



## Mr. Antonio (Tony) Gallo

March 23, 1958 - December 22, 2023

Antonio (Tony) “the Guaglione (Y-O)” Gallo, 65, of Lenox, died Friday, Dec. 22 at home.

Born in Cervinara, Province of Avellino, Campania, Italy, March 23, 1958, to Gennaro and Maria Carmina Girardi Gallo, he immigrated to the U.S.A. with his family at the age of 12, by which they settled in Albany, New York. He attended local schools, and was a 1976 graduate of Albany High School.

Tony and his wife, Caterina "Cathy" Rappoccio Gallo, were married in Sister of Mercy Church in Albany on October 24, 1978.

A restaurateur, Tony started his career at the Italian American Club in Albany, New York. He then went on to meet his wife Cathy at her family-owned business, Sam's Italian restaurant. They would later move to Lenox, Massachusetts and open Antonio's Restaurant, later Prime; they ran the business together, along with their son Gennaro "Jerry", for 35 years. Tony had recently retired.

He was a communicant of St. Ann Church (Lenox, Ma), and before that, St. James (Albany, New York).

Besides his wife, he is also survived by his 3 children; Tina A. Tartaglia of Pittsfield, Gennaro Anthony Gallo of Lenox, and Maria Angela Gallo of Savannah, GA.; grandsons Anthony Luca and Marcello Michael Gallo; his mother Maria; sisters Elvira Panthen of Italy (Albany) and his twin Frances Gallo of Albany; brother Frank Gallo (Mary Jane) of Albany. Surviving relatives on his wife's side include Carmella Daubney and Paul Rappoccio (Arlene).

Additionally, Tony has numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews in Albany, NY, Syracuse, NY, Rutland, Vt, and Italy. Besides his father, Tony was predeceased by his brother-in-law Kenneth Panthen.

Tony was a talented soccer player throughout his youth and young adult years. He was an avid soccer fan, and a youth soccer coach. During FIFA televised events, he always routed for a game well-played, but was partial to Italia in the World Cup. As a restaurateur, he mastered the craft of marinara sauce, breadmaking, and homemade gnocchi. Tony was blessed with the gift of gab and left an indelible impression on those that he met. During his recent retirement, him and his French Bulldog Rosie would be frequently spotted walking in downtown Lenox, shopping at Market 32 (Lenox) and also Stop and Shop (Dan Fox Drive). He thoroughly enjoyed time with his family, children, and grandchildren; and was always young at heart.

A Liturgy of Christian Burial for Antonio Gallo will be celebrated Wednesday, January 3rd 12:00 pm at St. Francis of Assisi Church, 391 Delaware Ave, Albany, New York, with viewing hours at the same location, beginning at 11:00 am. Burial will follow in St. Agnes Cemetery in Menands. Calling hours are Tuesday, January 2nd at St. Ann's Church in Lenox from 3-6 pm (134 Main St. Lenox, Ma). In Lieu of flowers donations in his memory may be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital or The American Kidney Fund. ROCHE FUNERAL HOME is in charge of local (Lenox) arrangements. Cannon Funeral home is handling out of town (Albany) arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 2. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

St. Ann's Church  
134 Main Street  
Lenox, MA 01240

# Tribute Wall

DT

“ It's with a saddened heart learning that Antonio passed on 2 years ago. I had no idea until yesterday learning from the beautiful family of Antonio's passing! Tony and family always treated me like family with kindness, sensitivity and love! I'll miss Antonio's remarkable smile and beaming personality! My deepest and heartfelt condolences to the family sent with my prayers and love! Countless Blessings!

Dale Tucker - November 27, 2025 at 05:56 PM

RJ

“ Cathy and family please except our deepest sympathy for your loss . We had some wonderful times spent at “Antionio”with Antonio .

Rudy and Joanne - January 05, 2024 at 12:58 AM

SH

“ Cathy, Jerry, & Framily

Please except our sincere condolences. RIP Tony.

Susan, Debi, & Shirley

Susan Roux Hammerle - January 02, 2024 at 02:08 PM

LF

“ Tom I are so saddened to hear about Tony’s passing. Our hearts go out to all of you. So many wonderful memories of hanging out at Antonio’s and hearing how Toni made his fabulous marinara sauce. Tom S and Leslie F ❤️

Leslie Fishbein - January 01, 2024 at 06:24 PM

AR

“ Cathy & Family, We were saddened to hear of Tony's passing. We are sorry we can't be with you during this time of sorrow, but you will be in our thoughts and prayers. Wishing you & He God's Blessings. Much Love, Cousin Tony & Willy

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**anthony c robilotto** - January 01, 2024 at 11:34 AM

JR

“ My deepest condolences. I met Tony in high school as I also immigrated to the USA at 12. We played soccer as a group of misfits and have always carried great memories as we graduated in '76. As we went our separate paths, I was happy to reconnect with Tony through Facebook late in our lives. Julio Rios

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**Julio Ríos** - December 30, 2023 at 12:13 AM

MC

“ Dear Cathy, Tina, Jerry, and Maria, we are so sorry to hear about the passing of Tony. He sure was one of a kind. We have lots of happy memories of Tony, especially Saturday nights and then to your house after closing the restaurant. You are in our prayers and RIP my Friend.

*Maureen and Reno Cimini*

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**Maureen and Reno Cimini** - December 29, 2023 at 04:25 PM

RV

“ I was shocked to hear of Tony's passing when I just spoke to him a couple of days before. Rest in peace.

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**Ray Valek** - December 29, 2023 at 09:39 AM

JM

“ *What a wonderful man, and with Cathy, raised a wonderful family. I will always treasure the great memories of Friday nights at Antonio's.*

*Jonathan Martin*

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**Jonathan Martin** - December 29, 2023 at 08:37 AM

SW

“ *Cathy and Family, my heart breaks for you all. You are all in my thoughts and prayers, hoping all the wonderful memories you have made with your blessed years, will help you through this most difficult time. I will always look back to my memories of the friendship we had and smile, I am truly blessed to have met you all. Sincerely, Sue Wellspeak {your accountants secretary}*

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**Susan Wellspeak** - December 29, 2023 at 07:54 AM

JS

“ *Sincere condolences to the Gallo family, Y-O was certainly one of a kind & he will be surely missed. May you find peace & comfort in all the special memories you made. RIP Tony.*

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**Jlm & Kim Sorrentino** - December 29, 2023 at 07:19 AM

PK

“ My condolences to the Gallo family I only met Tony a handful of times while he was shopping at Stop& Shop with his Rosie. I too have a French bulldog named Rosie. My day always seemed so much brighter after talking with Tony. I shall miss our brief encounters. Rest in Peace



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**Peter Kellar** - December 28, 2023 at 03:15 PM

JC

“ I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. Wishing the Gallo family peace during this difficult time. We will miss seeing Tony in the hardware store and catching up on his new endeavors. Rest in Peace

*Jeffrey Caligari*

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**Jeffrey Caligari** - December 28, 2023 at 02:02 PM

LP

“ To the Gallo family: My deepest sympathy to all. Rest in peace "MY FRIEND"! I will miss you Buddy. You will be in my heart until we meet again.

*Lenny (Guido)*

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**Len Patnode** - December 28, 2023 at 01:45 PM

RD

“ When I was assigned to the MassHighway Lenox office I ate supper almost every night at his restaurant. We became good friends and shared stories and spoke of life's challenges. I loved his Shrimp David and Tony would always ask what Number I wanted him to prepare the dish. Depending on how my day was i'd order it mild or HOT.

Tony and his family became a second family to me as I lived along for quite some time in the Berkshires before my family joined me.

TONY I cannot thank you enough for being my friend and "chef." I will miss our times together. May God take you in his arms and bring you to a restful, peaceful place in his kingdom.

Ross & Elaine Dindio

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Ross Dindio - December 28, 2023 at 11:22 AM

BK

“ My deepest condolences to the Gallo family for your loss. Sending prayers for peace and comfort in the days ahead. May God shine His light down on you all.

Sincerely,

BeckyKnox (Maria's 3rd grade teacher)



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Becky Knox - December 28, 2023 at 10:04 AM

RA

“ *My heartfelt condolences. Tony was a wonderful, funny and generous man who always took the time to talk and listen with a full heart. I enjoyed many conversations over wonderfully prepared meals. I will miss him very much; may you find comfort in your memories of him.*  
*My best*  
*Rob*

Robert Akroyd - December 28, 2023 at 09:29 AM

JE

“ *My sincere condolences to the family. May the fond and loving memories be a comfort and always be with you. Il mio pensiero e le mie preghiere sono con voi. Riposa in pace*

John A. Bernardo Esq - December 28, 2023 at 09:10 AM

HJ

“ *Polio,*  
*Polio polio polio polio polio. Polio oolio, polio polio polio. Polio polio polio polio polio. Polio? Polio! Polio, polio? Polio! Polio! Polio. Polio.*

Huge Johnson - December 28, 2023 at 08:38 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Antonio (Tony) Gallo.*



December 27, 2023 at 04:35 PM

FD

“ A great loss to the Lenox community. He was a great chef, great businessman, a great dad and grandpa and husband and a great friend. The best gnocchi in the world made with this puggy fingers. He will be missed by many, including me. I will remember him at Mass. Sad I cannot make the wake or funeral. God bless you all!



Fr. Gary Dailey - December 27, 2023 at 01:46 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Roche Funeral Home - December 27, 2023 at 01:00 PM

AL

Gallo Family, sorry for your/ our loss. Met Tony when you first moved from Albany. He made everyone feel like family.. Always had my limoncello martini ready along with a smile and a joke.. Will miss you... Albert and family

albericmd - November 27, 2024 at 12:46 PM