



Thomas N. Bonanza

September 29, 1927 - January 13, 2007

Mr. Thomas N. "Tommy B." Bonanza, age 79, of New Hartford, passed away on Saturday, January 13, 2007, at the St. Elizabeth Medical Center after a lengthy illness.

Born in Utica on September 29, 1927, Thomas was the son of the late Nicholas and Catherine (Brindisi) Bonanza. He was raised and educated locally, and was a veteran of the U.S. Army. On October 4, 1952 he married the former Barbara "Bobbie" Garcia, with whom he shared 54 years of love and devotion. Always in each other's company, they were the best of friends. Thomas' vocation in life was an expression of his cordial personality. He was a well-known waiter and maitre'de, under the employ of various local restaurants, including Grimaldi's Restaurant, and Alfredo's Restaurant. Courteous of manner and gracious of style, he was well-suited for his occupation. His many lifelong friends affirm his good nature. As a pastime, he enjoyed golfing at local courses. He was a communicant of St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish.

Thomas is survived by his wife, Barbara "Bobbie"; and his brother and sister-in-law, Peter and Carrie Bonanza. Also surviving are many special nieces and nephews, including Peter Bonanza, Nick Bonanza, Michelle and Rob Flo, Kristine and Keith Horan, John and Antoinette Melito, Christopher Melito, Lorie and John Ungaro, John Garcia and his fiancée, Shauna, and Jimmy and Diana Garcia. Thomas shared a special relationship with his nephews John and Christopher Melito, whom he adored as sons. His extended family

includes his great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and in-laws, Judy and John D. Melito of Utica, and “Jimmy” and Linda Garcia of New Hartford. Thomas was blessed with many special friends, especially acknowledging Mike Natale and Rosalie.

A special thank you is offered to Dr. Yoss, Dr. Kachare and Dr. Talerico for all of their care and attention. The entire family extends its heartfelt appreciation to Amanda and Sue Taurisani for their loving care and friendship, and Fred and Jeanne Castronovo for their concern and compassion.

In keeping with Thomas’ wishes, there will be no public visitation. By family request, please omit floral offerings. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Mr. Bonanza’s Mass of Christian Burial, which will be celebrated on Wednesday morning at 11:30 at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish at Mt. Carmel Church. The family will receive visitors at the conclusion of the Mass. Thomas will be brought to rest at Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave.

Tribute Wall



“ *Bobbie, so sorry to learn about Tommy's passing. Unfortunately, we were out of town and unable to make the services. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. We have so many memories from years past- he will be missed by all who had the pleasure of working with him.##imported-begin##Tom, Flo and Amanda DeSimone##imported-end##*

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“ *you taught me so much
and i always looked up to you
i can only wish that you're
familily rejoices in the fact that
you where so much to so many
thank you TOMMY B for everything you showed me
i will carry on in youre tradition
god bless and one finale "salute"
to you my friend.
youre friend whiskey man!##imported-begin##whiskey
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“ *Bobbie, JoAnn and I are sorry to hear about Tommy. We will always remember the good times we have had together over the years. Our prayers go out to you and your family. Love, Joe & JoAnn DeSimone##imported-begin##Joe & JoAnn DeSimone##imported-end##*

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“ I was of course very saddened to hear of my Uncle Tom's passing. Condolences to my Aunt Bobbie and special thoughts for my Dad (Peter) his beloved brother. I have many memories of my Uncle; holidays, graduation parties, and Sunday afternoons over good eats, enjoying his stories, which many times came with many laughs. He will be missed. Love, Kristine###imported-begin###Kristine (Bonanza) Horan###imported-end##

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“ BOBBIE
SO SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT TOMMY . WE HAD LOT OF FUN
TOGETHER AT THE DANCES.
NICK MONTANO
PALM HARBOR FLORIDA
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“ We are so very sorry to hear of Tommy's death. I was introduced to him through a union program in 1990 and continued to see him at other events. He was truly a gentle man and a gentleman. We will miss him.
Maria and Richard Dardano###imported-begin###Maria and Richard Dardano###imported-end##

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“ To "Aunt" Bobbie and the Bonanza Family,

My condolences to you and the family.

I have many happy memories of "Uncle Tom" since my childhood, and I smile when I think of him. May he rest in peace.

I know that you will miss him, but know that he is at peace now and in a better place.

Love,

David (Segal)##imported-begin##David Segal##imported-end##

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