



## Philip J. Toia

January 19, 1925 - June 19, 2012

Philip J. Toia, age 87 of Shelby Twp. formerly of Warren passed away June 19, 2012 at his residence. He is a member of St. Kieran Catholic Church, Shelby Twp.; the D.A.V. Post 129; Club Madonna del Ponte; The United Street Machine Car Club; retired from the Warren Woods Schools and was a WWII Veteran Navy Armed Guard Gun Crew. Beloved husband of the late Vita Velma. Dear father of Salvatore Patricia Toia, Joseph Theresa Toia, Ninfa Toia and the late Josephine Ann Toia. Loving grandfather of Amanda Jesse Toia-Fanone, Jessica Toia, Marissa Jeff Toia-Kemp, Ashley Danny Guzman, Philip Toia, Christopher Shoupe, Shelbie Shoupe. Loving great grandfather of Joey, Michael and Abby. Dear brother of Mary Hundshamer and Frank Toia. Friends may call at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Rd. 3 blks. E. of Van Dyke Utica from 5:00 - 9:00 p.m. Thursday and 2:00 - 9:00 p.m. Friday. Rosary 7:00 p.m. Friday. Mr. Toia will lie in state on Saturday at St. Kieran Catholic Church, 53600 Mound Rd., Shelby Twp. from 10:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. time of Mass. Entombment Resurrection Cemetery. [www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com)

# Tribute Wall

DD

“ *My father Ed and Phil used to work together several years ago at Warren Woods. Sorry to the Toia family for your loss. Phil and my father can now hang out together up in heaven... God Bless your family*

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**Deb Bobowski Drew** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AT

“ *Grandpa you will be greatly missed. I will hold you and our many memories close to my heart for eternity. Thank you for being such a special person.*

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**Amanda Toia** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ *Grandpa, I hope you know how much you'll be missed by me and the kids. I was so lucky to have you in my life. You have been a part of every important event for me and my three children and those are memories that will last a life time. I want to say Thank you for being a solid example of how we should live our lives and teaching me to be strong and have faith. I will continue to go to church every sunday and sit in the back row just as we always have so watch for me ;O I love you so much and will miss you everyday!! Give Grandma kisses for me and remember you'll always be #1. Rest In Peace Grandpa/Papa Toia We Love You!!! Jessica, Joey, Michael and Abby*

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**Jessica Toia** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ Dear Joe,As I was visiting Aunt Rosemary,Uncle Pete's wife today, Aunt Annie was telling me about the passing of your dear father.Our condolences to you and all of the Toia family. God has welcome Philip with open arms!!! God Bless. Debra Ghirardelli

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**Debra Ghirardelli** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ I have many fond memories of my dear Godfather, Uncle Phil. One of which will be etched not only in heart forever, but my cheek as well! As a child, he would always greet me with a squeeze of my cheek and say "Whats up,kid?" I also remember going to visit them around the holidays with my parents and Aunt Velma would be playing the organ and singing and Uncle Phil would be telling stories and cracking jokes with my parents in their kitchen on Chalmers. And of coarse, I thought I had the MOST famous uncle of them all, Mr. Belvedere!. We may have lost an icon of our family BUT Heaven has gained an angel! i believe if we keep his zest for life and laughter alive, he will always be alive! May God bless all of you in this time of loss. Im very sorry I was unable to attend due to my illness. It was an honor knowing you, Uncle Phil, may you rest in peace. Love Kimmie and family

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**Kimberly Brown** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Joe, sorry to hear of your Father passing. To Theresa, your children and the entire Toia family I extend my deepest sympathy. JJ Buccellato

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**JJ Buccellato** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ I will always see Phil as a man who knew so much about LIFE. He knew that it was a matter of what you have that counts He would never dwell on the negative. He showed pride in everything that he did and all that he had. He was giving of his time. He could be depended on. He helped raise 10s of thousands of dollars for St Clements. Preserving his Italian Heritage was important to him. He was proud of his Military Service. His pride was his shield against the curves that life through him in the end. He loved his Children, Daughters in Law, and his Grandchildren Phil was well met and well received. I hope that he and his wife Vita are up there playing "New York New York" singing along in perfect harmony and dancing up a storm!!

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**Clarice** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ Phil Your Kids are a perfect example of the quality you were! Give God a hug for me.

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**Tony Powers** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Dearest Sammy, Joe, Nee...I want to Thank You for sharing your Dad and Mom with me..I always thought of them as my parents. And the children always thought of them as their grandparents.....We Loved them so much. Whenever I needed them they were always there for me, especially when my mom died..I can still see them running in the house when I was screaming when I got the call and talking and comforting me. They were always there to listen to the kids talk about whatever they wanted to on the front porch or swim with them in the pool...Yes I Loved to listen to them sing together, cook their amazing food, their stories about New York, love for one another...and we were always invited to everything they had.....I will miss his smiling face so much, even though these last few years I haven't seen him much.....I hope you have comfort knowing he is with his Love.....I Love All of You as Family, and my heart goes out to you.....Love Bonnie

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**Bonnie Baker** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ I will always remember you and the good times we had at your house cooking out and the wonderful corn you would cook. You were a good uncle and father and we will miss you and always love you and your children. God Bless you Uncle Phil!

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**Thomas and Colleen LaCorte** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

FV

“ We are sorry we are unable to express our sympathy in person. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.

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**Francine and Margaret Vitale** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ So sorry for your loss. I am verry proud to say Phil was my "BEST" friend & I can't "Thank-you" guys enough for sharing your dad, granddad, uncle, cousin, whatever with me. We'd sit at the car shows talking and laughing about this thing & that, enjoying the fresh air & sunshine. If I got there before him I'd save a spot for him and if he beat me there he'd save one for me. He'd tell me stories about his wife, made them sound like she was still alive, you could tell he missed her alot. All his stories were interesting, and I can't tell you how much I enjoyed being the "noodler" at our lasagna making sessions. My wife loved his stories and especially when he'd sing some old Italian songs. Heck anybody who sat by him for any lenght of time fell in love with Phil, he was that kind of guy. Love and miss ya lots & lots buddy, May God Bless. I'll catch you at the "BIG" car show in the sky, I know you've got a spot saved for me.

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**Chilly** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ Wishing all of the family peace as Grandpa Toia begins his eternal life in the arms of God. We pray that your hearts be filled with all the love you shared during his wonderful life and that his spirit lives in your hearts every day. We love you all very much.

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**Alicia & Nick Chidsey** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ Phil and that big and I do mean big black lincoln he used to drive will be missed. I will never forget how he wanted me to drive it! ME? We drove from 13 Mile & Gratiot to 13 & Crooks to a USMA Show. I not only got it there, but, backed into a handicap spot on the first try! Rest in Peace Phil.

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**Diane Ellis** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

NV

“ Our condolences to all of Phil's family. He was a terrific person. We at United Street machines will miss him dearly.

Nikki & Pete van vrouwerff - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Our sincere condolences to Phil's family on their loss. Phil will be missed by his friends & fellow cruisers at United Street Machines.

Dorothy and Don Mustonen - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Phil you are missed dearly. We truly enjoyed any time that we could spend with you. We loved all your stories. I can hear your wife playing the piano in heaven right now. You will hold a special place in our hearts forever. There is one more angel looking over all of us... May you Rest in Peace... all our love... Barb and Bob

Barbara Brown - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Hello! I was a group lead with Marissa and I know how much she loves her family. I send thoughts and prayers your way to remember and hold dear all your wonderful memories of your loved one.

Janet Rich - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ I'm sorry to hear about the loss of your father. He always made us laugh when he visited Syracuse. I loved to hear my dad Vito and him talk about when they were kids. With deep sympathy and prayers. Dina Gerardi Toia Vito's daughter

Dina Toia Gerardi - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ *Philly we love you and remember you with loving thoughts and good times. You will be missed! Love Tony & Grace*

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**Tony & Grace** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ *I am sorry for the loss of your father. As the son of Vito and Betty I have many fond memories of your father. My deepest sympathy to your family. Mike Toia & Family*

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**Michael J. Toia** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

VT

“ *We are sorry we are unable to express our sympathy in person. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Love and prayers Cousin Vito and Betty*

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**Vito Toia** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ *What can I say about Papa Phil?? He was a good, kind man from the first time I met him, almost 11 years ago ,when I went to his house with Ninfa. Always singing, sharing stories and telling jokes. His smile and spirit lit up the room. Mostly he welcomed me in, not only as a friend, but as part of the family.. God Bless and Keep You Papa Phil.... You will be greatly missed..*

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**Barb Hoey** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GL

“ *...Uncle Phil....thanks for all memories and the laugh's...was a real gas living with you on chalmers. sorry i never got around to finishing the cartoons on the fence. i remember one night back in the day i painted your porch...how did i wind up wedged between the washer and dryer ?? ...who could forget you sittin on that forklift at condor...i bet you never ran the broach machine. I'll never forget our trip to syracuse stopping to eat the best gnocchi in the world...how many cheeks did you grab between them fingers and ring out the ol "giddy-giddy-guy-dooo" ..i know mine is still sore. whenever you and my dad got together there was no shortage of laffs ... R.I.P*

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**Gary LaCorte** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

FL

“ *will miss not talking with you and remember all the good times of the past with all the family RIP Phil Love you.*

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**florencelacorte** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *So sorry for the loss of your father and grandfather. God bless the family.*

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**Joe & Kathy Borgia** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ *A gentle man who dearly loved his family and friends. You touched many lives with your love, kindness, generosity and sense of humor. Thank You Dad for all that you have taught me by your loving example. Proud to be your son, Love Joe*

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**Joseph Toia** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ *What an honor to have you as the head of our family. The love and values you instilled in all of us will be carried on for generations. You will be missed but never forgotten. We love you. Thanks for the memories. Fair winds and following seas...*

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**Salvatore Toia** - March 25, 2015 at 12:00 AM