



Mr. Thomas N. "Tommy" Rastani

July 26, 1921 - October 28, 2018

MARCY - Mr. Thomas N. "Tommy" Rastani, age 97, passed away on Sunday, October 28, 2018 at MVHS at St. Luke's Healthcare with his loving family at his side.

Born in Utica on July 26, 1921, Thomas was the son of the late Caesar and Santina (Adaline) Rastani. He was raised and educated locally. On November 8, 1975 he married the former Sally A. Gotte with whom he shared 42 years in a blessed union filled with beautiful memories.

Tommy was a sergeant in the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) which he truly enjoyed because of his love for the outdoors. He then worked as an apprentice learning the trade of a bricklayer. He had a strong work ethic and loved to labor in his profession specializing in stone masonry. Tommy was employed by Union Local #2 Bricklayers & Allied Craftworkers. He was very loving and affectionate, yet forthright in his viewpoints and opinions. Tommy was honest and never had a false front. Because he was very knowledgeable in many areas of interest, his friends and family loved to pick his brain. He loved the outdoors, was always on his 4-Wheeler, and enjoyed hunting, mushrooming, and snowmobiling. Tommy shared a common interest with his friend Nick Capuana, particularly picking grapes, tending to his vines, and crafting homemade wine. He was a parishioner of St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish.

Thomas is survived by his wife, Sally; his daughter, Rhonda J. Lugo of Florida; his son, Thomas N. Rastani, Jr. of Marcy; and his grandchildren, Stephanie

Lugo, Kia and John Callaway, and Shawn Lugo, all of Georgia. He also leaves his nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, sister-in-law, Carol Brough; and many special friends including Russ and Joanne Schmidt, Dr. Nick and Marilyn Capuana, Donna and Forrest Harper, Andy Putrello, John and Beverly Doolen, and Mike Johnson. He was predeceased by his brothers and sisters-in-law, Louis and Annette Rastani, Anthony and Theresa Rastani, Lugo and Marie Rastani, Guy and Cecelia Rastani, John L. and Edith Rastani, and infant brother Charles Rastani; sisters and brothers-in-law, Mary and Francis Amrhein, Angeline and Philip Polizzi, and Theresa and Charles Bonanza; son-in-law, John E. Lugo who passed away in 2010; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Salvatore and Mary Gotte; in-laws, Rita and Donald Sparrow, Rosemary and Willard Lamere, Joanne and John Stokes, and infant Joseph Gotte; and special friend, Kenneth Gotte.

Visitation will be held Friday from 5:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Thomas' funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Saturday morning at 11:30 at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish where his Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. James Cesta. Entombment will take place in Calvary Cemetery Mausoleum at the convenience of the family.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Mausoleum

2407 Oneida Street
Utica, Ny

Previous Events

Funeral Service

NOV 3. 11:30 AM (ET)

St. Mary of Mount Carmel / Blessed Sacrament Parish
648 Jay St
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 735-1482

Tribute Wall

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“ *Little Tommy & Aunt Sally and family,*

We will always remember Uncle Tom laughing with that twinkle in his eyes.

Our fondest memory is when he brought wild mushrooms to our home and asked us to cook them in sauce mentioning that they were not poisonous. Well, they were cooked and Uncle Tom enjoyed them with Italian bread. Jean would not eat them so he harassed and teased her and laughed so hard he nearly fell off his chair .

May loving memories bring you comfort, warmth & peace.

Love

Tom & Jean

Tom & Jean Rastani - November 02, 2018 at 03:30 PM

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“ *To my Special Uncle whom is greatly loved with all my Heart*

Thank you for coming to my aid with the rebuilding of my stone patio.

Your special skills in masonry and ground work was greatly appreciated.

Giving up 3 to 4 hrs. per day unselfishly, in the dead heat of the day, sharing your skills with the other workers was a special deed in itself for a

man in his 90's. We all laughed and drank a lot of water, ice tea and lemonade. You showed everyone how much you loved your work and how proud you were when the job was done right.

Now I have a beautiful patio to enjoy in your memory.

My God Bless You and Keep you in His Care.

Your niece Sandra

Sandra Carzo - November 01, 2018 at 09:57 AM

JD

“ *i met Tom when he was 71 years old i was working with him on a dam in Trenton and the reason I knew he was 71 is because he didn't want to wait for the truck that gave the workers a ride to the top e where everyone parked so he was running up the service rd so I was 27 and didn't want him to show me up so I grabbed my tools just like him and started running he talked the whole way he asked me how old you think I am before I could answer he said im 71 i stopped dropped my tools and said WHAT we were great friends ever since he taught me great lessons about masonry business and life he knew a lot about all three for that I am eternally grateful and will miss you buddy*

John doolen - October 31, 2018 at 09:10 PM



To Sally, Rhonda, and Tommy. My condolences, Mr Rastani was always so kind, and welcoming to me. He did love the outdoors. He was the hardest working man. I ever knew. He was a very strong man in all aspects of life. Sorry!!

Diane Whitaker - February 11, 2019 at 06:33 PM