



## Domenico C. Di Grazia

April 16, 1966 - February 8, 2024

Domenico C. Di Grazia, 57, of Gloversville, passed away on Thursday, February 8, 2024, at Ellis Hospital in Schenectady after battling pancreatic cancer for 17 months.

He was born in Rome, Italy on April 16, 1966, a son of Nicola Di Grazia and Marianna Bianco. In 1976 he moved to America with his family and lived here for five years. He went to Kingsborough School, Estee Middle School, and Gloversville High School. Then the whole family returned to Italy, and he finished his schooling at ITC Andrea Torrente, where he obtained an accounting diploma. He moved back to the United States when he was 23, acquired his citizenship, and resided in Gloversville for the past 34 years.

Dominic immigrated here to pursue his American dream. To pursue his dream, he worked at many jobs while attending college. His goal was to become a foreign language teacher because he had a tremendous love for languages. He was a graduate of FMCC, SUNY Albany, SUNY Buffalo. As his favorite language was French, he spent two years in Grenoble, France to submerge himself into the language.

Mr. Di Grazia spent 27 years in the public education system. He worked at many different school districts, but his most recent one was Mayfield Central School where he taught Spanish, Italian, and French. He retired in June 2023 due to illness.

His first love was his family and friends. He loved everyone near and far. He enjoyed his special seat on the cabana, watching the birds in his backyard. He also loved gardening, woodworking and sharing that love with his sons. He always enjoyed cooking, sharing all his Italian traditions and entertaining family and friends. He was a world traveler and he loved to experience things from different cultures.

Mr. Di Grazia was a member of the Church of the Holy Spirit in Gloversville. This church held a special place in his heart because this is where he married his devoted wife. It also was the church that performed all the sacraments on his three beloved sons.

He was predeceased by his father, Nicola.

Survivors include his wife, Jamie Lauritano Di Grazia, whom he married on December 30, 2006; three sons, Nicola R. Di Grazia, Damiano S. Di Grazia, and Matteo F. Di Grazia, all of Gloversville; his mother, Marianna Bianco of Arzano, Naples Italy; two sisters; Paola Di Grazia and her husband, Arcangelo Grieco, Stefania Di Grazia and her companion Gianni Sabella; all of Arzano, Naples, Italy; and a niece and nephew, Martina and Daniele Grieco.

He is also survived by his mother-in-law Sandra Lauritano; three sister-in-laws; Theresa Butkevitch, Sharon Dye, her husband Terry, Alicia LaGreca , her husband Leo; and niece and nephews; James and Matthew Butkevitch, Sara Dye, and Anthony LaGreca.

Calling hours will be held on Sunday from 1 – 4 pm at the Robert M. Halgas Funeral Home, Inc., 111 County Highway 106 (Corner of Route 29 & Black Street), Johnstown. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Monday at 11am at the Church of the Holy Spirit, 153 South Main Street, Gloversville, with Rev. Matthew Wetsel, officiating.

Entombment will take place in the spring at Mount Carmel Cemetery, Johnstown.

Memorial contributions may be made to Project Purple (PO Box 884, Seymour, CT 06483).

# Cemetery Details

## Mount Carmel Cemetery

Route 29 and Briggs St.  
Johnstown, NY 12095

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

FEB 11. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Halgas Funeral Home  
111 County Highway 106  
Johnstown, NY 12095  
(518) 883-5323  
debbie@halgasfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.halgasfuneralhome.com/>

## Mass of Christian Burial

FEB 12. 11:00 AM (ET)

Church of the Holy Spirit  
153 South Main Street  
Gloversville, NY 12078

# Tribute Wall

SK

“ I am very sorry to hear of Dominic’s passing. He was a big guy with a big personality and a big heart. I taught with Dominic at B-P 🏫 . He used to tell me that he wanted to meet a young woman and have a family and a happy life. Well he certainly did that with Jamie and they were lucky to have three boys. I hope the boys take his many good qualities and carry them forward in life. I’m truly sorry to his local family in America and in Italy.

Sandra Kopec - February 19, 2024 at 10:35 PM

AM

“ Antonio M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Domenico C. Di Grazia.

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DP

“ To Dominico's family, I am truly sorry for your loss. I have fond memories of working with Dominico at Broadalbin-Perth Middle School many years ago. We shared many conversations of our Italian heritage and the traditions our families celebrated over lunch. May your wonderful memories bring you peace and joy.  
Sincerely,  
Diane DiGiacomo-Purcell

Diane DiGiacomo Purcell - February 11, 2024 at 12:01 PM

CM

“ My heart goes out to the entire family. He was the most loving kind soul I have ever known. I always admired him from afar, as we kept in touch over the years.

Carol Martin - February 11, 2024 at 08:34 AM

JS

“ Jeff and Carmi Shaw purchased the Thoughts & Prayers Sympathy Gift Box for the family of Domenico C. Di Grazia.



Jeff and Carmi Shaw - February 10, 2024 at 10:08 PM

SB

“ Sending love and hugs to the Di Grazia family. It was a joy to work with Dom and an honor to be his friend. He had such a kind heart and a beautiful soul. His faith in our loving God as strong and beautiful as the brightest star. Jamie, Nikola, Damiano, and Matteo will forever carry and shine his precious light for all to see.

Sandy Brower - February 10, 2024 at 03:49 PM

LB

“ Love, The Prescotts-Missy, David & boys purchased the European Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Domenico C. Di Grazia.



Love, The Prescotts-Missy, David & boys - February 10, 2024 at 01:02 PM

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TJ

“ The Ferrara's- John ,Philip,Barbara Jean purchased the Lavender & White Sympathy Basket for the family of Domenico C. Di Grazia.



The Ferrara's- John ,Philip,Barbara Jean - February 10, 2024 at 10:08 AM