



Vito A. "Toots" Colangelo

February 3, 1915 - May 3, 2008

Mr. Vito A. "Toots" Colangelo, age 93, of Utica, passed away on Saturday, May 3, 2008 at the Faxon-St. Luke's Health Care Center with his loving family by his side.

Born in Utica on February 3, 1915, Vito was the son of the late Dominick and Beatrice (Delia) Colangelo. Raised and educated locally, he was a graduate of Utica Free Academy. He was a member of the National Guard for over 19 years serving as Master Sergeant Head of the Motor Pool. On October 5, 1940 Vito married the former Mary Florenze who passed away on May 27, 1993. Their family was the central focus of their married life and a first priority that only strengthened their 52-year union.

As a young man, Toots was a mechanic by trade. He later worked at International Heater, the position from which he retired after 30 years of service. An independent man, his mental faculties were sharp and his powers of observation were keen; it would be difficult to pass anything by him without his notice. He looked forward to holiday gatherings with his loved ones following old world traditions and values. In his younger days, Toots was an avid hunter and fisherman, and with his brothers, he enjoyed mushrooming. He also treasured the time spent cultivating his vegetable garden with his daughter, MaryAnn. He valued his daily get-togethers with his friends at the North Utica Senior Center where he would have lunch and later return home to relax on the couch with his canine companion, "Buddy". He was a member of the Teamsters Local 182, and he was a devout and faithful parishioner of

St. Basil's Melkite Church.

Vito is survived by his son, Dominick A. Colangelo of Utica with whom Vito resided in his later years; his daughters and sons-in-laws, Carmelita "Carm" and Donald R. Whiting of Deerfield, and MaryAnn and Gary R. Buckpitt of Plattsburgh; his beloved grandchildren, who affectionately called him 'Pop', Donnie Whiting of Deerfield, Christopher and Karen Whiting of CA, Dickie Colangelo, Jr., and his girlfriend Jerri of Utica, Adam and Jill Buckpitt of Plattsburgh, and Audra and Chris Wood of VT; and his 5 great-grandchildren. Survivors also include his brothers, Salvatore F. Colangelo of Floyd, and Dominick Colangelo, Jr. of Utica; numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and in-laws, Lillian "Bunny" Colangelo and Angela Florenze. He was predeceased by his sister and brother-in-law, Josephine and Anthony Meola; his brother and sister-in-law, Frank A. "Hank" and Mary Colangelo; his nephew, Francis A. Colangelo; and his in-laws, Fred Florenze, Rose Caporusso, Josephine and Michael Marrone, Marion T. Colangelo, Anthony and Louise Scalise, and Catherine Paolozzi.

The family is grateful to Bart and Frannie Scalise for all their support and help; and the doctors, nurses, and staff at the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center, Allen Calder wing East for the attentiveness, compassion, and care they offered to Vito and his family. A thank-you is extended to Fr. Steve for his presence at a time of need, Rev. Monsignor Julien Elaine for his years of guidance, and Deacon Bob for his concern.

Visitation will be held Tuesday (today) from 4:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Family and friends are respectfully invited to attend Vito's Funeral Liturgy which will be offered on Wednesday morning at 9:00 from the funeral home and at 10:00 at St Basil's Melkite Church. Entombment will take place in the Resurrection Chapel Mausoleum at the convenience of the family.

Previous Events

Service

MAY 7. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Basil's Melkite Church
901 Sherman Drive
Utica, NY

Tribute Wall



“ *My thoughts and prayers are still with the family. We love you Pop!*###imported-begin###Audra Wood###imported-end##

July 05, 2008 at 12:59 PM



“ *Dominick Sorry to read about the death of your Dad you will always be in my thought*###imported-begin###Joanne Baye###imported-end##

May 08, 2008 at 12:16 PM



“ *Dick, We are sorry to hear about Toots. We want you to know we are thinking of you at this time, Sorry we cant be there. With our Deepest Symphy Jimmy & Maryrose*###imported-begin###Jim & Maryrose###imported-end##

May 07, 2008 at 01:04 PM



“ *We are sorry for the loss of your father. Our prayers are with all of you at this time.*###imported-begin###Andy and Linda Convertino###imported-end##

May 06, 2008 at 03:51 PM



“ Toots was a valued member of the International Heater family and of the Wheeler family, as well. He took wonderful care of my grandmother, Frances Wheeler's home, for many years and was of great help to the family of my uncle, Murray Wheeler, also. I'll always remember Vito's friendly conversations with me and my children and I can still remember the Italian candies that he brought Gram for Christmas every year, that she shared with me and her great-grandchildren, who also lived at 1423 Genesee. He was a dedicated worker and he gave Gram a secure feeling that he was available always to help with any problem she might have with the house. She was very fond of Toots, as were we all. I extend my sincere sympathies to Vito's family, and my thanks to Toots, for everything.

*Pam Collins##imported-begin##Pamela Wheeler
Collins##imported-end##*

May 06, 2008 at 11:44 AM



“ Dick, Carm & Mary Ann....

Our deepest sympathy on the loss of your father. We were so sorry to hear of his passing. It is at these times we are wish we still lived closer to home to join the family but remember you all are always in our hearts.

We hold in our hearts happy memories of the years past on South Street with your mom making meatballs and all the men eating them !! Bob especially of his times with all of you and your family in the neighborhood.

Of the family traditions that the family followed and made this generation proud of their heritage. That tradition moves forward to our children.

I'm sure he joins Dominick and Beatrice and his siblings, who have greeted him with open arms !

We wish you peace at this time of mourning and through the process of saying good bye. We are there in spirit.##imported-begin##Sherry & Bob Colangelo ##imported-end##

May 06, 2008 at 10:36 AM



“ MaryAnn.....It's been so many years since we last seen each other, but, I saw your dad's obituary in todays newspaper and wanted to send my condolences to you and your family. I see that you live in Plattsburgh, NY now. I stayed in this area. God Bless you and yours. Cindy "DePerno" Hobaica##imported-begin##Cindy "DePerno" Hobaica##imported-end##

May 06, 2008 at 10:34 AM



“ *My sincerest sympathies.*

Lou##imported-begin##Lou Parrotta##imported-end##

May 06, 2008 at 09:11 AM



“ *Thinking of you in your time of loss with deepest condolences.*

Bob Hutchins, Indialantic, Florida##imported-begin##Bob Hutchins##imported-end##

May 06, 2008 at 04:53 AM



“ *Dominick & Family*

My deepest sympathies on the loss of your father. May the thoughts and prayers of others be a source of comfort to you at this time.

Judy Oster##imported-begin##Judy Oster##imported-end##

May 05, 2008 at 10:16 PM