



## Anthony F. Schmitz

July 30, 1924 - November 25, 2017

Albany- Anthony F. Schmitz (Tony) 93, of Albany, New York passed away peacefully at St. Peter's Hospital on Saturday November 25, 2017. A lifelong resident of Albany, Tony lived a full and happy life and always considered himself a fortunate man.

Tony was predeceased by his three sisters Alice, Helen and Lillian. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Mary Sheehan of Ireland, his treasured children Anthony (wife Roselle) daughter Sheri Ann; Thomas, James (wife Mary Nell) children Killeen and Conor; Kathleen (husband Santiago) children Peter and Joselin; John.

Tony graduated from Vincentian Institute High School in 1942 and enlisted in the United States Army. Upon discharge from the service, Tony attended Siena College graduating in 1955. He was employed by the United States Postal Service and Albany County Department of Social Services. Tony was often seen attending his children and grandchildren's school and sporting events. Tony was a member of St. Pius X and devoted to the Boston Red Sox, the New York Giants and the Siena Saints. Tony was a life member of the American Legion.

For his service in World War II, Schmitz holds a Combat Infantry Badge, the Bronze Star Medal and a Presidential Unit Citation for fighting with the Army's

2nd Battalion, 157th Infantry Regiment, 45th Infantry Division at Anzio. In May of 2012, France's ambassador to the United States thanked Schmitz for his bravery in helping to liberate France from Nazi occupation and awarded him that country's most prestigious decoration, the Legion of Honor, Chevalier. Schmitz also received an honorary diploma from Christian Brothers Academy. He was inducted into the Mohawk-Battalion ROTC Hall of Fame and to the Bishop Maginn High School Hall of Fame. He served as the Grand Marshall of the Albany Veteran's Day Parade in 2012.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Tony's family on Thursday, November 30, 2017 from 4:00 to 7:00 pm in the Lasak & Gigliotti Funeral Home, now located at 208 North Allen Street, Albany.

Funeral services Friday, December 1, 2017 at 10:15am from the Lasak & Gigliotti Funeral Home, thence to St. Pius X Church, Loudonville at 11:00 am where his funeral Mass will be celebrated.

The Rite of Committal will follow the Mass at the Gerald B.H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery, Schuylerville at 1:30 pm.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made in memory of Tony Schmitz to Siena College Saints Alive 515 Loudon Road, Loudonville, New York, 12211-146.

To leave Tony's family a message on their guestbook, light a candle, obtain directions, or view other helpful services, please visit [www.LGfuneralhome.com](http://www.LGfuneralhome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Gerald BH Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery

200 Duell Road  
Schuylerville, NY

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 30. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Lasak & Gigliotti Funeral Directors  
208 North Allen Street  
Albany, NY 12206  
(518) 463-1566

## Service

DEC 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Pius X Church  
23 Crumitie Road  
Loudonville, NY

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lasak & Gigliotti Funeral Directors created a Tribute Video in memory of Anthony F. Schmitz*



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**Lasak & Gigliotti Funeral Directors** - November 30, 2017 at 10:42 AM

SJ

“ *To Mary Schmitz and Family:*

*Received card recently and was sad to learn of my friend Tony's passing. I will always remember his kindness as we shared readings at Sacred Heart church on North Pearl Street so many years ago. My condolences to his dear wife Mary and children. God Bless.*

*Siphon Johnson  
Laurel, MD*

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**Siphon Johnson** - December 20, 2017 at 06:42 AM

MW

“ *My condolences to the Schmitz family on their loss. Tony was a loyal Siena supporter and good friend to many.  
Mary Ellen White(Pottenburgh)*

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**Mary Ellen White** - December 02, 2017 at 08:05 AM

MF

“ My brother Thomas Martin attended Our Lady Of Angels School and I remember Anthony coming to my home for lunch with my older brothers Tom and Ray. When Tom died in 1993, Anthony attended the wake and funeral Mass at St. Margaret Mary's Church. It meant a lot to me that Anthony remembered our family at that sad time



Mary Femia - November 30, 2017 at 02:36 PM

FR

“ Our family feels honored to have known Mr. Schmitz - such a courageous, honorable, and kind man. We will always treasure his infectious smile and wonderful stories. His was such a life well lived.

God bless and keep all of his family members during this difficult time.

All our love,  
John and Fran Pikus Family

Fran - November 29, 2017 at 05:07 PM

EO

“ Ed and Kay Olsiewski Tony was well liked by all



Ed and Kay Olsiewski - November 29, 2017 at 03:50 PM

MK

“ My thoughts are with the entire Schmitz family. I am truly sorry for your loss.

*Mr. Schmitz was one of a kind - the best kind. His infectious love of life drew you into his fold every time you saw him. He could go on and on with great enthusiasm about a variety of subjects and it was always a joy to be in his company. His sharp wit and lively banter were often on display. I fondly recall his quick, good-natured retorts to Jim at the last Schmitz-fest in August. Mr. Schmitz could give as good as he got, and it was always done with that twinkle in his eye and that smile on his face. His passing is a great loss for all who were fortunate enough to have known him.*

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**Mark Kulzer** - November 29, 2017 at 07:52 AM

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“ A great loss not only for Tony's family and community, The American Legion as well.  
Godspeed Tony.

*Craig Lurie Albany County American Legion Chaplain*

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**craig lurie** - November 28, 2017 at 03:30 PM

MP

“ Anthony,  
You were always a gentleman...and always a warrior. I will remember you and our tour of Saratoga National Cemetery. I was happy to share our mutual war stories.

*Major John A. Paneto, USAF, Ret.*

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**Major John A. Paneto** - November 28, 2017 at 12:03 PM



“ *Please know your entire family is in my thoughts and prayers at this difficult time. With deepest sympathy,  
Lynn. Gardner and family*

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**Lynn Feisthamel Gardner** - November 27, 2017 at 11:03 PM



“ *Thank you so much to Anthony for coming to watch me and his daughter Kathy play high school softball. It always meant so much to me. God Bless.  
Carla*



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**Carla Eriole Houston** - November 27, 2017 at 08:47 PM



“ *I always enjoyed my long...very long conversations with Tony on a wide variety of topics. His recollection of Albany events was unparalleled and his passion for the Red Sox was strong. I did most of the listening,....it was hard to get a word in otherwise, but I loved hearing everything he had to say. He was one of a kind....I'm going to miss him.  
Vincent Zabinski*

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**Vincent Zabinski** - November 27, 2017 at 06:15 PM