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A Generous Family Man

Mr. Anthony T. "Bull" Fabbio, Sr., age 81, of Utica, went home to be with his wife when he passed away on Friday, January 8, 2016, at the St. Elizabeth Medical Center with the love and support of his family. Born in Utica on November 16, 1934, Anthony was the son of the late Thomas J. and Eva (Gonyea) Fabbio. He also knew the love of his aunt and uncle, Rose and Anthony Daniele, who played a prominent

role in his life. Bull was a graduate of T.R. Proctor High School/Class of 1952. He was an outstanding athlete in basketball and football, and he especially excelled in baseball. An amazing sportsman, in 1952 he captained the only undefeated Proctor baseball team. For a period of time, he attended Clarkson University. Bull was subsequently drafted into the "Cincinnati Reds" where he played in the position of catcher in the farm system. On February 20, 1954, he wed his high school sweetheart, the former Dolores A. Asselta, with whom he shared 53 years; they were well matched in their personal love for one another and fulfilled the responsibilities of family life. His beloved Dolores passed away on May 25, 2007.

Anthony worked as a foreman at the Joseph Saraceno Construction Company for a number of years. He later co-owned the North King Construction Company that provided pipeline and heavy construction for the Utica area and the Mohawk Valley. Anthony also co-owned the Montero Construction Company and was a member of the Operating Engineers Union. Lastly, he held a position with the New York State Department of Labor, retraining workers so they would have the skills to find gainful employment. In his retirement years, he worked as a monitor at the T.R. Proctor High School pool until his passing. In looking back, Bull was a talented business man and a hard worker with an aptitude for mathematics. All in all, he was blessed with a great run in his career.

Anthony and Dolores doted on their children and especially their grandchildren who charmed their hearts. Anthony took the time to do the things he could not do with his own children when he worked full-time. He was a big part of their daily lives and activities, and all of their 'firsts' were with Pop and Gram. Their grandchildren had wonderful memories of their grandparents' hospitality, and in more recent years, Lindsay and David, in turn, cared for their beloved Pop. Bull and his better half loved to dine out, and he was generous and gracious about treating others to a meal. He surrounded himself with fun-loving, interesting, and vivacious people. On Wednesday nights, he enjoyed having dinner with the fellows of his golf group, a cast of characters who always conjured up a great night. On weekends, he started out his day at the Marr-Logg where he melted right in while socializing and interacting with people of all age groups. He was blessed with a second family, the Guido's, who shared life with the Fabbio's in a wonderful way. They were a true extension of what it means to be family. Anthony & Delores were woven in to the treasured affairs including many memorable holidays, events and Sunday dinners. Back at the homestead, Bull was a man on a mission. When he saw something that needed to be fixed, he got the deed done. Anthony was "Pop" to many people because he took an interest in youth and reciprocated their affection by becoming a benefactor. Bull was considerate and thoughtful to organizations and people in need, he especially catered to students while at Proctor.

Anthony was a true sportsman and played in area Muny baseball and basketball leagues, as well as the Marcy State Semi Professional League. He also became a passionate and accomplished golfer. He was competitive and challenged himself on so many levels. He was a former member of the Yahnundasis, Higby Hills, and Valley View Golf Clubs. As a faithful communicant of St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church, Sunday Mass was important to Anthony and uplifted and sustained his spirituality.

Anthony is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Donna M. and David A. Guido of Utica, Anthony loved David like a son and the two of them shared the stats and successes of Proctor Baseball with great enthusiasm; his son, Anthony T. Fabbio, Jr., of New Hartford; his grandchildren, Lindsay A. Guido who he held close to his heart and trusted, and David A. Guido, III, with whom he shared a special bond; Anthony T. Fabbio, III, Daniel J. Fabbio, and their mother, Linda. Always held in his heart was the memory his granddaughter, Alyssa Marie, who preceded him in death. He was also like a grandfather to Mark, and Matthew VanDreason. In addition, he leaves his brother, Thomas J. Fabbio, Jr., of Utica; his nieces and nephews, especially acknowledging Thomas A. Fabbio and Michelle Donato, Sherri Ann Fabbio, and their mother, Gloria; and Art Asselta; his great-nieces, Gia, and Sophia; cousins; his sister-in-law, Marion Daniels of Las Vegas; and his "in-laws", Phyllis Guido, and Maryanne and Mark VanDreason. Bull was also blessed with many longtime friends, especially noting George Fanelli, Anthony "Mouse" Olivadoti and family, Remo Zegarelli, and Jimmy Lasher, among many other dear friends. He was predeceased by his in-laws, Rocco A., Sr., and Ang Asselta, John A. Asselta, and Daniel "Asselta" Daniels.

The family is grateful to Dr. Ankur Chawla, a kind and wonderful physician; Dr. Kevin Mathews and his Palliative Team; the nurses and staff of 3C, Intensive Care Unit, and the Neuro/Pediatrics Unit at the St. Elizabeth Medical Center who were outstanding and went above and beyond the call of duty. Their compassion will not be forgotten. Thanks also to the

St .Elizabeth Medical Center Pastoral Care personnel. Bull was blessed with the love and respect of "the girls" and their families who have known him all of their lives and were spiritually and emotionally present to Pop and his family at this difficult time.

Visitation will be held Tuesday from 5:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. By family request, please omit floral offerings. Anthony's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Wednesday morning at 10:30 at St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church where his Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by Rev. Mark Kaminski. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family. Online tributes at www.EannaceFuneralHome.com.



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