



## MATTHEW J. KOLIS

April 17, 1924 - February 16, 2020

Matthew J. Kolis, 95 years old, passed away Sunday, February 16th at home surrounded by his loving family. Born and raised in Dupont, PA he was a lifelong resident of Syracuse, NY. He served in the United States Marine Corps during World War II. Matthew owned a window cleaning and janitorial service company and he was a communicant of St. Marianne Cope Parish. He was a longtime volunteer at the Rose Gardens at Thornden Park and at Elmcrest Children's Center. He was a proud member and past president of the Syracuse Rose Society and The Syracuse Men's Garden Club. During his lifetime he was an avid golfer and enjoyed hunting and fishing as well as painting and coin collecting. His passion was his love of growing prize winning roses.

He was predeceased by his wife Dolores in 2019, who he was married to for 68 wonderful years. Matthew was also predeceased by three brothers, Edward, Frank, and Joseph and four sisters, Loretta Macarak, Sophie Baron, Carol Guidry, and Mary Kolis.

Surviving are his beloved children, Diane (Manuel) Martinez, of Lakeland, Michele (Charles) Allen, of Denver, CO and Michael (Lisa) Kolis, of Camillus; six grandchildren whom he cherished, Manuel and Christopher Martinez, Elizabeth (Daniel) Fiorito, Ben Allen, Emily Allen Sandhaus, Jenna (Dave) Gerth, and his sister, Mildred Belotti, of Dupont, PA as well as several nieces and nephews.

Friends may call from 4:00 to 7:00 Thursday at BAGOZZI TWINS FUNERAL

HOME, 2601 Milton Ave, Solvay. Funeral services will be held 8:45 am Friday at BAGOZZI TWINS FUNERAL HOME, and 9:30 am at St. Marianne Cope Parish-Our Lady of Peace Church, 203 Halcomb St, Lakeland for Mass in celebration of Matthew's life. Burial follow in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Lakeland.

In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to St. Marianne Cope Parish, 105 Stanton Ave. Solvay NY 13209 or Hospice of CNY, 990 7th North St., Liverpool, NY 13088.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Sacred Heart Cemetery-Lakeland

Corner of Lawrence and Beach Roads  
Lakeland, NY

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

FEB 20. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Bagozzi Twins Funeral Home, Inc.  
2601 Milton Ave.  
Solvay, NY 13209  
(315) 468-2431  
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## Funeral Service

FEB 21. 8:45 AM (ET)

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## Mass of Christian Burial

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FEB 21. 9:30 AM (ET)

ST. MARIANNE COPE PARISH; OUR LADY OF PEACE CHURCH  
203 HALCOMB ST.  
SYRACUSE, NY 13209

# Tribute Wall



“ *Bagozzi Twins Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of  
MATTHEW J. KOLIS*



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**BAGOZZI TWINS FUNERAL HOME, INC.** - February 19, 2020 at 10:13 AM



“ *MATTHEW J. KOLIS*

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January 21, 2023 at 02:11 PM

LN

“ Goodbye Uncle Matt. You were quite the wiseguy and as a kid I didn't always appreciate you tormenting me. Cioci Delores would tell me it was because he like me.

*When Diane and I were about 13, we were having a sleepover at her house. The day before I had my thumb slammed in a car door. It was swollen and tender. Cioci Delores said it looked like there was blood under the nail causing pressure and needed to be drained. All of us were too squeamish to do what had to be done.*

*It was a dark and stormy night....really. The power went out and then UNCLE MATT came home!! He might as well have been the boogiemann!! He could not wait to operate on my thumb. He started setting up candles and a lantern near the sink. Got a big needle and a thin drill bit and started sterilizing his tools. He had that twinkle in his eye and big smile. I didn't want him to do it. He was taking too much pleasure in my pain.*

*Well after much coaxing I let him drill that tiny hole and yes we all screamed when it exploded!! Then laughed like crazy when it was done. This day and age we would have had a video!!*

*Through the years I always enjoyed seeing him when we were back in Syracuse visiting.*

*We always raised a glass of wine and had a good time.*

*I know he is at peace now with Cioci Delores. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

*Love,*

*Linda Contos-Caniezo  
and Family*

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Linda Contos-Caniezo, neice - February 20, 2020 at 08:00 PM

PV

“ Dear Diane, Michele and Michael,  
Your dad gave me my first job in his cleaning business. He taught me how to properly swing a mop and clean a bathroom. Both of them were his way or else!  
This job helped me learn responsibility and pride in a task done well. I never forgot these life lessons. To this day I remember him and smile every time I swing a mop or rag.  
May he enjoy eternity with your mother and may they rest in the peace of the Lord.

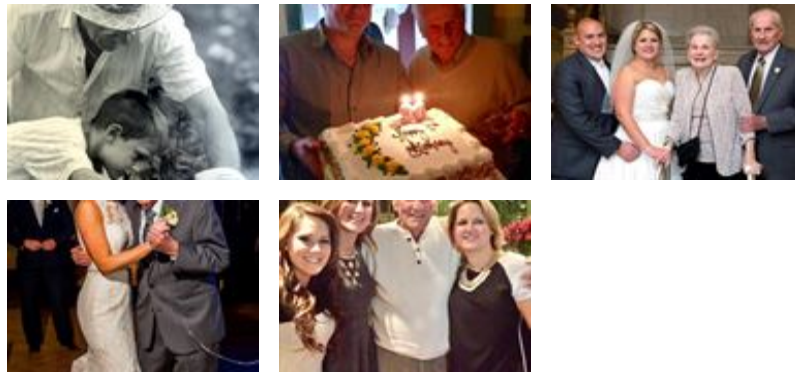
Peter P. Volcko

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Peter (Pete) Volcko - February 19, 2020 at 04:40 PM



“ 41 files added to the album Life Tributes



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BAGOZZI TWINS FUNERAL HOME, INC. - February 19, 2020 at 10:11 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of MATTHEW J. KOLIS.



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February 18, 2020 at 07:57 PM

DF

“ Michelle, I'm sad to hear of your Father's passing. He was a gifted man with such kindness, love, and care. A man to be admired for his love of the Rose. I wish I could have been 1/2 a friend that he was to me and feel very guilty for not continuing our friendship. So easy to talk to and welcomed me to his home where I enjoyed your mother's company, what a cook, and you too - you all made me feel like a king. Matt made me laugh at the rose shows in Los Angeles years ago. We shared many wonderful memories I share even now. Your message was a wake-up call and I resent drifting away from such a good man as your father. He admired everyone and that's what I admire of him. God Bless him and especially you... Love Dexter

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**Dexter Friede** - February 18, 2020 at 07:11 PM

 Geri Wagner

“ Diane, Michelle and Mike,  
Your dad's presence among us will be missed. I'm sorry I can't be there for the celebration mass of his life. Every year when mushroom season came around, I would call your Dad and let him know I was going out to pick them in my woods. I always joked, if he didn't Hear from me Again for awhile, I might have picked the wrong ones! One year, he and your Mom decided they'd better come out and check for themselves. So they did, and I had the right mushrooms, so he and I went picking while your Mom napped in the house. It was a nice Fall evening, having a mushroom stew afterward with your mom and dad. I always wished we could do it again! Love, Geri

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**Geri Wagner** - February 18, 2020 at 09:23 AM

MM

“ Jake and I are so saddened that your Father has passed. He's now reunited with your Mother. Our Matthew was named after your Father, because when Jake was doing some work for your folks, he'd hear your Mother yell . . . M A T T !! Can't you just hear it? When I last visited him in September, I told him how Matthew was named after him and he got a chuckle out of it! Then he shared some "old" stories with me that I thoroughly enjoyed. What a great man!

*Our prayers and thoughts are with you.*

*Jake and Michele Mills*

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**Michele K Mills** - February 18, 2020 at 08:40 AM

MG

“ To the Kolis Family, I am so terribly sorry to hear you have lost your Dad. It my prayer for you that God holds you in his comforting arms at the most difficult moment and that each time you see roses, you are reminded of the legacy of beauty and grace that was his legacy. God Bless.

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**Mary K Sullivan Greenlee** - February 18, 2020 at 08:13 AM

TB

“ Diane, so sorry to see that your father has passed away. He's lived a very full life. I always remember how he loved his roses. Now he's with your Mom. Sending sincere condolences on your family's loss.



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**Terry Bowen** - February 17, 2020 at 11:43 PM

MK

“ Diane and family, so very sorry to hear your Dad passed.He is with your mother now watching over all of you.Jimmy and I wish you comfort and peace. Found memories from childhood times.  
Micheale and Jim Kosecki

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**Michaele kosecki** - February 17, 2020 at 05:50 PM

LB

“ "Absent in the body, present with Lord." May the blessed hope through Jesus Christ sustain you at this time of loss. The memories of your dad , his beautiful roses and opera music playing will be always in my mind and heart. He was my Scrabble buddy for a long time too. He and your mom were special neighbors from my childhood.

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**linda bailey** - February 17, 2020 at 05:14 PM

JH

“ Diane -  
  
So sorry to learn of your father's death. He's now with your mom.  
  
We will be thinking of and praying for you.  
  
Roseanne and John Hennigan

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**John J Hennigan** - February 17, 2020 at 04:33 PM

AP

“ Mike and Lisa....so very sorry for your loss. May your Dad R I P

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**Ann F Piecham** - February 17, 2020 at 04:01 PM