



Mr. Thomas R. Rastani

September 28, 1943 - April 26, 2021

UTICA - Mr. Thomas R. Rastani, age 77, passed away on Monday, April 26, 2021 after a long illness. At the time of his passing he was in the hearts of those he loved the most.

Born in Utica on September 28, 1943, Thomas was the son of the late Louis E. and Annette (DeGeorge) Rastani. On September 28, 1963 he married the former Jean M. Napoli. A loving couple, they were compatible and kind to one another during their 57 years together.

Tom worked as a Route Salesman beginning at Abelove's Laundry and later transitioning to Tartan Textiles, serving his clients for over 41 years, until his retirement. Because he needed to stay busy, he continued in the workforce as a part-time driver at Centrex which later converted to LabCorp. Tom was a pleasant, sociable man, skilled in many areas. He was meticulous in maintaining his home and everything had to be just so. As a father, he was a fair-minded parent and provider to his children. He was a NASCAR Racing fan, viewing it on tv and attending numerous races. Hunting was his sport of choice for downtime in the tranquility of the woods.

Tom was proud of the life he lived, the relationship he revered with his wife, and God's gift of children who loved their dad. As a Christian, Tom took to heart the teachings of the Lord.

Tom is survived by his devoted wife, Jean; his son and daughter-in-law, Mark T. and Marie Rastani; daughter and son-in-law, Lisa and Kurt Dellers; grandchildren, Ashley and Rich Grimaldi, Jennifer Rastani; Kate Dellers, Kara

Dellers, and Kyle Dellers; and his great-grandson, Marco Grimaldi. He also leaves many cousins, close friends, and wonderful neighbors. He was predeceased by his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Attilio T. "Terry" and Josephine M. Napoli; and in-laws, Terrence S. Napoli, and Antoinette M. Napoli.

The family is grateful to the personnel of Guthrie Robert Packer Hospital and the outstanding staff of professionals of the ICU for their compassionate care. The family will honor and commemorate Tom's life at a private time. Interment in Calvary Cemetery will take place at the convenience of the family.

During this time of social distancing that we are all experiencing, please take a moment to connect with Tom's family through the "Memories" section of his obituary. Our prayers go out to all as a sign of our continued support.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

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

Tribute Wall

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“ Mrs. Rastani, Mark, Lisa and entire family.

I just learned of Tom's passing, my thoughts and prayers are with him and all of you. I know when my parents both passed it was nice to hear stories in how each of them touched other people's lives. Obviously Tom's was no exception, he was a good family man, provider, friend and mentor.

I met him at a youthful time in my life when my direction was becoming obscured due to issues in my parents marriage and ultimately divorcing. Tom was a rock solid figure to look up to and gave me great advice, he was what I now know to be a big part in keeping me focused and to head down the right path in life. He was there at a time when my parents were so involved in their own problems with each other that they forgot how they were effecting me.

I knew he was a friend but he made me feel like family, I remember his strong work ethic in which he also used to bond with other guys and make good friends. It was through that particular ethic in which we initially bonded. I remember the rags, oh boy do I remember the rags! We also worked on a few of the family cars together and even my own. He was very knowledgeable, orderly and thorough and took great pride in doing a good job.

I remember him including me on my first trip ever to Florida to visit with his parents down in Daytona. We had a wonderful trip down with meaningful conversations and some laughs. Through him I had seen the Atlantic Ocean (a breath taking site) for the very first time as well. He also allowed me the joy of experiencing the company of a daughter (Lisa) who was both beautiful inside and outside and who I'll always remember fondly. He left me with the friendship of a son (Mark) who I also went to school with and had some laughs with, Mark, do you still remember "Christ?!" LOL!

And Mrs. Rastani, I don't know if you knew it or not but who you were as a wife and mother also influenced me in a very positive manner. I also enjoyed all of our conversations, family moments and dinners in which you shared with me. You were a working woman who had such high class and an elegant demeanor, I remember you

being meticulous both in how you conducted yourself and your beauty. You took no exception in teaching your children the same expecting it from them as well, you did a great job! I also enjoyed meeting your parents and family who I was able to share some Sunday and holiday dinners with, this too was part of that positive influence your family and you had on me.

Mr. Rastani (Tom), I thank you whole heartedly for all you have done for me and given me, I pray for your soul and those of your entire family. People like you (who also look out for others) are becoming an estranged rarity!

God bless all of you,

Love,

John DeStefano

John DeStefano - June 04, 2021 at 10:22 AM



“*Tom was a special man with a good heart. Growing up hanging out a lot with Lisa, I saw Tom all the time. I remember him always smiling and positive. He and my dad were good friends, and so much alike that Lisa and I used to compare notes and laugh about it! When my dad passed, he told Tom to look out for me (I didn't know this until today). So Tom would call me from time to time and talk about cars, wanting to know how I was doing, etc. He was keeping his word to my dad which is so special to me. My heart goes out to Jean, Lisa and the family for their loss. A life well lived, and cherished. Rest in God's Grace Tom, for you are now home.*

Angela Giannatelli - May 02, 2021 at 12:32 PM



“ *Red Roses and White Carnations (Silk Cemetery Flowers) was purchased for the family of Mr. Thomas R. Rastani.*



May 02, 2021 at 08:13 AM



“ *Tom will be missed. My son victor liked to go over Toms house and sit with him.. Tom always made victor laugh. He made us all laugh. Well Tom say hello to victor and don't forget to give him some sugar juiice{hahaha} we will miss you Love Vic and Elaine*

elaine colenzo - May 01, 2021 at 06:26 PM



“ *Jeanie, Lisa and Mark, so very sorry for your loss, sending our love and memories to you all. Hugs and kisses Jeanie! Lucille Stucky and Ribin Stucky Cieslak*

Robin cieslak - April 29, 2021 at 06:03 PM



“ *Dear Jean and family
We are so sorry to hear of Tom's passing. Tom and my dad Joe worked together for many years at Abeloves .
Dad always spoke very highly of him .
Our prayers are with you all.
Love , The Chambrone family*

Rosemary Brown - April 29, 2021 at 12:03 PM

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“ *Dear Lisa and Family,*

We are both so very sorry for your loss. Our deepest sympathy to you all. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Carol & Rocco Rositano



Carol and Rocco Rositano - April 29, 2021 at 11:35 AM