



## Thomas G. "Bomber" Guidera, Sr.

August 2, 1922 - February 16, 2010

Mr. Thomas G. "Bomber" Guidera, Sr., age 87, of Utica, passed away on Tuesday, February 16, 2010 at the Westchester Neighborhood of the Masonic Care Community of NY with the love and support of his family by his side. Born in Utica on August 2, 1922, Thomas was the son of the late Joseph, Sr., and Josephine (Romeo) Guidera. He was raised and educated locally. A proud veteran of the U.S. Navy, he served his country during World War II from 1942 to 1945. He was stationed aboard the Attack Cargo Ship, the USS Oberon (AKA-14), "The Best Afloat", and participated in strategic campaigns in the European and Asiatic-Pacific Theaters. At one time he was wed to the former Marjorie Griffin and to that marriage came the blessings of 8 children. He shared in a second union for many years with Carol Crane. A master carpenter, Tommy was creative and gifted in his trade. He also operated his own roofing business, Guidera Home Improvements. His work ethic was exceptional and admired by his family and patrons. Tommy highlighted the humorous aspects in all of life's moments, and over the years he forged many fun-loving memories for his family. He was proud of his children and grandchildren and taught them to honor family, a lesson of love they upheld throughout their lives and most recently during his illness. He was admired by the generations of his family that followed, often remarking, "Look at what I started!" when loved ones gathered for special occasions. A lively character, he was quite the dancer and league bowler, but he also enjoyed the solitude of fishing. He looked forward to reunions of 'plank owners' of the USS

Oberon, fellow shipmates with whom he served. He was a member of his family church, St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish.

Tommy is survived by his children and their families, Gary and Rosanne Guidera of Syracuse, Dona and James Shaw of Clayton, Nancy Sportello of Herkimer, Tommy Guidera, Jr. and Susan Gordon of Floyd; Joey and Ann Guidera, and JoAnne and Francis Suppa, all of Utica, and George and Deanna Guidera of Stittville; his former daughter-in-law, Eileen. Always close to his heart was the memory of his infant daughter, Mary Christine. He also leaves 18 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren with the anticipation of two additional little ones. Survivors also include his sister, Lucy Guerino of Deerfield; many cherished nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and sister-in-law, Leatha Guidera. He was predeceased by his brothers and sister-in-law, George Guidera, Luciano M. "Lucky" and Rose C. Guidera, and Joseph G. Guidera, Jr.; his sisters and brothers-in-law, Rose and Leonard Borruso, Sr., and Nancy M. and James V. Sardino; his son-in-law, Robert Sportello; and his brother-in-law, Al Guerino, Sr.

The Guidera family wishes to offer a gracious thank-you to the staff of the Westchester Neighborhood at the Masonic Care Community of NY; their compassion, accommodating ways, and affection were so welcoming. In return, Tommy was a spark of life and an uplifting spirit of the "neighborhood". Visitation will be held Friday (today) from 4:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. By family request, please omit floral offerings. Family and friends are respectfully invited to attend Tommy's funeral service and Celebration of Life which will commence on Friday evening at 7:00 at the funeral home immediately upon conclusion of visitation with Father Joe Salerno officiating. Military Honors will be conferred. Interment will take place in St. Agnes Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

# Tribute Wall



“ Eannace Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Thomas G. "Bomber" Guidera, Sr.



Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. - February 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Rosanne Bravo lit a candle in memory of Thomas G. "Bomber" Guidera, Sr.



Rosanne Bravo - December 25, 2012 at 11:34 AM



“ Joanne and family, We were so sorry to hear of your Dad's passing he was such a sweet man. Our prayers are with you and your family during this sad time.

Kelly, Frankie and Mary Teresa###imported-begin##Kelly Mercurio###imported-end##

February 27, 2010 at 06:47 PM



“ *Members of the Guidera Family-*

*I wish to extend my deepest sympathy in your loss. I was privileged in being able to interview Tommy for my World War II book - "The Star in the Window."*

*Sincerely,*

*Lou Langone*

*Waterville, NY##imported-begin##Louis C. Langoine##imported-end##*

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February 23, 2010 at 09:40 AM



“ *thank you for taking the best care of my poppy. what a beautiful heartfelt service you gave to my family.##imported-begin##deanna I shaw##imported-end##*

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February 22, 2010 at 12:23 AM



“ *To the family of Tom Guidera, we have many memories of spending time with your Dad, and the memorial ser. that you presented on Fri. nite was fitting for him and you should all be proud of the service, God Bless you all.##imported-begin##Phyllis and James Steere##imported-end##*

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February 21, 2010 at 05:06 PM



“ GJG, Joey and Families...  
*I just heard of your Dad's passing today. I am so sorry for your loss, hugs to all of you. I know you have many happy memories to always remember him by, he is with the angels now.##imported-begin##Michele DiNardi Fields##imported-end##*

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February 19, 2010 at 10:40 PM



“ *My heart goes out to your entire family. May we all be comforted with the knowledge that your Dad and my Mom sustained each other with laughs and friendship through their final days.##imported-begin##Vicky Gentile Messier##imported-end##*

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February 19, 2010 at 01:15 PM



“ *Although I was not able to meet Tommy, I know that he and my mother, Pat Gentile, became friends at Masonic and that they shared smiles and conversations.  
Our families have known each other forever and after just losing mom on 2/3, I know exactly how you feel. I believe that all of these old friends have met back up and are having coffee and laughs and watching over us all the while. They will live on in our hearts forever.##imported-begin##Gail Gentile Gibson##imported-end##*

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February 19, 2010 at 10:09 AM



“ Joe and Family:

*Our heartfelt symapthy is with you and your family during this difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Rose and Rosemarie Pastorella###imported-begin##Rosemarie Pastorella###imported-end##*

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February 19, 2010 at 10:09 AM



“ To : Gary and Rosanne - Very sorry to hear of your loss. Be assured that you are in our thoughts and prayers. God bless to you and your entire family.###imported-begin##John Siriani###imported-end##

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February 19, 2010 at 09:08 AM



“ Jo Jo & Family,

*Jo I am so sorry for your loss. I never had the opportunity to meet your dad, But I'm sure he was exceptional as you are. I will not be able to attend the services as I am in Florida. My thoughts are with you though. Stay strong my friend & I will see you when I get home. May god bless you & your Family during this difficult time.*

*Love you*

*Dominick###imported-begin##Dominick Seymour###imported-end##*

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February 19, 2010 at 07:16 AM



“ To Uncle Tommy's family and friends. Through the beginning years living a couple blocks away, I retain many memories of my fun-loving uncle. There comes a time when we all have to face the goodbyes and ultimately take the final road to a better place. Uncle Tommy has lived a long life blessed by the closeness of his family. With deepest sympathy to all of you, may your memories be pleasant ones tucked away in that special place that only you can cherish. A piece of Uncle Tommy will always be part of you. Carry it proudly.

-Marty-##imported-begin##Marty Guidera##imported-end##

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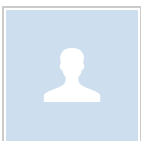
February 19, 2010 at 06:38 AM



“ to all my family my heart goes out to all of you for the loss of poppy the bomber he was indeed a man of great strength and courage may god take him now under his wings as poppy did for all of us during his life one earth bless you poppy and some day we will all be reunited as one my prayers are with you jo and all ur family for u and they r my family to rest in peace poppy love you always and forever##imported-begin##jeanmarie suppa##imported-end##

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February 18, 2010 at 11:13 PM



“ Tommy,  
So sorry for the loss of your dad, I'm sure that he will be greatly missed by you & your family.  
Love & Prayers  
MaryRose##imported-begin##Maryrose Abdoo##imported-end##

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February 18, 2010 at 09:08 PM



“ To the entire Guidera family, especially JoAnne. It is with great sorrow and condolences on the passing of your dad. Your dad was a good man. Also, he was a good friend to me and my family. I need your dad since we were 10 years old and he was cutting wood behind the boys club. I would tell him "bomber do you need any help"and he would reply"what do you think I'm an old man". Joanne you and your family will be strengthened by the Holy Spirit to get through this difficult time. I would spend time with your dad at off-track betting once in a while. He would come in and not one race and leave. He would tell me you can't make any money here that's why I'm going back to work.

Jesus said there are many mansions in my father's house. I am sure he is in one of those mansions and is fixing it up the way he wants it to look. I am sure he is with my uncle Jim and my father. I would be remiss not to mention his brother Lucky and his sister and my aunt Nancy.

May God bless all of you and give you strength. From both my mother and I, we extend our deepest sympathies.

Unfortunately, I will not be able to attend the services. Both my mother and I will be with you in spirit. God bless you all. My reader wrote in a book that could##imported-begin##Joseph Sardina##imported-end##

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February 18, 2010 at 02:32 PM



“ Tommy, we are so sorry to hear about your dad. He is now in heaven with his family and iat peace. Our condolences go out to all of your family. May God rest his soul and God bless all of you. He will be in our prayers.##imported-begin##Jim and Dorothy Acquaviva##imported-end##

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February 18, 2010 at 01:02 PM



“ Jo, Your are in my thoughts and prayers. I am truely sorry for your loss, my heart goes out to you and your family. Remember the love you all shared and that will carry you through. Love Sue###imported-begin##Sue Guido###imported-end##

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February 18, 2010 at 11:16 AM



“ Tommy having not met your Dad, but knowing you and the friendship that we have had , I am sure you did not fall far from the tree. May he rest in peace.

Ron Fava, Sarasota, Fl###imported-begin##Ronald B Fava###imported-end##

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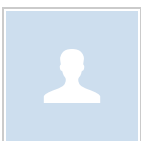
February 18, 2010 at 09:24 AM



“ Such a great man with a wonderful family. My condolences to all of you. May the memories you have help ease the heaviness your hearts are holding. my thoughts are with you during this time of sadness.###imported-begin##Lenore###imported-end##

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February 18, 2010 at 09:12 AM



“ To all the "Guidera kids"... What a legacy this man has left... look at his loving, boisterous, handsome family! You came together as a family during your dad's final chapter of his life and made it so loving and special. God Bless you all###imported-begin##Robin Lawrence###imported-end##

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February 18, 2010 at 08:11 AM



“ YOU WILL BE MISSED..WE LOVE YOU...##imported-begin##DEANNA##imported-end##

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February 17, 2010 at 11:30 PM



“ Jo,  
I wish for peace to your family at this very sad time. I wish their was something I could say to you to take your pain away, my heart is heavy for all of you. I feel like I knew him myself .Only meeting him twice, Once on your front porch, he was telling Franny how to fix it, and the next at jewels communion, through all these years you made him so real to me. Thank you..  
He will be missed,may he rest in peace .  
Love to all...  
Gina##imported-begin##Gina Ionta##imported-end##

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February 17, 2010 at 11:07 PM



“ Thinking of you all during this difficult time. You are in my prayers.  
  
Dan##imported-begin##Daniel J. Enea##imported-end##

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February 17, 2010 at 06:03 PM



“ to all of my good friends my condolence to the family that we share a lot of good times and memories with. My prayers are with each and everyone of you.##imported-begin##joanne (noti) chmura##imported-end##

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February 17, 2010 at 05:48 PM