



## Vito A. Galligano

May 27, 1921 - March 19, 2006

Mr. Vito A. Galligano, age 84, of Rome, passed away peacefully on Sunday, March 19, 2006 at the St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

Born in Rome on May 27, 1921, Vito was the son of the late Michael and Elena (Coviello) Galligano. He was raised and educated here. A proud veteran of World War II, he served with the U.S. Army in a unit that was so closely bonded that he kept in touch with some of his army buddies throughout his life. On June 28, 1948, he was joined in marriage with the former Mary Comis with whom he shared a blessed and devoted union of almost 30 years prior to her passing on April 18, 1978.

Mr. Galligano was a longtime and loyal employee of Rome Copper and Brass where he provided conscientious service as the chief billing clerk in the shipping department, the position from which he retired.

Vito was a wonderful husband and a loving father. In all aspects of his life, family, social, and occupational, he was a deeply caring person, well known and respected for his generous spirit, his compassionate heart, and his considerate nature. He took an involved interest in the lives and concerns of family and friends alike and was always available to lend a helping hand to anyone in need. As one who valued the traditions and manners of yesteryear, Vito was a true gentleman who will always be remembered for his uniquely charming and courteous ways.

Among his favorite pastimes, Vito especially enjoyed bowling. His passion for the game dates back to his youth. During his teen years, he organized and

played on his high school bowling team and, outside of school, worked as a pinsetter. Since that time, he has not only enjoyed a noteworthy career as a kegler, always proving himself to be truly talented bowler, but he has also been a primary force in promoting league competition and tournaments throughout the local area. At least one of the leagues he founded is still functioning today. He has been an active and valued member of various bowling organizations and committees, including the Rome Bowling Assn. in which he once held the office of President, and also the NYS Bowling Assn. where he was elected to serve as a Director. In 1980 he was elected to the Rome Bowling Hall of Fame, and in 2002 he was inducted into the New York State Bowling Hall of Fame. In addition to bowling, Vito also loved to play bocce, and he was involved in coordinating and organizing the activities of the Revere Athletic Assn. Ever proud of his Italian ancestry, he was a member of the Rome Italian-American Heritage Committee. He was a communicant of St. John the Baptist Church and belonged to the Holy Name Society.

Mr. Galligano is survived by his son, Michael A. Galligano of Chicago IL and Las Vegas NV. His survivors also include a brother and sister-in-law, Michael A. Jr. and Gloria Galligano of Utica; his nieces and nephews, Cathy A. Galligano of Utica, Debbie Lanzi of Rome, David and Kelly Lanzi of FL, Michael J. Sr. and Amy Galligano of New Hartford, and Eva Melo of Rome; a number of great-nieces and great-nephews, especially acknowledging Michael J. Galligano Jr., Mariel Mazza, Gary Mazza, and Angelo M. Donato; and his in-laws, Charles and Shirley Lanzi, Josephine Bolanowski, and Mr. & Mrs. Jerome Alaimo, all of Rome. In addition, Vito leaves many special friends including Peter Bosco, Sam DiBella, John Donnels of New Orleans who shared many memorable and moving experiences from their World War II military service, John Sweeney who was also his godson, Paul Sweeney, Dr. Dawn Sweeney of Rochester, Anita Eannace, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Pinto of CA, Lesley Levy & family of San Diego, Dominick Aliazzi of New Orleans and Cleveland, Mr. & Mrs. Emilio Camara of CA, Mrs. Jan Charles of Detroit, and Mr. & Mrs. James K. Smaldon and family of Rome. Mr. Galligano was

predeceased by a niece, Sandra Galligano; his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Frank & Eva Comis; a nephew, Joseph Bolanowski; and his in-laws, Theodore Bolanowski and Anthony "Babe" Comis.

Visitation will be held today (Thursday) from 5-8 at the Nicholas J. Bush Funeral Home. Mr. Galligano's funeral will commence on Friday morning at 9:30 from the funeral home and at 10:30 at St. John the Baptist Church where his Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated with military honors. Interment will take place in St. John's Cemetery in Rome at the convenience of the family.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., Utica NY 13501, 315-724-6714.

# Previous Events

## Service

MAR **24**. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. John The Baptist Church  
Rome, NY

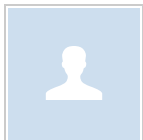
# Tribute Wall



“ *Michael, please accept my deepest sympathy. Please know, that you are in my thoughts, my prayers, and in my heart. Much love and respect, Trish##imported-begin##TRISHA ATLEY / (Ms. Panther Hechicera)/Las Vegas, Nv.##imported-end##*

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April 22, 2006 at 09:16 AM



“ *Michael, we are so sorry to hear about your dad passing, he was truly a wonderful man. I remember as a kid, he was always so kind and patient with us, I loved him very much! Please know that he will always be in our thoughts and prayers. I know it is a difficult time for you Mike, but know that we are always here for you. Love, David Lanzi & Family##imported-begin##David Lanzi and Family##imported-end##*

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April 08, 2006 at 10:52 AM



“ I had the pleasure and honor of knowing "Mr G.", as I've always called him, since I was 7 years old when my family moved to 1010 Valentine Ave. I was the first of the 6 Sweeney kids who did yard work, house work etc for Mr. G. I always remember Mr. G.'s work ethic: "Do your best and don't do a second rate job even if it is only mowing the lawn, raking leaves or shoveling snow". Mr. G. always stressed to me the importance of working hard in school and getting good grades even through my college years. I remember how happy he was when I received my engineering degree and started my first job at IBM. As my sister Dawn mentioned, it was really great to get back to Rome with my family in December 2004 and see Mr. G. It was a special day.

My deepest condolences to Vito's family and close friends. He was a great man.

Respectfully

Mike Sweeney##imported-begin##Mike Sweeney##imported-end##

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April 03, 2006 at 10:46 AM



“ Dear Michael,  
I'm so sorry for your loss. What a wonderful man your father was...one of the true gentlemen of his generation -- a soldier, husband, father, dedicated citizen and hard worker...My heart goes out to you and your family during this very hard time. I'm sorry I couldn't be there In New York to give you a hug in person.  
Kendra##imported-begin##Kendra McConnell Hurd##imported-end##

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April 02, 2006 at 12:32 AM



“ Mike,  
*I was so sorry to hear about your dad. Please accept our sincere condolences to you and your family. I know what a difficult time this is for all of you. Cherish your memories always.*  
*Bonnie##imported-begin##Bonnie L. (Bole) Goetz##imported-end##*

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March 27, 2006 at 09:12 AM



“ *Mr. G was so much more than a neighbor to all of us at 1010 Valentine Ave. He always took an interest in everything we were doing. He was always interested in how we were doing in school in particular. Just after Christmas in 2004, I had my older brother Mike, his wife Veronique, and their 2 sons Kevin and Jeremy visiting with me. My younger brother Paul, his wife Mary and their 3 sons Brian, Mark, and Neil were also visiting, as was my younger sisiter Lisa. On the Monday after Christmas, we were all fortunate enough to be able to bring the entire crew to Rome to visit Mr. G. Needless to say, this was a grand event for him. To have 4 out of the 6 of us there with 5 of the next generation was the greatest Christmas gift we could have given him. We visited for a while, and then went off to the Franklin(of course) were we enjoyed a nice lunch. Mr. G had a grand time showing us all off to his many friends and acquaintainces. That day is a memory of Mr. G that all of us will always treasure.##imported-begin##Dawn M. Sweeney##imported-end##*

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March 26, 2006 at 01:28 PM



“ *The bowling industry has lost a wonderful and devoted individual. The NYS USBC BA will deeply miss you. Deepest sympathies.*

*Bill Fortino##imported-begin##Bill Fortino##imported-end##*

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March 26, 2006 at 10:21 AM



“ *We wish to send our condolences on the loss of your loved one.*

*My maiden name and Elaine's was Glasso. Mr. Galligano brought our former home on Valentine Ave. from our dad, August, many years ago.*

*We also remember Mr. Galligano attending our dad's calling hours five years ago this coming April. This was greatly appreciated.*

*Your family will be remembered in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Valerie and Kim Streeter*

*Elainie and Don Delaney##imported-begin##Kim & Valerie Streeter, Don & Elaine Delaney##imported-end##*

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March 25, 2006 at 12:10 PM



“ MIKE,  
SO SORRY TO HEAR OF YOUR DAD'S PASSING. THE LAST  
TIME I SPOKE TO HIM WAS WHEN MY MOM PASSED AWAY IN  
JUNE OF 2003 AND HE CAME TO THE HOUSE TO OFFER HIS  
CONDOLENCES. I WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER THE NIGHT MY  
BROTHER GREG AND I SPENT AT YOUR HOUSE IN MARCH OF  
1961 WHEN WE WERE AWAKENED BY MY FATHER AND TOLD  
WE WERE BEING TAKEN TO THE GALLIGANO HOUSEHOLD IN  
THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT BECAUSE MY MOTHER WAS IN  
LABOR AND ABOUT TO GIVE BIRTH TO MY SISTER MARY  
FAITH. YOUR DAD IN HIS PAJAMAS AFTER WORKING THE  
NIGHT SHIFT AT REVERE DROPPED GREG AND I OFF AT  
SCHOOL. WE WERE VERY LUCKY TO HAVE GROWN UP ON  
VALENTINE AVE WITH SUCH GREAT FRIENDS AND  
NEIGHBORS. AGAIN, MY SINCEREST SYMPATHY TO YOU AND  
YOUR FAMILY.##imported-begin##DAVE SBARAGLIA##imported-  
end##

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March 24, 2006 at 06:36 PM



“ My deepest sympathy to the Galligano family. My prayers and  
thought are with you.##imported-begin##Lou Liberatore, Asst  
Secretary-Treasurer NYSBA##imported-end##

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March 24, 2006 at 01:07 PM



“ I am so sorry that Vito is no longer with us. My heartfelt sympathy goes out to his family. I have known Vito for a very long time. He has been such a special part of my family's life. My son, Carter, was very close to Vito and loved him dearly. He was such a sincere, caring and loving man. I have been fortunate enough to have gotten to spend time with him on many occasions. He never forgot a birthday or any other special event that took place. When I spoke to Vito I knew that he was genuinely interested in what we were talking about. I looked forward to visiting with him and seeing his beautiful smile and hearing his infectious laugh. He held a very special place in my Grandmother's heart for many years. He called me for the final time on January 20th. He sounded so strong. I will cherish the memories that I have of him.##imported-begin##Lauren DiClemente Burns##imported-end##

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March 23, 2006 at 03:09 PM



“ I'm currently the President of the Revere Employees Social & Athletic Association- the Association that Vito was very active in since 1952. Although I was hired at Revere before Vito retired, it wasn't until I became involved with RESAA 13 years ago that I really got to know him.

The many RESAA events that have been enjoyed over the past several years meant that I needed to be in almost daily contact with Vito as he was serving as our Treasurer. Many times he would drive over to Revere to discuss RESAA business. As a result, I got to know him as a person- we had some good laughs, and he probably knew as much about Rome's history as anyone.

In May of last year we decided to hold a 'surprise' birthday party for him here at Revere. A huge cake was ordered (decorated in green, white, & red, of course!), photographs of Vito at various stages of his life were obtained, and the room was all decorated. I told him that we were holding a RESAA meeting knowing full well that he wouldn't miss a meeting for anything! Well, unfortunately, on the morning of the party he called to say that a new medication had given him hives and he wouldn't be able to make our meeting. One of our Board members delivered the photos and some cake to Vito at home that day. Vito followed up with a nice 'Thank You' card and joked about how he had missed his own party.

Bill Reese (Revere's HR Manager) and I visited at St. Elizabeth's back in January before Vito had been released to Citrin for physical therapy. We had a good visit and some laughs. Vito was, as always, trying to be organized with everything even from his hospital bed. Vito will, as described in his obituary, be remembered as "a true gentleman" who did practice the "manners of yesteryear." I gained so much respect for elders by serving on the RESAA Board of Directors with him. He'll be greatly missed by those of us at Revere.###imported-begin###Francine Berkes###imported-end##

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March 23, 2006 at 01:33 PM



“ On behalf of the New York State Bowling Association, my wife Anne, and myself we offer our sincere sympathy and condolences to Vito's family. Vito was a great asset to the New York State Bowling Association who will be deeply and sadly missed by all. Vito served on many committees including the site committee where his knowledge, experience, and insight were of valuable service. The New York State Bowling Association will send a memorial donation to the International Bowling Hall of Fame and Museum in Vito's name as a tribute for his service to our organization.##imported-begin##Stephen P. Donahue, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, New York State Bowling Association##imported-end##

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March 23, 2006 at 10:26 AM



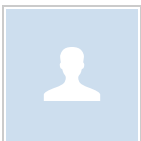
“ Vito was a great man who brought joy and laughter to many Romans. Even though it has been many years since I have enjoyed his company I still have many wonderful memories of Vito. May GOD give strength to his family and friends.

Tim, Diane & Josh Merchant

Tulsa Oklahoma##imported-begin##The Tim Merchant Family##imported-end##

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March 23, 2006 at 09:45 AM



“ Sincere condolences to the Galigano family. Vito was a fine gentleman, fellow NYSBA Hall of Famer, bowler and Board Member. He will be greatly missed. Jerry Cargill Sr. Past President NYSBA##imported-begin##Jerry Cargill Sr, Past President NYSBA##imported-end##

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March 22, 2006 at 09:15 PM



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March 22, 2006 at 09:14 PM



“ Michael,

*Please know that*

*I am asking God*

*to bless you with courage*

*to bear the sorrow*

*you feel at this time.*

*Sincerely,*

*Paula (your Y friend )##imported-begin##Paula Versace George##imported-end##*

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March 22, 2006 at 08:11 PM



“ Vito,

*You are "the Man". I have known you since I was 10 yrs old. I don't think one single adult male, outside of my father, has had more of an impression on me, than you have. You were, of course, Mike's dad, but you were much more than that, to all of Mike's closest old friends. In many ways, you were the "perfect" dad we all really wanted, but we never told Mike that. The father that would do anything for you to a fault. When Mike asked for a "little change", Vito would literally empty his pocket's into Mike's hands. If Mike wanted a ride somewhere, anywhere--he got it--at "any" time (and all his buddies). When Vito went bowling on a Sat night, he would take his prodigal son 'and' any of his friends that also wanted to go along and lay havoc to the King Pin, all night long while Vito was trying to lead his team to victory. And, as we all know, he was quite an accomplished bowler. In fact, Vito was one of those rare individuals, that really did get better with age. I could go on and on. Or how about swimming at Lake Delta with your old friends, like Frank Vaccaro, long before they ever thought of making a park. And we would go there with you also--I think you were working the 3:30-11:30 shift at Revere--and you would go for a swim before going in to work. Oh, and how about wearing Mary's glasses... long after she died!!!*

*You were tighter than three coats of paint (as Mike would say). You would be picking me up in the car to go somewhere, the movies, a dance, and you would say to me "Ray, you are the best" (in a very sarcastic tone, of course). But as the years passed, and I became an adult, seeing Vito only occasionally, I realized what a great man he really was. He was a shining example of what a Roman truly was. He was Rome and Home to me. If someone was sick, he was there. If and when someone passed away, he was still there, rain or shine or snow or cold. With the black trench coat. The "rock".*

*I will miss you and never forget you, Vito. You can never be replaced. There will never be another Vito. I'm glad I knew you.*

*Ray Martin--old friend of Mike's*

*Atlanta, GA##imported-begin##Raymond D. Martin##imported-end##*

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March 22, 2006 at 03:48 PM



“ *To the Family of Vito Galligano-*

*Ted and I are sorry for your loss.*

*He will be greatly remebered in the bowling community##imported-begin##Theodre Zamorski- 2nd Vice President , NYS Bowling Assn and wife Janice ##imported-end##*

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March 22, 2006 at 10:57 AM