



Mr. Thomas J. "Tommy" Saladino

August 7, 1954 - October 16, 2021

UTICA - Mr. Thomas J. "Tommy" Saladino, age 67, passed away on Saturday, October 16, 2021. It was with much affection that his siblings remained with him to the very end as he crossed over to begin his new journey.

Born in Rome on August 7, 1954, Thomas was the son of the late Sam J. and Antonia "Toni" (Jovane) Saladino, loving parents whose teachings provided him a wonderful foundation. Tommy attended H.R. Jones Elementary School, J.F. Hughes Middle School, and was a graduate of Utica Free Academy/Class of 1972. He continued his studies in Finance at MVCC.

At the age of 16, while still in high school, Tommy began working at the Oneida National Bank, Whitesboro Branch. He was promoted to the position of Loan Officer, serving the patrons of both the Mohawk Street, East Utica branch and the New Hartford location. Each friendship he made with those he encountered was done with great sincerity, a genuine nature, and it was always with efforts to benefit those in need; to this day, he has never been forgotten for his guidance. Tommy's heart and soul were immeasurable, and he was always on a mission to assist others. His hospitality was heartfelt and his laughter was infectious, often to the point of shedding funny tears! Everyone who knew him had a memorable "Tommy tale", and never a negative word to say about him....He was truly beloved.

Tommy's time on earth was cut short, but God called him home and his journey is now complete ~ it is a comfort for his siblings that he is now back with his mom and dad who he adored. He was understanding of people's

needs and he showed tenderness, empathy, and leadership. He was a “mayor”, mediator, and mentor, no matter where he was. If socializing could be an occupation, Tommy fulfilled that role to its greatest capacity. He was always looking for a new adventure in his life, so he relocated to sunny Florida where he relished in the sunshine and was mesmerized by the magic of the ocean. In July of 2009 he wanted to return home to be among relatives and friends of yesteryear. His family was always first, and they exchanged multiple daily phone calls. Tommy never lost faith in the power of the positive relationship he had with his siblings. There was nothing Tommy couldn’t accomplish; he overcame any of his own life adversities with grace, independence, and determination. He was an inspiration and blessing to many, and his contribution was that he left this world a better place.

Tommy was a parishioner of Mary, Mother of Our Savior Parish (Church of Our Lady of Lourdes). He loved the Lord and he always knew he was never forsaken. Tommy possessed the embodiment and values of the Saladino family, and he was treasured as their nucleus ~ rest in peace, brother.

Tommy is survived by his brothers, Ricardo “Rick” Saladino, and Robert A. “Bobby” Saladino Sr.; and his sister and brother-in-law, Nilsa and Richard Barone. He also leaves his cherished nieces and nephews, Tina Marie Saladino-Drahos and her husband John, Nicole Saladino-Vecchione, her husband Vincent, and their son Vincent Vecchione, Jr.; Daniele and Brian Evans, Gina and Joseph Milot III; Robert “Robbie” Jr. and Lori Saladino, the memory of his niece Jennifer Lynn Saladino who passed on November 28, 2010; twins Nicholas Barone and Nicole and Kenneth Powers Jr., Michael Barone, and Gina and Matthew Ptak; great-nieces, great-nephews, Dylan, Rylee, Logan, Sam, and Sarah, also remembering Infant Maximus J. Ptak; many beloved cousins; and each of Tommy’s many friends who were precious and meaningful to him and are entrusted to keep the stories alive and entertaining as the years go by and the memories survive, with special mention of Carmen Lee and Diane Hanna.

The family extends sincere appreciation to; Dr. Gordon Fung, Tommy’s

beloved primary physician; Dr. Moshim Kukar and the staff at Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center; the staff of Erie County Medical Center (ECMC) for their compassionate care, all of whom cared for Tommy with great affection, especially Charge Nurse Christine Bauer, RN Carlye Stella, NP/Joe Rasnick, and NP/Alex.

Visitation will be held Monday, October 25, 2021 from 10:00-11:30 at Mary, Mother of Our Savior Parish (Church of Our Lady of Lourdes) 2222 Genesee St. Utica. Thomas' funeral service and Celebration of Life will follow at 12:00 Noon at church where his Mass of Christian Burial will be offered. Expressions of sympathy in the form of donations may be directed to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital online at <https://www.stjude.org>; envelopes will be available at the service. Interment will be held in Calvary Cemetery.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **25**. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Mary, Mother of Our Savior Parish, Lourdes Campus
2222 Genesee St.
Utica, NY 13502
<https://www.motherofoursavior.org/CatholicChurch.php>

Funeral Service

OCT **25**. 12:00 PM (ET)

Mary, Mother of Our Savior Parish, Lourdes Campus
2222 Genesee St.
Utica, NY 13502
<https://www.motherofoursavior.org/CatholicChurch.php>

Tribute Wall

DL

“ Happy 50th Anniversary Tom! 🎉 Always and Forever- Donna 💕💕

Donna P Lacatena - September 20, 2025 at 12:11 PM

DL

“ Happy Heavenly Birthday Tom!! 🎂💕💕

Donna P Lacatena - August 20, 2025 at 09:20 AM



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n - January 28, 2025 at 12:13 PM

DL

“ Happy 49th Anniversary Tom!!



Donna P Lacatena - September 20, 2024 at 08:19 AM

SR

“ MAY YOU REST IN PEACE TOM! MY SOUTH UTICA
CHILDHOOD FRIEND! MY SINCERE CONDOLENCES! STEVEN
S RUSSO

Steven Russo - December 12, 2023 at 02:06 PM

DL

“ Happy Thanksgiving to you in Heaven!!
Thinking of you on this holiday you loved!! 🦃
🍂💕💕



Donna P Lacatena - November 23, 2023 at 12:21 PM

DL

“ Thinking of you today, 2 years that you left
this earth. Thinking of you always and forever!



Donna lacatena - October 16, 2023 at 10:31 AM

DO

“ Happy 48th Anniversary Today, Tom!!



Donna - September 20, 2023 at 10:18 AM



“ Happy Birthday Tom!!

Donna Lacatena - August 11, 2023 at 02:37 PM



“ Donna Lacatena lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas J. "Tommy" Saladino



Donna Lacatena - August 11, 2023 at 02:35 PM



Happy Birthay Tom!!

Donna Lacatena - August 11, 2023 at 02:38 PM



“ Happy Birthday Tommy. 🎂🙏



nb - August 07, 2023 at 09:30 AM



“ Merry Christmas Tommy 🎄🙏🙏



nb - December 25, 2022 at 10:13 AM

NB

“ Happy Thanksgiving Tommy! 🙏❤️🥰



nb - November 24, 2022 at 07:34 AM

NB

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nb - October 16, 2022 at 12:37 PM

DL

“ Donna Lacatena sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Thomas J. "Tommy" Saladino



Donna Lacatena - September 20, 2022 at 02:49 PM

DL

Happy 47th Anniversary!

Donna Lacatena - September 20, 2022 at 02:51 PM

DL

“ Happy Heavenly Birthday Tom! Always and Forever.💕💕



Donna Lacatena - August 07, 2022 at 01:44 AM

NS

“ 25 years this hour! 🙏🥹 Love you



Nilisa Saladino-Barone - January 27, 2022 at 08:14 AM

NS

“ Nilisa Saladino-Barone sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Thomas J. "Tommy" Saladino



Nilisa Saladino-Barone - December 25, 2021 at 06:36 AM

NS

“ Merry Christmas Tommy. Sending all my love, with lots of hugs and kisses to share with Daddy, Mommy, Max, & Jennifer. Missing everyone so much. 🎄🙏



Nilisa Saladino-Barone - December 25, 2021 at 06:35 AM

GI

“ Happy Thanksgiving Uncle Tommy!! Miss you so much and hope you're enjoying all of the goodness heaven offers!! Give Grandma, Grandpa and Maxi a big hug from me!!! Love you all



Gina - November 25, 2021 at 08:07 AM

NB

“ Wishing you a Happy Thanksgiving. Please know you will be truly missed on your favorite holiday. Enjoy with Daddy, Mommy, and our Max. Sending everyone all my prayers, love, hugs, & kisses Love you so much,



nb - November 25, 2021 at 03:00 AM

DL

“ Donna Lacatena lit a candle in memory of Mr. Thomas J. "Tommy" Saladino



Donna Lacatena - October 30, 2021 at 10:47 AM

DL

Always ❤️

Donna Lacatena - October 30, 2021 at 10:48 AM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Mr. Thomas J. "Tommy" Saladino.*



October 24, 2021 at 08:14 AM



“ *Dearest Tommy, you have left us way too soon. I believe GOD has saved you from a worse fate. I know how much Diane Loved you & how much you Loved her. It doesn't matter if her name was mentioned in your obituary or Not. Its what the eyes can Not see that's important. The Love you had for each other was unconditional. A. Love many of us look for. I thank GOD you both found each other & shared your lives. I pray you rest in peace in the arms of GOD !GOD bless your Soul !*

Beverly Hance - October 23, 2021 at 09:23 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Diane Hanna - October 23, 2021 at 04:49 PM

DH

“ Tommy, where do I begin ,the day you moved in the Brooke Apts and smiled at me you took my heart away and from that day on and for the next 11 years we were blessed to have each other . You never went to sleep without calling me too say good night and you love me and I thank God for that short 11 years we had together but I hold you in my heart forever until we meet again my love and smile and hold each other again rest in peace My love



Dlane Hanna - October 23, 2021 at 04:48 PM

DR

RIP old friend 🙏

Dave Roberts - October 23, 2021 at 08:57 PM

JY

“ Tom was my mother's landlord many years ago on Storrs Ave. He was more than a landlord, he was a friend. He treated my mom very kindly. When we moved her into Tom's upstairs apartment, he worked very, very hard helping us. He didn't have to, but he did. That's the kind of man he was. This world needs many, many more like him.After all these years, I still remember his smile and gentlemanly ways. Rest in peace, Tom. My deepest condolences to Tom"s family.

Joe Yourno - October 22, 2021 at 03:56 PM

KW

“ Tommy the day I moved to Florida from Utica Ricky introduced us at Zuckerello's....you immediately took me under your wing....offered me a job and guided me through the transition of becoming a Floridian....from that moment forward I knew I had a friend forever....and you were always there for me...you will be missed....love ya my friend ...my brother! R.I.P

Keith Weise

Keith Weise - October 22, 2021 at 07:30 AM

JS

“ Rick, my condolences to you and your family on your loss.

John Scala - October 22, 2021 at 06:15 AM

TD

“ Uncle Tommy, I can't even believe you're gone. I can still here you calling my name just like Nana did.....never Tina always Teen Teen. I'm grateful you got to know and love my husband and kids. No matter how much time lapsed, we always picked up right where we left off. Thank you for the memories and years of belly laughs. RIP Love, Teen Teen

Tina & John Drahos - October 21, 2021 at 11:52 PM

GF

“ Tommy the way we met was a blessing and always ther for me with good stories! Rest In Peace my friend!

Gary R Fava - October 19, 2021 at 09:17 PM

YW

I worked with Tommy at Oneida National Bank and he was a great guy and we had so much fun and he could always make you laugh. He will be sadly missed. Yvonne Wall

Yvonne Wall - October 20, 2021 at 10:33 AM

DL

It's such a shock to me!

Donna Lacatena - October 20, 2021 at 07:25 PM

LH

“ Brother-in-Law. I cried with Diane everyday. You broke her heart and mine. We can't get over this lost. The love you two had was so beautiful and so special. My family loved you and going to miss you so much from my children to my grandchildren . I know you are walking again and are happy and healthy. You gained we loss. Rest In Peace brother in law ! Until we meet again.



Linda Hanna-Sciortino - October 19, 2021 at 07:48 PM

RM

*“ Tommy introduced me to my wife ,if it wasn't for him I wouldn't be married. Tommy also was my best man at my wedding, I remember the ceremony him crying uncontrollable, I remembered looking back giving him a wink .
We shared many dinners together, I moved to the Southwest over twenty five years ago, we fell out of touch but I'll never forget this beautiful person .
I was blessed to have this person in my life ,heaven just gained a Special Angel..
Ripper Macero*

Ripper Macero - October 19, 2021 at 09:02 AM

RS

“ T. J.....Baby brother...Where do I begin.
Missing you is an understatement of my
feelings. The nightly calls to me in Florida
when we would laugh ourselves to tears with
stores of Utica. Rest in peace little brother,
say hello to Mommy, Daddy, Jennifer & Max. Your new life has
begun with the Lord.... Until we see each other again...Remember I
always loved you with my whole heart as a big brother should.



Richard Saladino - October 19, 2021 at 08:48 AM

MT

“ Tommy and I met years ago
And thankfully we were fortunate enough to reconnect again
recently
I will cherish the amazing memory of our last dinner together
So many laughs that night and the compassion he showed me after
my parents passing will never be forgotten
Especially the generosity he and Jake showed me when I needed it
the most!
Enjoy a dozen clams and a cocktail with my folks!
R.I.P. my friend 💔

Michelle Torchia - October 18, 2021 at 08:51 PM

ER

“ What a beautiful obituary for a beautiful Man!He had a heart of Gold
. I knew Him from the pharmacy. Every Christmas He gave me the
special Ferrero Rocher Chocolates. I love U Tom .Thank You for
your friendship . Beth

Elizabeth Ricco - October 18, 2021 at 04:34 PM

LH

Miss you at the pharmacy Beth ! We all do❤️

Linda Hanna-Sciortino - October 19, 2021 at 08:08 PM

JO

“ *Lil Bro.....how you will be missed. We had some great times at my camp, on my deck at home and of course Brook Apartments. The first time I came to your apartment after becoming manager, you served me a mimosa at 9am.... Made the rest of my working day a breeze. We became quick friends and you truly were my lil bro.. Love and miss you...*

Big Sis....

Jody - October 18, 2021 at 03:32 PM

MP

“ *Tommy was the best of the best, truly a man's, man. Loyal to all he knew and Loved all his family members, offer Tommy a olive branch to make peace and he handed you a Olive Tree. Rest In Peace my good friend and pray for us all*

Mr.Mrs. Nicholas Parrotta - October 18, 2021 at 01:35 PM

JS

“ Tommy was a beautiful spirited guy with a big loving heart ... I'll miss our nightly talks ... I so enjoyed bringing you anything your heart desired to eat ... the pecan sandies I made for you last year came up on my memories today ... brought tears to my eyes. It still seems like it's not real ...we just talked last week about how you'll be home soon and you felt great!! We laughed. We cried too....and discussed just about everything under the sun on a nightly basis. I am so very heartbroken over this ...I was starting to get worried when I didn't get a call back Tuesday.. I saw that it was read I hope you are standing and walking and running ... actually I know you are. Much Love to you



joette Swisher - October 17, 2021 at 11:43 PM

DL

“ Rest In Peace



Donna Lacatena - October 17, 2021 at 10:53 PM

DL

“ Tom, I'm in shock to hear this news of your passing. From our young age of 16 years old we had our ups and downs and always stuck together. We had beautiful happy memories. Time moved on and so did you. There will always be a special place in my heart for you.!💕 Rest In Peace. Your 1st Wife, Donna

Donna Lacatena - October 17, 2021 at 10:52 PM

NB

“ Tommy, There are so many beautiful memories I have of us growing up. Know that the only comfort of your passing is you are with Daddy, Mommy, and my precious Max.
Love You, Nilsa



Nilsa Barone - October 17, 2021 at 09:07 PM

GP

“ Uncle Tommy!! God this is such a shock and Matt & I miss and love you so much!! Maxi is in heaven waiting for you and I'm sure can't wait to play with you!!



Gina Ptak - October 17, 2021 at 08:51 PM

RS

“ I miss you Tom. I was very lucky to have you as a brother. Your mother, father and Jennifer are waiting for you in heaven. Someday we'll be together again. Love you Bobby.

Robert Saladino - October 17, 2021 at 08:13 PM

DL

So sorry Bobby to hear this news. My deepest sympathy to you and your family. 🙏💕💕

Donna Lacatena - October 17, 2021 at 10:56 PM

FM

Deepest sympathy in the loss of Tommy. He was a great friend to Tommy and myself. Rest In Peace and reconnect with Tom up in the gate of heaven. I love you my friend Rest In Peace. Fran Mulchy

francine mulchy - October 19, 2021 at 07:03 AM



Just beautiful Francine

Donna Lacatena - October 19, 2021 at 04:48 PM