.*

*I know how much you love me,  
As much as I love you,  
And each time you think of me,  
I know you'll miss me too;  
But when tomorrow starts without me,  
Please try to understand,  
That an angel came and called my name,  
And took me by the hand,  
And said my place was ready,  
In heaven far above,  
And that I'd have to leave behind  
All those I dearly love.*

*But as I turned to walk away,  
A tear fell from my eye,  
For all my life, I'd always thought,  
I didn't want to die.  
I had so much to live for,  
So much yet to do,  
It seemed almost impossible,  
That I was leaving you.*

*I thought of all the yesterdays,  
The good ones and the bad,  
I thought of all the love we shared,  
And all the fun we had.  
If I could relive yesterday,*

*Just even for a while,  
I'd say good-bye and kiss you  
And maybe see you smile.*

*But then I fully realized,  
That this could never be,  
For emptiness and memories,  
Would take the place of me.  
And when I thought of worldly things,  
I might miss come tomorrow,  
I thought of you and when I did,  
My heart was filled with sorrow.  
But when I walked through heaven's gates,  
I felt so much at home.*

*When GOD looked down and smiled at me,  
From His great golden throne,  
He said "This is eternity,  
And all I've promised you."  
Today for life on earth is past,  
But here it starts anew.  
I promise no tomorrow,  
But today will always last,  
And since each day's the same way  
There is no longing for the past.*

*But you have been so faithful,  
So trusting and so true.  
Though there were times you did some things,  
You knew you shouldn't do.  
But you have been forgiven,  
And now at last you are free.  
So won't you take my hand.  
And share my life with me?*

*So when tomorrow starts without me,  
Don't think we are far apart,*

*For every time you think of me,  
I'm right here, in your heart.*

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**Love, Norman & Elaine Borruso-O'Connor** - May 02, 2013 at 11:42 AM

CE

“ *Christine Josie And Eric sent a virtual gift in  
memory of Thomas J. "Tom" Mannino*



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**Christine Josie and Eric** - May 02, 2013 at 09:54 AM