



Anthony P. "Sonny" Garuccio

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Anthony P. "Sonny" Garuccio, born September 2, 1928, passed away on December 5, 2019, surrounded by loving family.

Born as Antonio Pasquale Garuccio, better known to his Auburn friends and family as "Sonny." He was the son of the late Larry and Florence (D'Agostino) Garuccio.

He was a United States Navy Veteran, serving from 1946 to 1948 aboard the USS Topeka in the South Pacific. During this time period he was awarded the World War II Victory Medal and the Philippine Independence Medal.

Tony worked in the food business all of his life. He began his career running the Garuccio Meat Market in Auburn, NY. He was also co-owner of Suburban Foods in Syracuse and later in his career he was one of the co-owners of the Empire Room.

He had a great passion for the outdoors and enjoyed traveling across the United States and Canada, hunting for big game and fishing. Tony was a devoted baseball fan and enjoyed watching games on television whenever he had the chance. He was also fond of watching Fox News on a daily basis.

Tony was also an avid pinochle player and loved to play cards with his friends at the Italian American Club where he was a member.

Tony was predeceased by his sister, Rose Marie Garuccio, and his loving wife, Margaret (DeMasi) Garuccio. He is survived by his six children, Joanne Garuccio (Roger) of Sandy, UT, Lawrence (Kathy) of Auburn, Patricia Reilly (Michael) of Ocean Isle Beach, NC, Peter (Jennifer) of Liverpool, David (Jessica) of Clay, and Donna Capria (Scott) of Baldwinsville. He is also survived by grandchildren, Meaghan Covarrubias (Stephen) of CA, Kerri Downer (Josh) of Mint Hill, NC,



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Nicholas of Auburn, Kyle, Jason, Sydney, Gabriella, Celia, Harper and one great-grandchild, Reilly Downer. He also left behind his grand dogs who will miss their grandpa.

Dad was always there for everyone, colleagues, neighbors, family, and friends. I am going to miss his dry, witty sense of humor and the way he could make me laugh in more ways than he knew. For the last several years I have spent time with my dad every day and I will miss that tremendously. I lost my father, a friend, a buddy, and the best dad a girl could ask for. But you can rest now with mom and finally celebrate your love for one another together. We love you both and miss both of you.

Family and friends may call from 4:00 – 7:00 pm on Thursday, December 12, 2019 at THOMAS J. PIRRO JR. FUNERAL HOME, 3401 Vickery Rd. (corner of Buckley Rd.) North Syracuse, NY. A Funeral service in celebration of Anthony's life will be held at 11:00 am on Friday, December 13, 2019 at THOMAS J. PIRRO JR. FUNERAL HOME. Burial with Military Honors will follow at Assumption Cemetery

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to your local animal shelter.



Events


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Visitation

 **Thursday**, December 12, 2019

 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM ET


 **Thomas J. Pirro Jr. Funeral Home**
3401 Vickery Rd, Syracuse NY 13212



Funeral Service


 **Friday**, December 13, 2019

 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM ET

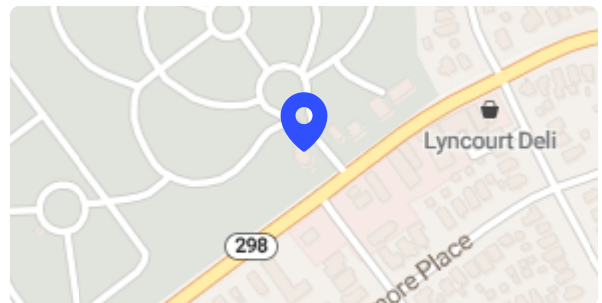
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Cemetery Details

 **Assumption Cemetery**
2401 Court Street, Syracuse NY 13208

 **454-3841**





Tribute Wall

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Thomas J. Pirro Jr. Funeral Home shared a **Tribute Video**.



December 10 at 8:59 AM



Marilyn Villano Pierce posted:

So sorry for your loss. Your dad and my dad were good friends when he had the meat market On Washington St. Auburn NY. My dads name is Joseph (Joe) Villano. He passed away in 2014. I remember your dad very well because I would go to the meat market with my dad. Again so so sorry for your loss!!!!

December 13 at 12:06 PM



Terri Gray lit a candle in honor of Anthony.

I loved your dad like his was my own. I am so sorry for your loss. Terri "Jackowski" Gray



December 12 at 6:39 AM

DC **Donna Capria** December 12 at 8:47 AM

Thanks Terri. I was just telling Scott how we were inseparable as kids and how much my parents loved you. You are family ❤️



Patricia G Despirito posted:

Donna, Sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. I have lots of memories of your dad driving the catering van for the Empire Room. One night dropping food off to a client he made a sharp turn and food went everywhere in the back of the van, everyone knew he was a crazy driver, He looked at me and said you make that food look pretty because there is no turning back. He was a great boss and a sweet man. Patty DeSpirito

December 11 at 11:09 AM

DC **Donna Capria** December 12 at 8:48 AM

You made me laugh. He was a terrible driver! He tried to hide dents in his car from me so that I would not get upset . The empire room days were fun. He was very entertaining. Thanks patty



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Terry posted:

We are so sorry for your loss. Tom and Terry Nolan

December 11 at 8:03 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Garuccio family.



December 11 at 6:10 AM



Anonymous sent a Dreams From the Heart Bouquet to the Garuccio family.



December 10 at 5:28 PM



Tim And Roxanne Smith lit a candle in honor of Anthony.



December 10 at 1:52 PM



Tracey Bonzerato posted:

Donna, so sorry to hear about your Dad's passing....He was such a sweet man. Please take comfort in knowing your parents are together once again. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

December 10 at 8:21 AM



Donna Capria December 12 at 8:49 AM

Thanks Tracey . I appreciate that. He will definitely be missed.



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RD

Raymond R Dagostino posted:

My wife, Sheila, and I are very sorry to hear of Sonny's passing. He and my dad, Sonny's uncle, Ray Sr. were very close and hunted and fished together. As a kid, I looked up to my older cousin who always had a friendly and encouraging word. Later in life I didn't have as much contact with him as I would have liked but was always impressed with his devotion to family and business acumen. He will be missed. We are unable to attend his services as we are out of town but he and all of you, his family, will be in our thoughts and prayers. Ray "Bobby" D'Agostino

December 10 at 7:10 AM

DC

Donna Capria December 12 at 8:52 AM

Thanks for telling me this. I don't remember a lot about my dad's side of the family. I wish I knew more. I remember meeting his uncle Italo when we went to AZ but I was young. Thanks again for the kind words.

MR

Mary Rosborough posted:

Larry, So sorry to hear of the passing of your father. Mary Rosborough

December 10 at 6:40 AM

AS

Anne Sommers posted:

Dave and family -So sorry for your loss. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. May he rest in peace.

December 10 at 6:33 AM



Media

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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Anthony by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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