



Mr. Victor L. "Vic" Gazzilli

December 1, 1945 - January 26, 2024

WHITESBORO – Victor L. "Vic" Gazzilli, age 78, passed away unexpectedly on Friday, January 26, 2024.

Born in Utica on December 1, 1945, Victor was the son of the late Lawrence and Mary (Olivadoti) Gazzilli. Upon completing his education, he joined the United States Army serving as an infantryman in the Vietnam War. He was awarded the Bronze Star and many other defense service medals for his distinguished actions in combat. Vic was a fifty-year member of the American Legion, serving the last three years as Commander of the New Hartford Post 1376.

On June 23, 1979, he wed the former Constance "Connie" Mierzwa. The two of them complimented each other from their first meeting at the original Dinghy Bar, one of Vic's favorite places. They shared a 45-year marriage that was full of wonderful memories, adventures, and cherished times.

Vic devoted his career to sharing his expertise and passion for selling cars, leaving his mark on the local automotive industry and earning the respect of colleagues and customers alike.

Vic's huge heart made him a true friend to many. He enjoyed spending time with new and old friends on the golf course, at hockey games, and cheering

on his beloved Yankees.

Most of all, Vic cherished every moment spent with his family. Vic could often be found throwing a ball, watching a game, playing ping pong, or doing any number of activities with his treasured grandson, Elias. He can rest peacefully knowing that he never missed an opportunity to enjoy his time with those he loved.

Vic is survived by the love of his life, Connie; his daughter and son-in-law, Laura and Elliot Evans; his grandson, Elias Evans; his siblings and their spouses, Albert and Marianne Gazzilli, and Marie and Larry Darr. He was predeceased by his siblings, Antoinette Attili, and Lawrence Gazzilli. He is also survived by his in-laws, Janice and Terrence Wnuk, and Matthew and Valerie Mierzwa. He was predeceased by his in-laws Matt, Olga, and Nancy Mierzwa. He will live on in the hearts of his many nieces, nephews, cousins, and dearest friends from the earliest days of St. Vincent Street to his most recent time at the Legion.

The family will honor and commemorate his life at a private time. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to Victor's Mass of Christian Burial and Celebration of Life, which will commence on Saturday, February 3, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. at Mary, Mother of Our Savior Parish, Lourdes Campus, 2222 Genesee St. There will be an opportunity to greet the family at the conclusion of Mass. In lieu of floral offerings, memorial contributions in Victor's honor may be made to Feed Our Vets online at <https://feedourvets.org/home-1> or the American Legion Post 1376 at 8616 Clinton St., New Hartford, NY 13413; envelopes will also be available at the service.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

FEB 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

Mary, Mother of Our Savior Parish, Lourdes Campus

2222 Genesee St.

Utica, NY 13502

<https://www.motherofoursavior.org/CatholicChurch.php>

Tribute Wall

DR

“ *David Ryan lit a candle in memory of Mr. Victor L. "Vic" Gazzilli*



David Ryan - April 11, 2024 at 08:38 AM

BS

“ *My name is Bonnie Swisher. My husband Skip worked with Vic in the car sales business. Vic was a very friendly, always smiling guy who was friends with everyone. Skip and he had a lot of good times together. I am sure they are swapping stories now in heaven. My prayers are with his wife and family.*

Bonnie Swisher - February 03, 2024 at 07:45 PM

SK

“ *Connie, sorry to hear of your loss ..our prayers are with you Susan and David Kelsey*

susan Kelsey - February 02, 2024 at 06:47 PM

FO

“ I was heartbroken to hear of Vic's untimely passing. I will miss him greatly, but he will always live in my memory. He made the summer of '62 the greatest one of my life. We spent two weeks together when my family (Frank and Anna Olivadoti and kids) returned to Utica for a family reunion and Vacation. I lived with him and his family in their new home at 2814 Oneida street. We spent the entire time together at the old homestead at 1142 St. Vincent Street playing whiffle ball, going to the park, drinking A & W 5cent and 10 cent root beers.His best friend, Butchie Custadero was his wingman, and everyone made me feel welcome and part of the neighborhood. Some nights we spent cruising in the family's new '62 Impala and listening to 1310 WTLB (It might as well rain until September) has stayed with me until this day. I was able to spend time with him (and Connie) for six summers when I brought my son to camp up in SpeculatorHe was a good man, military hero, and loved by many others who were lucky enough to know him. God willing we'll spend more time together in the future.

Frank Olivadoti - February 02, 2024 at 05:38 PM

MA

“ I was very sadder to hear of Vic's passing. He was such a nice gentleman with a smile on his face at all times. There was never a time when he didn't greet you without a smile.Vic and Connie did share something really special. Connie I am so sorry for your loss. Connie if you need anything please call us at anytime. Vic will live in our hearts ❤️ forever. R.I.P. Vic

Love Marta Mike

Martapleeterzarnoch - February 02, 2024 at 12:37 PM

DO

“ Dear Gazzilli family, So very sad to hear about Victor. I worked with him many years at Carbone. He was always a gentleman and always with that smile. When I was expecting he would come get my keys, brush the snow off my car and bring it around to the front door warm and clean. Such a sweet and good soul. My sincere condolences to your family. God bless. Donna

Donna - January 31, 2024 at 05:50 PM

FD

“ To Vic's Family:
I am so sorry to hear that Vic passed away. We grew up together on St. Vincent St and played many baseball games. I will always remember the big smile on Vic's face and how fast he could run. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family. Rest in peace Vic.



Frank Domanico Tucson Az.

Frank Domanico - January 31, 2024 at 01:20 PM

IS

“ Dear Connie and Laura,
So sorry to read of your loss. Please accept my sincere condolences. Wishing all of you comfort and peace in the memories you have built.
Irene Scalise

Irene Scalise - January 31, 2024 at 11:51 AM

NP

“ *Gazillion Family,
So sorry for your loss of Vic, so unexpectedly. He was a gentleman,
an advocate for us Veterans, a great conversationalist, always a
smile and handshake. May God Bless Vic and his family.*

Nick Parrotta, Naples, FI - January 31, 2024 at 11:01 AM

JG

“ *Jerry Gazzilli purchased the Beautiful in Blue for
the family of Mr. Victor L. "Vic" Gazzilli.*



Jerry Gazzilli - January 31, 2024 at 08:48 AM

JG

“ *Jerry Gazzilli planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Victor L. "Vic"
Gazzilli.*

Jerry Gazzilli - January 31, 2024 at 08:48 AM

SF

“ *Stacie Pogue and family purchased the Dreams
From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Mr.
Victor L. "Vic" Gazzilli.*



Stacie Pogue and family - January 31, 2024 at 01:43 AM

KM

“ *My heartfelt condolences to Connie, Laura, the Gazzilli family & the Mierzwa family. My thoughts & prayers to everyone. Karen Mierzwa*

karen mierzwa - January 30, 2024 at 11:48 PM

TM

“ *So sorry to hear of Vics passing,worked with him,played softball with him,a great guy and a real gentleman, truly one of the good guys rest easy Vic*

Tom Madia - January 30, 2024 at 11:09 PM

JC

“ *Connie, Laura, Elliot and Elias,
I am so saddened for all of you. Vic was a very special guy. He was a kind and respected man and always the true gentleman. He loved you all beyond words. May that love be ever in your hearts to bring you comfort in the difficult times ahead.
I was proud to call him cousin and loved when we'd have the get togethers when his California brother Al & Marianne and sister Marie and Larry, came to town. You will be missed but remembered for the wonderful friend and cousin you were.
Love and prayers to you all.
Jeanne Castronovo*

Jeanne Castronovo - January 30, 2024 at 08:23 PM

KC

“ Prayers to Connie and her family at this difficult time. Vic was a wonderful man. He was always smiling and happy. My father was able to go on the Honor Flight for WW2 Veterans and it was my honor to have been his guardian. Then Connie and Vic were at the Syracuse Airport when we arrived and dad met them. It really made dad's day! Thank you for your service and may you rest in peace. You will surely be missed by all who met you. Karen Casey

Karen Casey - January 30, 2024 at 06:39 PM

CF

“ Vic, you will never be forgotten .you were always there when needed. You never said no ,it was always what can I do. Miss you on the golf course your friend Carl famolaro

carl famolaro - January 30, 2024 at 04:32 PM

PA

“ My sincere condolences to the family 🙏 I worked with Vic for many, many year's in the automotive industry. I was the office manager, he in the sales dept. I loved his smile, optimistic attitude, his sense of humor, and respect for everyone he worked with. After I retired, I'd stop in just to say hello 🤝 and visit. RIP my friend 💔

Pam - January 30, 2024 at 03:14 PM

JF

“ Janet and Mark and family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. Victor L. "Vic" Gazzilli.



Janet and Mark and family - January 30, 2024 at 02:10 PM

JF

“ Janet and Mark and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Victor L. "Vic" Gazzilli.

Janet and Mark and family - January 30, 2024 at 02:10 PM

MG

“ Mark G. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Victor L. "Vic" Gazzilli.

Mark G. - January 30, 2024 at 11:38 AM

RB

“ Sorry to hear about Vic passing. We played many softball games together with the Dingy Bar, and bought many cars from him. May he RIP.
Ron Bauer

Ron Bauer - January 30, 2024 at 11:10 AM

NP

“ My sincere condolences to the family. Remembering you in my prayers.

Nancy Payne - January 30, 2024 at 11:02 AM



To Connie & family,
Where do I start,,first off I was shocked when I received a call from a St>Vincent St. guy who grew up with Vic & me. My heartfelt condolences to all your family on Vic:s passing.I first met Vic when I moved on St.Vincent St at age 7. He was the first one that came up to me and introduced himself. It started a life long friendship that lasted 70 years. He even worked for me in the insurance field for 2 years before he found his calling in the auto business.. We were the closest bunch of guys that have stayed in touch with each other for those 70 years.For the last 11 years when I came home to Utica our bunch of guys always got together for lunch and reminisce our earlier years. We played whiffle ball in the street for 8 hrs a day,,,,back then not much traffic on our special street, Basketball in Butch & Babe;s backyard and touch football in the street and Quinns playground. Vic was the fastest runner amongst all of us and nobody could even touch him when he dodged you and then accelerate past you...We had so many good times socializing thru out all these years and funny memories we used to relive. He was the consummate gentleman and always ready to help.I moved to Tucson in 2011 and like clock work Vic would always call me on my birthday Jan ,31 to say hello and wish "D" my nickname a happy birthday. I also in return would also call him on Dec 1st to do the same. Today is my birthday and after 70 years I missed my brother ,my friend calling me. Rest in peace my dear friend you will be missed.I know the rest of our St.Vincent St gang feels the same.

"D"
Tony Domanico
Tucson Az.

Tony Domanico - January 31, 2024 at 11:31 PM

I was the one that asked Vic to take my place as an officer at the post and I believe I made a great choice.
He was adjutant for a few years and then worked his way up to Commander. I know I made a great choice. He was a great friend and Commander. He will be missed greatly at the post, RIP Commander.
David J Excell Sr

David J Excell Sr - February 02, 2024 at 08:07 AM

BM

My deepest condolences to you and your family. My husband, Brian Mulloy, and Vic had a lot of good times at the Dinghy Bar many years ago. Vic actually helped paint a room with Brian the night before our son and his godson, Scott, was born. It was so thoughtful of Vic to attend Brian's funeral and Celebration of Life last year. It was wonderful to share memories with him then. I wish you strength in your sadness.

Beverly Mulloy

Beverly Mulloy - February 02, 2024 at 08:36 PM

DM

My sincere condolences to the family. My god bless you in the days ahead. You are in my prayers and thoughts.

David Mierzwa

David Mierzwa - February 06, 2024 at 09:38 AM