



Thomas R. "Tom" Gelfuso

September 3, 1923 - December 27, 2009

Mr. Thomas R. "Tom" Gelfuso, age 86, of Frankfort, passed away on Sunday, December 27, 2009 in the comfort and privacy of his home with his loving family by his side.

Born in Utica on September 3, 1923, Thomas was the son of the late Louis and Madeline (Turchetti) Gelfuso. Raised and educated locally, he attended Wetmore Elementary School and graduated from T. R. Proctor High School. In St. Mary of Mt. Carmel Church on September 6, 1952 he married the former Vincenza Angrisano to whom he was devoted for 57 years.

Tom was employed as a Procurement Inspector for the Department of Defense at the Griffiss Air Force Base, retiring in 1986. An easy-going man, he was dedicated to forging family bonds of love and friendship. He was a loyal Yankees fan, a talented woodworker, and at one time a member of the East Utica Fish & Game Club. Committed to his Catholic religion and beliefs, he practiced his faith at St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church.

Tom is survived by his wife, Vincenza; his daughters and son-in-law, Annette and Thomas Bick, and Regina Waters, all of Frankfort, and Darlene Buttimer of Clifton Park; his sons and daughters-in-law, Louis S. "Lou" and Kim A. Gelfuso of Frankfort, and Tom and Lana Gelfuso of New Hartford; his grandchildren, Joseph and Jennifer Gelfuso, Andrea Gelfuso, Lisa and Chris Dousharm, Melissa and Christopher Abdo, Vincenza Bick, David Mark Waters and Amber Butler, Justin Daniel Waters, Matthew Buttimer, Lauren Buttimer, J. T. Buttimer, Isabella Gelfuso, and Kaisia Gelfuso; and his great-

grandchildren, Aryn, Jonah, Homer, Oriana, and Audrey Gelfuso; Danielle and Elizabeth Abdoo. Survivors also include his sister, Rose Pilawa of Syracuse; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and in-laws, Anna M. Gelfuso of Utica, Nicoletta Fiorentino of New Hartford, Elaine A. Angrisano, and Aniello "Neal" Angrisano, both of Frankfort; and his dear and close friend, Dario Monescalchi. He was predeceased by his brother, Frank "Jeff" Gelfuso; and his sister, Theresa Russo.

The family extends heartfelt thanks to Dr. Mark Griffing and his wife Sue Griffing, NP, for the tremendous support given to the family; and to Mary Ellen Schrader for all the care and attention rendered to Tom.

Visitation will be held Tuesday from 5:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. By family request, please omit floral offerings. Tom's funeral service will commence on Wednesday afternoon at 12:00 noon from the funeral home and at 1:00 at St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church where his Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated. Interment will take place in Frankfort Hill Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Tribute Wall



“ Was just coming on this site to look at someone else's passing, and just noticed Tom passed. So very sorry to hear, but very happy he was able to stay at home. As my cousin, Tom Ciola stated, Tom also used to help my dad, Daniel J. Ciaiola, in the floor-covering business. They all made quite the team! I'll never forget all Tom's visit at our houses, and how much he's truly loved, and will be sorely missed. My best to all of his family,

Camille##imported-begin##Camille (Ciaiola) Kresa##imported-end##

December 31, 2009 at 06:43 PM



“ To the Gelfuso Family:
We are so sorry to hear of the passing of your loved one. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this difficult time.
George and Fran##imported-begin##George and Francine Abdo##imported-end##

December 29, 2009 at 07:24 PM



“ god bless, i can just see him and my brother nick meeting up and kidding each other. i thought of tom often a real fun guy.may god bless his soul.##imported-begin##anthony and suzanne russo##imported-end##

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“ To the Gelfuso Family: Tom was my boss at GAFB in 1983 till his retirement. He was the nicest guy I ever worked for. I often thought about him and the stories he would tell me about the old days in East Utica. May his soul rest in peace. He was one of the Good Guys that I will never forget.##imported-begin##Paul Mangano##imported-end##

December 29, 2009 at 11:52 AM



“ Many years ago Tommy used to help my Dad install linoleum. He was one of my father's favorite "goomba's". No wonder... since Tommy was always so pleasant and always with a smile on his face.

My condolences to his family.

Tom Ciaiola, Jr##imported-begin##Tom Ciola##imported-end##

December 29, 2009 at 08:26 AM



“ My best to all of "Uncle Tommy's" family. My memories of him are as admiring as mine of Jeff. They were both kind, gentle and warm people. I wish I had been able to visit last year. Bob##imported-begin##Bob Kern##imported-end##

December 28, 2009 at 06:17 PM



“ *Louie,*

I am so sorry to hear about your Dad's passing. Your dad was a wonderful man. You and your family are in my prayers. I miss you! Debbie Barbero, Jacksonville Florida.##imported-begin##Debbie Barbero##imported-end##

December 28, 2009 at 03:49 PM