



## Mr. Thomas J. Morreale Sr.

August 14, 1929 - November 14, 2011

Mr. Thomas J. Morreale, Sr., age 82, of Utica, passed away unexpectedly on Monday, November 14, 2011 at the St. Elizabeth Medical Center with the support and concern of his family.

Born in Utica on August 14, 1929, Thomas was the son of the late James and Antoinette (Castronovo) Morreale. Raised and educated locally, he was a graduate of T.R. Proctor High School Class of 1948. A veteran of the United States Army, he honorably served his country in the 43rd Infantry Division, 118th Medical Battalion stationed in Germany from 1951-1953. On September 7, 1953 he married the former Gloria R. Cittadino with whom he shared 56 years prior to her passing on Christmas Eve, December 24, 2009; she was the love of his life and he shared his dreams with her. He often referred to her as his “pumpkin”, and he honored her and missed her to the very moment of his passing.

A meat cutter by trade, Tom received his early training under “Uncle Salvie” at Mazza’s Meat Market located on the corner of Mohawk and Jay Streets. He then accepted a position at Grand Union where he worked for 31 years aspiring to Meat Manager for a majority of his tenure with the company, retiring in 1991. Tom was blessed with a hard work ethic and a loyal, honest, and compassionate heart. He was truly a good man, and he and his wife were beloved parents with family life as their greatest priority. He had enormous charm, a sense of humor, the ability to deliver great one-liners, and an imaginative talent for storytelling. Tom made the world a better, happier place.

He was a craftsman when it came to woodworking, and his creations included memorable grandfather clocks, wishing wells, and holiday decorations. His artistic side was brought to light in his beautiful oil and water color paintings. He was a member of the Sons of Italy Lodge, the Saints Cosmo and Damiano Society on Kossuth Avenue, a proud member of the American Legion, and a communicant of St. Louis Gonzaga Church.

Thomas is survived by his sons, Vincent T. "Captain Trip's" Morreale, and Thomas J. Morreale, Jr. and Jill Fonner, all of Utica. His many nieces, nephews, especially George Casaletta who was always available to help his uncle, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, in-laws, Carmella "Mella" Cittadino, and Madelyn Cittadino survive him. He was also blessed with many wonderful friendships during his life, always remembering his 'Grand Union' family who he loved, and special friend Kay Romeo. He was predeceased by his sister and brother-in-law, Marie and Dave Guido; his twin brother and sister-in-law, Fred and Beverly Morreale; and his in-laws, Mary and Alphonso "Al" Fragola, Caroline and Rufus Casaletta, Jennie Cittadino, Dominick "Duber" Cittadino, and Joseph and Rose Cittadino.

The family is grateful to Dr. Ashok Patel, Dr. Sushma Kaul, Nurse Practitioner Maureen Zumpano, and Mary Lou at the Veterans Administration Clinic for their professional support; and Chorbishop John D. Faris for his spiritual guidance.

Visitation will be held Thursday from 4:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. The Prayer of Incense will be offered on Thursday evening at 6:30 at the funeral home. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Thomas' funeral service and Celebration of Life which will commence on Friday morning at 9:30 at St. Louis Gonzaga Church where the Divine Liturgy of the Faithful Departed with Military Honors will be celebrated by Chorbishop John D. Faris, Pastor. Interment will take place in St. Agnes Cemetery at the convenience of the family.



# Cemetery Details

## St. Agnes Cemetery

601 Arthur Street  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 732-8588

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 17. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.  
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corner of Hammond Ave.  
Utica, NY 13501  
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<https://www.eannacefuneralhome.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ Eannace Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Thomas J. Morreale Sr.



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**Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.** - November 14, 2011 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ Tom & Family:  
Very sorry to hear of the loss of your father. My thoughts and prayers are with you. I'll always remember the kindness of your parents when we needed a space to hangout our teens. Those times will never be forgotten.  
StevieP

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**StevieP** - November 20, 2011 at 01:34 AM

PD

“ Paul Durrigan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas J. Morreale Sr.



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**Paul Durrigan** - November 18, 2011 at 11:19 AM

PD

“ Vinnie and Tommy, I'm so sorry for the passing of your Dad. He's with your Mom now together as it should be. They were always so nice to me. I considered them my second Mom and Dad when I was young. They treated me like family. Although I wasn't able to be at the service, they always will hold a special place in my heart.

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**Paul Durrigan** - November 18, 2011 at 11:17 AM

TJ

“ Dad you are with mom now!!!The pain of your passing will never go away but the joy you both gave me will live on forever!!your faithful and devoted son Tom.....Please look down on us and guide us through lifes turmoil

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**Thomas j Morreale Jr.** - November 17, 2011 at 09:18 AM

TA

“ Vinnie and Tom I'm very sorry to hear of your dads passing. Tom will be deeply missed by many people,he was truly a great man.He took me under his wing at Grand Union when I was 18 years old and taught me alot,not only about meat cutting but about life in general.I had just lost my dad when I got the job at Grand Union and Tom stepped up and it was like he took over where my dad left off,I will never forget what he did for me. Rest in peace Tom. ( I won't be able to make it to the wake but I will be at the funeral on Friday)

**TONY ACEE**

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**Tony Acee** - November 16, 2011 at 09:40 PM

PM

“ So very sorry Vinnie & Tom. I will truly miss him and his wonderful sense of humor.  
To me he was a great uncle. The day they married I was so happy to be part of that union as a bridesmaid. I know you with aunt Gloria and you both happy.

*Rest in peace Your neice Phyllis*

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**Phyllis Medley** - November 16, 2011 at 11:57 AM

LB

“ Vinnie and Tom, our deepest sympathies to you. Your dad was a great guy with an awesome sense of humor!

*Lisa and Robin*



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**Lisa Bullet** - November 16, 2011 at 08:47 AM

BO

“ Vinnie and Tom, my thoughts and prayers are with you at the loss of your father. I know he and your mother are now reunited and have huge smiles on their faces. Vin I am sorry to say I won't be able to make it up there, but you know I will be there in spirit.

*Bob Ollerenshaw*

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**Bob Ollerenshaw** - November 15, 2011 at 07:56 PM

ML

“ Missy Robinson LPN sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Thomas J. Morreale Sr.



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**Missy Robinson LPN** - November 15, 2011 at 06:54 PM

ML

“ Mr. Morreale, i just wanted to say i am glad i had the pleasure of meeting you and taking care of you at the Heritage Health Care Center. we shared many great talks of you and your wife and i know how much you missed her. you and your wife are together now and i know your happy where you are now. I will miss you , Rest easy, your friend Missy Robinson



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**Missy Robinson LPN** - November 15, 2011 at 06:52 PM