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Francis Thomas Lombardi, Sr., 93, formerly of Syracuse, NY, passed away March 17, 2025, in Naples, FL. He was born in Syracuse, son of the late Tarquino and Jennie (Cerio) Lombardi.

Francis graduated from the NY Military Academy, and Philips Academy Andover in 1950. He received his Bachelor of Arts Degree from Harvard in 1954 and his Doctor of Law Degree from Syracuse University College of Law in 1960. Francis was a pilot with the U.S. Air Force where he flew the European, Middle East, and North African territories from his base in Athens, Greece.

Along with his brothers, Francis helped establish Syracuse Tank and Manufacturing, a successful business with multiple manufacturing plants nationwide. In addition, he was CEO of Exec Air, a full service FBO based on Hancock International airfield in Syracuse, NY.

Francis was a devout catholic. He enjoyed golf, wrestling, and rugby (he was captain of the Harvard rugby team with friend and classmate Ted Kennedy). Francis was a gourmet cook and had a love of fine wines as well. Opera was a passion for Francis – he was a past president of the Syracuse Opera Guild and a past season ticket holder at the Metropolitan Opera in NYC.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his daughter, Savaria in 1987, and siblings, Sarah Pietrafesa, Jack Lombardi and Tarky Lombardi, Jr.

Francis is survived by his loving wife of 61 years, Angela (Romagnoli) Lombardi; his children: Francis Lombardi II (Caroline) of Skaneateles, NY, Maria Lynch (Jeffrey) of Lenox, MA, John Lombardi (Elaina Pirro) of North Syracuse, NY, Angela Przybylowicz (Paul) of Olympia, WA and Cristina Romig (Thomas) of Honeoye Falls, NY. He also leaves behind his grandchildren: Francis Lombardi III (Gabriella), Malcolm Lombardi, Eva Lombardi, Mark Lombardi, Savaria Lombardi, Cristina Lynch, Alexandra Lynch, William Lynch, Augustino Lombardi, Daphne Przybylowicz, Bo Przybylowicz, Lt. Thomas Romig, Jr. and Peter Romig; one great grandson, Francis Hector Lombardi; his sister-in-law, Marianne Lombardi; along with many nieces and nephews.



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A funeral Mass in celebration of Francis' life will be held on Saturday, March 29, 2025, at 10:30 am in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Church, 259 E. Onondaga St., Syracuse, NY.

Francis will be laid to rest in the Lombardi Family Mausoleum at Assumption Cemetery. Family and friends may call from 4:00 – 6:00 pm on Friday, March 28, 2025, at THOMAS J. PIRRO JR. FUNERAL HOME, 3401 Vickery Rd. (corner of Buckley Rd.) North Syracuse, NY 13212.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Pulmonary Unit at Mass General Hospital in Boston at <https://giving.massgeneral.org/donate> or the Pavarotti Museum of Naples, FL at <https://ci.ovationtix.com/36391/store/donations/43320>



Events


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Visitation

 **Friday**, March 28, 2025


 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM ET


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

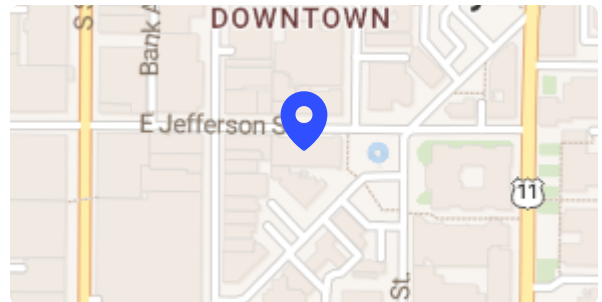


Funeral Mass


 **Saturday**, March 29, 2025

 10:30 AM ET

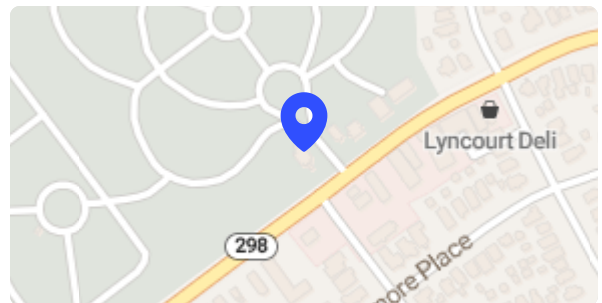
 **Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception**
259 E. Onondaga St., Syracuse NY 13202



Cemetery Details

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

 **454-3841**





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



March 25 at 12:15 PM



Ed Butler March 29 at 8:21 AM

Angela, Francis was a wonderful and classy man. I enjoyed many happy moments with him. Digging clams in Mattapoisett, playing one of his "best" rounds of golf at the the Bay club, leading the group in song in our living room in Bonita Bay, with his ukulele, the many card games and fine dinners at your home and most all, just great conversation. When Francis entered the room he had a distinguishing presence. He had wonderful stories that you had to pry out of him. You would never know he had health issues and I never heard the man complain. You were a wonderful team and a great support for each other. I enjoyed his company and will miss him. I am sure he is up there leading a group of Angels in "Don't Sit UnderThe Apple Tree". Stay Strong!Ed Butler



Diana Kleinwaks posted:

On behalf of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Comfort Tyler Chapter (Syracuse), we send our condolences to the family. Forget Me Not Don't remember me not with sadness, Don't remember me with tears, Remember all the laughter, We've shared throughout the years, Now I am contented, That my life it was worthwhile. Knowing that I passed along the way, I made somebody smile, When you are walking down the street, And you've got me on your mind, I'm walking in your footsteps, Only half a step behind, So please don't be unhappy, Just because I'm out of sight, Remember that I'm with you, Each morning, noon, and night.

April 25 at 12:10 PM



The Jones's posted:

Aunt Angela & family Truly a beautiful man! Hard to believe Uncle Francis & his sibling are only with us in spirit now. While it is hard for us to get through this time, the smile that he gave us will always be with us.

March 28 at 11:00 AM



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Phil Ruffini posted:

My Deepest Condolences to Francis and the rest of the Lombardi family on your loss. Your Dad certainly had an exciting and accomplished life and obviously came from a wonderful family background. A life well lived. May God Bless him and may he R.I.P.

March 25 at 8:52 AM



Love The Falcone Families sent an Ocean Breeze Spray to the Lombardi, Sr. family.



March 25 at 5:09 AM



Love The Falcone Families planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Francis.



March 25 at 5:09 AM



The Errico Family sent a Lily and Rose Tribute Spray to the Lombardi, Sr. family.



March 24 at 2:54 PM



The Errico Family planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Francis.



March 24 at 2:54 PM



Le Moyne College posted:

Please accept the most heartfelt sympathies of Le Moyne College. We hope the love and memories that you will forever hold in your heart bring you peace and comfort during this difficult time.

March 24 at 11:05 AM



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KM

Kelley Maher posted:

Lombardi Family, Your Dad was a very special Man. Many great memories with all of you in Skaneateles. Sending you all love and prayers. Kelley Maher

March 24 at 4:51 AM

BA

Ben A. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Francis.



March 23 at 3:16 PM

ML

Marianne Lombardi sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Lombardi, Sr. family.



March 23 at 11:05 AM

ML

Marianne Lombardi planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Francis.



March 23 at 11:05 AM

TP

Teresa Paduana posted:

Mrs Lombardi, Maria, Francis, John, and Christina, my deepest sympathies for the loss of your husband/dad. He was always so kind to all the children during the time I babysat for the Falcone's. It was as though you were all one big family. My condolences and love to all of you. Teri Paduana

March 23 at 7:08 AM

TP

Tony & Amy Pietrafesa posted:

A remarkable gentleman. His joie de vivre set a standard for us all. Grateful to have him in my life. We shared a plane with him and Aunt Angela in November and will remember the time forever. Thoughts and love to my aunt and cousins.

March 22 at 5:22 PM



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TH

Todd And Claudia Hovenden sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Lombardi, Sr. family.

March 22 at 3:48 PM



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TF

The Stephen J. Congel Family sent a Divine Light to the Lombardi, Sr. family.

March 22 at 5:40 AM



TF

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March 22 at 5:40 AM



JP

Joseph Pietrafesa posted:

Aunt Angela, Maria, Francis, John and Christina....We are so sorry for your loss. Uncle Francis was truly the best. The best husband, father, brother, uncle, friend and grandfather. A life filled with kindness for anyone who met him. Such style and class from beginning to end. We are so glad that only a month ago, we shared many laughs, lots of wine and wonderful food with he and Aunt Angela. It is a lasting memory for us. God Bless you all-Joey, Martha and Lola

March 21 at 7:34 PM



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Memories only last if you share them

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



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