



# Rudolph V. "Rudy" Muolo

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## **Rudolph V. "Rudy" Muolo**

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**R**udolph "Rudy" Valentino Muolo, 98, of Syracuse, NY and Estero, FL passed away peacefully on April 27, 2025, at Hope Hospice in Bonita Springs. Rudy was born in Syracuse, New York, the son of Grace (Fina) and Joseph Muolo. He was a United States Navy Veteran and served in WWII. While in the Navy, he was stationed in Hawaii, Okinawa, Japan, China and San Francisco, California. He was a platoon leader at basic training in Sampson, NY and was a lifeguard, swim instructor and member of the Navy base basketball team. Rudy was employed at General Electric for 32 years. He worked primarily as a master craftsman making models of sonar/radar equipment along with many other projects. He met the love of his life, Lillian (Orsini) at a dance where he swept her off her feet and they were married for 56 wonderful years until her untimely death from cancer in 2007. Rudy was a fantastic dancer and he and Lil spent many enjoyable hours at the Lamplighter Dance Club with family and friends. Rudy was an active member of the Italian American Club and Valley Men's Club.

He was a devoted family man and an avid golfer getting two hole-in-ones and continued his love of swimming into his 90s. Everyone knew and loved Rudy. He could fix or build anything, and he had an endless supply of tools in his barn and car because "you never knew if you needed a set of pliers." Rudy moved to Florida in 2020 to an assisted living facility to be near his family where he continued to be the friendliest ambassador at American House, where he participated in all activities. He was a favorite among the entire staff and residents. Rudy was also a Syracuse University basketball fan and loved the New York Yankees. He was a devoted church usher all his life at Lady of Lourdes and Holy Family parishes.

Along with his parents and his wife, Rudy was predeceased by his brothers, Dominic, Cosimo and Joseph.



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He is survived by his two devoted daughters, Cheryl (Dennis) Weller, and Lisa (Larry) Hayes and two grandchildren, Catherine and Michael, as well as several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Visitation will take place on Tuesday, May 6, 2025, from 10:00 – 10:45 A.M. in Holy Family Church, immediately followed by a funeral Mass in celebration of Rudy's life at 11:00 A.M. in the church, 127 Chapel Dr., Syracuse. Rudy will be laid to rest with military honors in St. Mary's Cemetery Mausoleum, Dewitt.

Rudy participated in the Honor Flight Network which flies veterans to Washington D.C. to share a day of honor at our nation's memorials. This was a very moving experience for him. With that in mind and his love for building, in lieu of flowers, please donate to Tunnel to Towers Foundation [t2t.org](http://t2t.org).



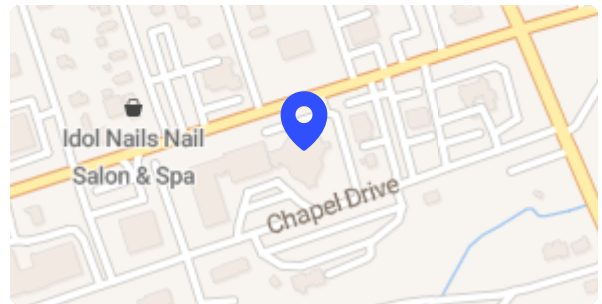
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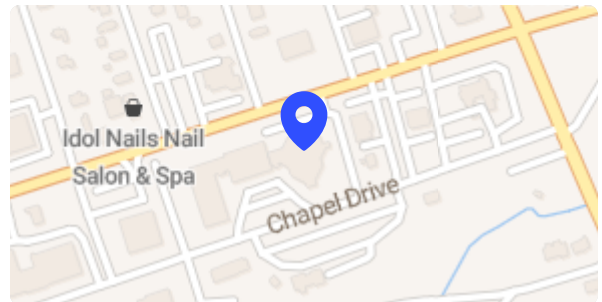
## Visitation

- Tuesday**, May 6, 2025
- 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM ET
- Holy Family**  
127 Chapel Drive, Syracuse NY 13219



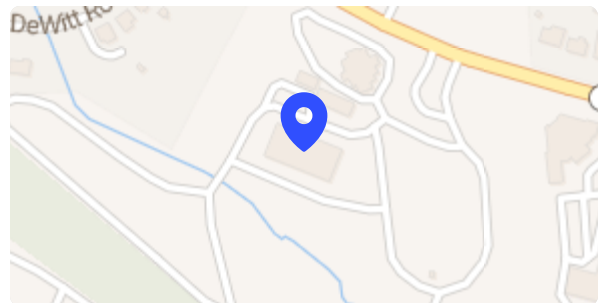
## Funeral Mass

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## Cemetery Details

- St. Mary's Mausoleum**  
4100 East Genesee Street, DeWitt NY 13214
- 475-4639**





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**Sincerest Sympathy, Debbie & Bill Staple** sent a Sweet Tranquility Basket to the Muolo family.



May 4 at 4:18 PM



**Edward Devine** posted:

Cheryl and Lisa: You most likely will not remember me but my parents Andy and Mary Devine were good friends with your mom and dad. Our fathers grew up together on the Northside and your dad was in my parents wedding in June 1950. In fact your parents are my sister Cindy's godparents. Your dad was such a very nice man and a loyal friend to my parents. He served as a pall bearer at each of their funerals. I am very sorry to see this news but very happy he had such a long, happy and interesting life. Lil and Rudy were wonderful people and are engrained in my growing up memories. Please accept my condolences. Sincerely, Ed (EJ) Devine New York City

May 1 at 10:46 PM



**Lisa Hayes** May 2 at 5:36 AM

Of course we remember your family. I remember going to your house. Thank you very much for your kind words.



**Lisa Hayes** May 2 at 5:35 AM

Of course we remember your family. I remember going to your house! Thank you very much for your kind words.



**Patrick W Aregano** posted:

Sending "Heart Felt Sympathy" on the passing of Rudy, what a great guy!! So much energy and full of life, I can remember I think it was his 90th birthday celebration at Rico's, it was always a pleasure waiting on him on his weekly dinner, may he "Rest in Peace"

May 1 at 4:45 AM



**Lisa Hayes** May 2 at 5:46 AM

Thanks Pat, he always enjoyed seeing you and said what a hard worker you were.



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**Olivia Singer Rn, Bsn** sent an Arrive in Style to the Muolo family.



May 1 at 4:41 AM

DP

**David H Panasci** posted:

Cheryl and Lisa, I was so sorry to learn about Rudy. He was such a great guy. Both your dad and mom were so wonderful to my aunt (Ann Fiorentino) for all the years she lived in Syracuse. I am so appreciative of all they did for her – and all they meant to her. My condolences to your entire family. Sincerely, David Panasci

May 1 at 3:49 AM

AR

**Anne Ruggeri** posted:

Cheryl & Lisa and family, I'm very sorry to read about your Dad's passing. He sounded like a great person. My Mother and I did family Genealogy and had a distant cousin at Sampson. It would have been fun to see if your Dad knew him! I'm sorry I cannot attend on the 6th, but I will keep your family in my thoughts and prayers.

April 30 at 9:46 PM

BC

**Barb Conway.** May 18 at 2:40 PM

Cheryl and Lisa, I lived across the street from your parents on Valley Drive years ago. You and your sister used to babysit my two little daughters. Your parents were one of the warmest kindest people I've ever met. I was sorry to learn about your dad's passing, but at least they're together again. Barb Conway

CA

**Carol Armstrong** May 9 at 7:50 AM

Hi Cheryl, I'm very sorry to hear that your dad passed away. You have Roger and I deepest sympathy. He was such a great guy. May God give you strength and peace. Call me sometime. Carol and Roger Armstrong.



## **Memories only last if you share them**

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



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