



## Alexander Anthony Rossi

September 21, 1927 - December 29, 2019

Alexander Anthony Rossi

aka "Stella," "Flanagan," "Pops," "Gramps," "GG," "Little Man," etc. died Sunday December 29th, 2019 at home surrounded by family. He was preceded in death by his wife, Lorraine Rossi. He leaves a legacy of classic Alex sayings, dancing, card games, time at the property, Paisano wine, homemade sausage, warmth & laughter to his great granddaughter: Sophia Herrick, grandchildren: Amie Bialo (Jared), Lisa Blackburn (Dave), Danielle Laurion Herrick (Norm), Derrick Laurion (Jen), and Katie Rossi (Nick); and, his children: Mary Louise Laurion & Jeff Rossi.

Visitation Friday January 3, 2020 from 4 to 8 PM in the WATTENGEL FUNERAL HOME, 533 Meadow Dr. N. Tonawanda. Mass of Christian Burial Saturday January 4, 2020 at 9:30 AM from Our Lady of Czestochowa Parish, 626 Oliver St. N. Tonawanda. Burial with Military Honors, Mount Olivet Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Niagara Hospice. Online guest registry at [www.wattengel.com](http://www.wattengel.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Olivet Cemetery

4000 Elmwood Ave  
Kemore, NY

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 3. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wattengel Funeral Home (Meadow Drive)  
533 Meadow Drive  
North Tonawanda, NY 14120  
(716) 693-0440  
wattengelfh@gmail.com  
<https://www.wattengel.com>

## Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 4. 9:30 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Czestochowa R.C. Church  
Oliver and Center Street  
North Tonawanda, NY

# Tribute Wall

“ Reflections on the passing of my beloved Uncle Alex

*A little over two years ago on the occasion of his 90th birthday, I participated along with others to pay tribute to my beloved Uncle Alex. I began those remarks by calling attention to those of his era as representing “The Greatest Generation.” My Uncle Alex lived up to all that was great of that generation.*

*My Uncle Alex and Aunt Lorraine were beacons of all that was wholesome in our family.*

*They were a dynamic force of love, kindness and support of others. One only needs to know their daughter, Mary Louise, and son, Jeff, to appreciate the values and character traits they instilled. I would go one step further to say that my aunt and uncle also nurtured many of us to become better people. I remain eternally grateful for their love and support.*

*My dear Uncle Alex suffered the most difficult loss of his life when my Aunt died some thirty years ago. Despite that loss, he would receive loving support from Mary Louise and Jeff and move ahead practicing his many virtues. He was a kind and gentle spirit and he always had a ready smile and a kind word for everyone. He had a quick wit and a wonderful sense of humor. He enjoyed a good joke and he was happy to be teased by those who loved him dearly. His laughter was contagious. I will hold dear my memory of his cheerful voice responding to me and his genuine interest in knowing how I and my family were doing.*

*We all have opportunities in life to become better people when we are exposed to others who show us the way by exhibiting wholesome values and who do their best to contribute positively toward the welfare of others. Family members do that. My Uncle Alex did that for me and I dare say countless others. I witnessed on numerous occasions how my Uncle Alex joyfully celebrated the success of others and in their times of turmoil, challenge and sorrow was a source of strength. He has been very dear to my family. I am*

*grateful to him for contributing to my life, for being there for me and for showing me, by his example, how to live a life with love, kindness, generosity, dignity and happiness. He was and will remain my favorite Uncle. What a blessing and bounty it is to be raised by "The Greatest Generation" and, for me, to have an Uncle who exemplified greatness.*

*James M. Schear  
Nephew  
January 2020*

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**James M Schear** - January 03, 2020 at 12:25 PM

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“ *What a great man! I remember him always being so happy and laughing. What a wonderful attribute to be remembered by! Hugs to all of his family. His kind nature will be missed. Tahirih Samadani*

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**Tahirih** - January 02, 2020 at 05:12 PM

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“ *As I write this Tribute to my Uncle Alex (Flanagan) its hard to believe that he's gone. He was such an important part of my life. Growing up I always relied on him for advice. He did teach me to always carry a comb, clean hanky, & a pen, and I still do to this day. He was the favorite Uncle, and was always there for all of us. God speed Uncle Alex you will never be forgotten!!!*

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**Norm Schear** - January 01, 2020 at 11:39 AM



“ *Rose Tribute was purchased for the family of Alexander Anthony Rossi.*



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December 31, 2019 at 11:47 AM



“ *I will remember the amount of joy that Alex brought to my life and all of those around him. I say this lovingly-- when he smiled and laughed it was like he was a child. He laughed with his whole body! My life is better for having known him.*  
*Grace Lotter and family*

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**Robert Lotter** - December 31, 2019 at 11:11 AM



“ *Alex crammed more life into 92 years than anyone I have ever met! He loved life to the fullest and made the most of every day. He raised a great family -- but what I admired most about him was how much he LOVED his family. He was all about his kids, his grandkids and his adorable great-granddaughter. He took such delight in everything they did.*  
*He made us all laugh out loud and we all always had an "Alex" story to tell. We will miss him, but he will live on in our hearts because 20 years from now we will all still be remembering some great story of how much we loved him.*

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**JoAnn Hoskins** - December 30, 2019 at 05:53 PM