



William C. "Bill" Tinelli, Sr.

April 6, 1918 - September 25, 2006

Mr. William C. "Bill" Tinelli, Sr., age 88, of Utica, passed away on Monday, September 25, 2006, at the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center with his loving family by his side.

Born in Utica on April 6, 1918, Bill was the son of the late Cosmo and Palma (Cavallo) Tinelli. He was raised and educated locally, and was a graduate of T. R. Proctor High School, where he excelled in sports, notably in football, where he held the position of quarterback. On September 6, 1941 he married the former Helen E. Autore and the couple recently celebrated their 65th anniversary. In mutually respectful marriage, they innately knew each others needs and were committed to one another.

Mr. Tinelli was employed as a route man, a career for which he was well-suited. He was a 'people person', and he welcomed the daily interaction of his clientele, and valued his positions at Delorio Bakery, Nabisco Co., and Carparelli Brothers. An exemplary family man, Bill viewed the responsibility of raising his family as his greatest joy. The love of his family was paramount, and his grandchildren and great-grandchildren added a new dimension to his life. He was devoted to their activities and attended them with pride. Bill upheld a quiet presence, yet affirmed a strong character, devoted to his commitments and active each day of his life. He was an avid Yankee fan, and watched until the very last game they played. Physically active in his own right, Bill exercised by walking, especially with his 'mall-walking friends'. A passionate gardener, he tended to vegetables and flowers, and shared his

abundant harvest with family and friends equally. But his grandchildren and great-grandchildren had the “first choice” of his efforts. Bill and Helen traveled with their dear friends for many years, and they looked forward to spending the winter months in Marco Island, Florida. Many memories unfold of Bill participating in card games with family and friends, especially Bob and Arlene. Also, his family has a special memory of the treasured Easter crosses that Bill fashioned from palm leaves acquired at Palm Sunday Mass. He was a faithful parishioner of the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Mr. Tinelli is survived by his devoted wife, Helen; his daughters and son-in-law, Joanna and Michael Clark of Utica, and Doreen E. and Robert Jesionowski of Rochester, his son, Dr. William C. Tinelli, Jr. and Tami Copley of Clayton, NY; his grandchildren, Kristen and Anthony Vennero, Michael and Marian Clark, Stephen and Barbara Clark, Lisa and Timmy Hudson, Jill and Larry Ferrarini, Lisabeth and Ryan Lehay, Jennifer and Salvatore Arbore, Kimberly Jesionowski, Robert Jesionowski, and Jeffrey Jesionowski; his adored great-grandchildren, Alaina and Becky, William and Matthew; Devin; Sammy, Joey, and Jessica; Amelia, and Victoria. In addition, he leaves a sister, Vita Graziano of Utica, his nieces and nephews, especially acknowledging Marilyn and Andre J. Esposito, and Janet and Mark P. Marriott Tinelli; great-nieces, great-nephews, and cousins. His extended family includes his in-laws, Johanna Flemma, Elizabeth Longo, William Autore, and Robert Autore. As a couple, Bill and Helen were blessed with many friends who shared wonderful social gatherings. He was predeceased by his sisters, Catherine Ignazzi, and Mary Patterson; his brothers and sisters-in-law, Anthony and Mary Tinelli, and John and Marian Tinelli; and his brother-in-law, Frank Graziano.

The entire family offers its heartfelt thanks to Dr. Dang and Dr. Yoss, and the 5th floor staff of the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center, especially Tracy, Julie, Rick, and Doug. All of Bill's caregivers were extremely compassionate and assisted Bill with remarkable and adoring care. Thanks also to Father Joe Salerno for his spiritual support and his personal efforts for Bill and Helen to

recently attain a renewal of their wedding vows.

Visitation will be held today (Tuesday) from 4-7 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. By family request, please omit floral offerings. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Mr. Tinelli's Mass of Christian Burial which will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. at the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes. Entombment will take place in the Calvary Cemetery Mausoleum at the convenience of the family.

Tribute Wall



“ *BT, Just heard about your dad and just wanted to express how sad I am for you. I lost my Mom on her Birthday in April. I don't think I'll ever get over it. I was living in Sarasota for the winter and didn't make it back in time. I've often wondered how you are and where you are. I still keep some great memories of our friendship from so long ago. At times, especially now, thinking about the crazy things we've done helps to keep a smile on your face during times like this. Take care, hope everything in your life has been good. If your ever in the Sarasota area, my cell # is (941) 773-5150.##imported-begin##Anthony Primarolo##imported-end##*

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“ *I wish to extend my deepest sympathies to the family. I have fond memories of Bill as a true friend and a gentleman from our time working together at Carparelli Brothers. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.##imported-begin##Nick Carparelli##imported-end##*

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“ *My prayers are with you all. I will miss Bill. I am glad that I was able to comfort him and your family in these last days of his life. It was an honor to take care of Bill and his family and you will always be family to me. They some people come into your life for just a little while but you remember them for a life time Bill and your family will be in my heart for all the days of my life. May God bless you and comfort you in this sorrowful time. My prayers are with you. Tracey##imported-begin##Tracey Koss LPN##imported-end##*

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“ I want to extend my deepest sympathies and those of my wife Laurie, our sons Nicholas and Alexander, and my brother David and his family.

I will cherish my memories of Uncle Bill, who always had a smile and a kind word for me each and every time we were together or spoke on the phone. He was so proud of you all, as I know you are of him.

Helen, Billy, Joanne, Doreen....I want you to know how deeply saddened I am for you all. Uncle Bill was one of the good ones who enriched all our lives.

I am truly sorry that I could not be there for you today as you were when my dad passed away. Please know that my heart goes out to you all, and that Uncle Bill, and you all...are in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Bob Longo##imported-end##

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