



## Joseph F. Rizzo

October 21, 1932 - July 6, 2021

Latham-Joseph F. Rizzo passed away suddenly at home in Latham with his wife Norma at his side on July 6th, 2021. Born on October 21, 1932 in Albany, NY he was the son of the late Felix and Emma Tozzi Rizzo.

Joseph served in the United States Navy from 1952 to 1954 and was awarded the National Defense Service Medal. He graduated from Christian Brothers Academy at the age of 16. He attended Siena College for two years. Joseph worked at the former Schaefer Brewery, then the New York State Department of Tax and Finance for 18.5 years. He had a love of sports and was an avid fan of the NY Yankees and the NY Giants. He enjoyed Manhattans and playing Bocci.

He is survived by his loving wife of nearly 60 years, Norma (Mink), his sister Michelina Forte, his three children, John (Laurie), Mark (Dawn), Elena (Jeffrey), and his four granddaughters Ashley, Alexandra, Nicole, and Kaylee; survived by many in-laws, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Joseph's family Friday, July 9, 2021 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the Lasak & Gigliotti Funeral Home, 208 North

Allen Street, Albany, NY 12206. Please only use the rear parking lot doorway; unvaccinated individuals must wear a mask and practice social distancing.

Funeral services Saturday, July 10, 2021 at 11:30 am at St. Ambrose Church, Latham, NY where his Funeral Mass will be celebrated.

The Rite of Committal will be held at St. Agnes Cemetery, Menands, NY immediately following the Funeral Mass.

To leave a message for the family please visit [www.LGFuneralHome.com](http://www.LGFuneralHome.com)

Those wishing to remember Joseph in a special way may send a contribution to either Into the Wild, Inc, PO Box 5103, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866 or American Macular Degeneration Foundation, PO Box 515, Northhampton, MA 01061.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Agnes Cemetery

48 Cemetery Ave  
Menands, NY

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 9. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

## Service

JUL 10. 11:30 AM (ET)

St. Ambrose Church  
347 Old Loudon Road  
Latham, NY

# Tribute Wall

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“ Hello Norma and family:

*Our most sincere condolences from my family to yours. It was saddening to hear of your loss. Your trip to Edmonton was talked about by my mom and dad for many years after. Sorry I missed you but we had a nice chat on the phone.*

*We hope your memories of Joe will give you comfort now and forever.*

*Nick Gentile and family,*

*Vancouver*

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**Nick Gentile** - July 10, 2021 at 01:18 PM

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“ Angie Morra and Family purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Joseph F. Rizzo.



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**Angie Morra and Family** - July 09, 2021 at 11:11 AM

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“ Sincerest condolences to Norma and the entire Rizzo and Forte families. Thinking of you keeping you in our prayers...Roberto Gentile and Aunt Gina Parrottino

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**roberto** - July 08, 2021 at 06:51 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Joseph F. Rizzo.*



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July 08, 2021 at 10:21 AM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Joseph F. Rizzo.*



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July 08, 2021 at 10:10 AM



“ *Dear Norma & Family - we are so sorry and sad to hear of Joe's passing. We remember Joe's laughter, gratitude for Zia Gina and (our late) Maria's cooking and how Joe was willing to cut his trip to Jasper short so he could spend more time with us in Edmonton. We enjoyed Norma & Joe's visit to Alberta so much and found Joe to be very warm, friendly and easy going. Sending you prayers and love. Mary, Don & Elisa*

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**Mary Stewart** - July 07, 2021 at 11:03 PM

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*Mrs. Rizzo, John, Mark and Elena words cannot express how sorry I am for your loss. I Absolutely Loved Big Joe and had the utmost respect for him.*

*He had a constant smile and I never saw him in a bad mood. As a kid and up until the last time I was with him he ALWAYS made me smile and feel welcome. We shared many laughs and inside jokes but what I will remember most is how much he loved his wife, his kids and his grandchildren. I was crushed by this news but feel so Blessed and honored to have known him all these years. Rest In Peace Mr. Rizzo You will ALWAYS have a place in mine and so many other people's hearts*

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**pj martone** - July 08, 2021 at 12:39 AM