



## ALBERT "AL" F. ANTONINI

January 22, 1931 - January 1, 2025

Albert "AL" Fredrick Antonini passed January 1st at the Francis House with his loving family support. Born and raised in Solvay to the late Antonio & Margarita Antonini.

Albert was a graduate of Solvay High School and School of Management at Syracuse University. He served in the U.S. Navy 1950-1954 during the Korean War in the 7th Fleet aboard the USS Gilbert Islands ship in the Pacific Theatre.

Albert had an outstanding career of 44 years working at Blue Cross and Blue Shield CNY, spending the last 16 years as its President and CEO.

He personally founded the Caring Program for Children Foundation which was the first and only one of its kind in New York State to offer free health care to needy children. This later became NYS Child Health Plus Program.

Al initiated a very successful program at Elmwood Elementary School that helps students from a poor neighborhood become better students and teaches them how to make better choices and use of their time.

He played a key role in establishing the Museum of Science and Technology (MOST) where used to serve on the foundation board and funded the long time Annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner.

He served as treasurer of the United Way of CNY Board of Directors and was honored as the 2004 Outstanding Volunteer Fundraiser of the Year by the Association of Fundraising Professionals. Al served as Chairman of the St. Joseph's Hospital Health Center Council of Advisors and as Secretary of the

Visiting Nurse Association Systems Board of Directors.

A Great city, county and state is only as Great as those persons who give exemplary service to their community. And Uncle was Definitely one of our Giants.

Al's community involvement continued after his retirement despite being legally blind from Macular Degeneration and severe hearing loss from the big guns of war.

He was dedicated to Francis House and its mission to provide end of life care for terminally ill individuals. He was a member of the Tyrol Club of Solvay for over 70 years and former member of the Century Club. He loved to travel the United States and visited his family in Tyrol, Italy several times.

Albert is survived by his loving wife Susan (Serio) of 70 years. His favorite nephew and main caregiver and travel partner Thomas (Pamela) Antonini, many nieces, nephews, great & great-great nieces and nephews, friends, and cousins in Italy.

Albert is predeceased by his brothers, Martin (Tillie), Henry (Adeline) and sister, Irene (Leonard) Baldini.

Thanks to Thomas and Pamela Antonini and Al VanHoven for all the care and support.

Family and friends may call from 11:30 AM to 12:15 PM Friday January 10, 2025 at Holy Family Church, 127 Chapel Drive, Syracuse, NY 13219 with a Mass of Christian Burial to be celebrated at 12:30 PM.

Private entombment with Military Honors will follow in St. Mary's Cemetery Our Lady of Hope Mausoleum, DeWitt.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions be made to: Francis House, 108 Michaels Ave, Syracuse, NY, 13210, Gollisano Children's Hospital, 750 E. Adams St, Syracuse, NY 13210 or Syracuse University School of Management-Albert Antonini Scholarship, 900 South Crouse Avenue, Syracuse, NY 13244.

BAGOZZI TWINS FUNERAL HOME, Solvay has care of arrangements.

Please share online tributes at [www.bagozzitwins.com](http://www.bagozzitwins.com).



# Cemetery Details

## Private Entombment - St. Mary's Cemetery

Resurrection Chapel Mausoleum  
E. Genesee St.  
DeWitt, NY

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

JAN 10. 11:30 AM - 12:15 PM (ET)

Holy Family Church  
127 Chapel Dr.  
Syracuse, NY 13219  
(315) 488-3139

## Mass of Christian Burial

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# Tribute Wall

SP

“ *Deepest condolences to Mr. Antonini's family. I had the privilege of working alongside him when we established the school-business partnership at Elmwood School in the early 1990s. His genuine commitment to making a real difference in our students' lives was always evident. He wasn't interested in surface-level initiatives—he wanted to create meaningful opportunities that would truly impact their learning and their futures. Our partnership became a model for other schools in the Syracuse City School District, and the work he shepherded was recognized with several honors. We shared many moments together, including with students during visits to the Blue Cross/Blue Shield building, which left lasting memories. One of my fondest recollections is the holiday cards he had designed for each student to color every year. These cards, sent out as his personal communique, became a special connection to many. Mr. Antonini was an extraordinary person who believed in the power of real, lasting commitment to his community. I am truly honored to have known him.*

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**Stephanie Pelcher** - January 10, 2025 at 08:04 AM

TA

*Thank you for those great memories and kind words*

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**Thomas A.** - January 13, 2025 at 06:55 PM

AG

“ *I'm am so sorry to hear of Mr. Antonini's passing. I worked at Blue Cross from 1976 to 1988. He was always easy to talk to. He called me Alice Blue Gown. I think it was a song he liked. May He rest in peace. 🙏*

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**Alice (Hiovich/Heaney) Golas** - January 07, 2025 at 10:00 AM

JB

“ Sue, Tom and all of Al's family, I am so sorry to hear of Al's passing. Knowing him for many years as his "computer guy" he and I became great friends. I will miss seeing him and talking with him about how he loved his family and his interest in my family each time I visited. Al will be missed by many. I am so sad to hear he is gone. The world has lost a great man. Joel Brennan

Joel Brennan - January 07, 2025 at 09:35 AM

TA

Thanks Joel, he always treasured your computer expertise and friendship

Thomas A. - January 13, 2025 at 06:56 PM

LF

“ My condelence to Mr. Antonini family members. I worked at BCBC for 18 years, and I am honored to have worked under his leadership. I will always cherish his thoughtfulness for his workers. RIP Sir.



Lorraine Ford - January 06, 2025 at 01:28 PM

DM

“ Over the span of 30 years, Al was my patient, my colleague, and my friend. A more determined and dedicated humanist, I have never known.



Daniel D Rabuzzi MD - January 05, 2025 at 05:36 PM

MA

“ *When the heart weeps for what it has lost, the Spirit laughs for what it has found. Our sincere condolences to Aunt Sue, Tom, Pam Antonini and Family.*  
*Dale & MaryBeth Barnell*



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**MaryBeth** - January 03, 2025 at 06:34 PM



*Tommy, I'm so sorry to hear of your uncles passing. Such a wonderful family. God bless. Patti Armani Tuori*

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**Patti Tuori** - January 04, 2025 at 03:11 AM

MM

“ *Offering my condolences to all of Al's loved ones,  
While working for decades with the Pediatric Hematology - Oncology Clinic for seriously ill children and families, I'll never forget the very first time I met Al Antonini.*

*I gave a presentation to the employees of BC/BS. Mr. Antonini opened the meeting with a quote: "You must be the change you wish to see in the world." Needless to say, Al Antonini practiced what he preached.*

*May he rest now in the loving arms of Christ.*

*With sincere sympathy,*

*Marilyn (Tickner) McNamara*



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**Marilyn McNamara** - January 03, 2025 at 05:56 PM

TA

*Thank you so much for these great words and remembrance  
Thomas*

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**Thomas A.** - January 17, 2025 at 11:30 AM

LJ

*Al you will be missed. Your the only person to ever get me to eat tuna steak and I loved it. Please take care of my son Bob who just passed away*

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**Lawrence E. Partlow Jr.** - January 28, 2025 at 11:50 PM

HP

“ *My condolences to the Antonini family. I've known them for many years. It's hard to lose another member of the Greatest Generation!*

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**Hank Putz** - January 03, 2025 at 05:00 PM