



Thomas A. Holgate, Sr.

October 2, 1925 - June 11, 2016

Thomas A. Holgate, of Syracuse, New York, died Saturday, June 11, 2016. He was born October 2, 1925, and was raised in Newton, Massachusetts, the eldest son of Helen and Thomas A. Holgate, Sr.

He earned Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Boston College. He was a WWII veteran, having served with the 10th Mountain Division as a Medical Aid Man in Italy and was honorably discharged from the United States Army in 1946. He taught at St. Michael's College in Vermont and also worked for the Turkish Commercial Attaché. Tom continued to work after retirement as a volunteer, teaching English as a second language.

His travels eventually brought him to Syracuse where he retired from Crucible Specialty Metal Chemical Laboratory in Syracuse, after 37 years of service, including 10 years as President of Steel workers Local Union 2716. His lifelong interest and dedication to the pursuit of knowledge and truth were deeply rooted in the traditions of his Roman Catholic faith. His home is filled with books covering every aspect of the social sciences and many other fields of study. Most of all, family meant everything to Tom. Perhaps his most cherished role was as a devoted husband and loving father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. Our family has lost its Patriarch and leader.

He is survived by his wife of 70 years, Nadine (Lasch) Holgate, of Syracuse;

four children, Thomas Jr. of Syracuse, Timothy of Chittenango, Nadine Vannelli of Arizona, and Maureen Gooch of California; eight grandchildren; and twelve great-grandchildren. Tom is predeceased by a daughter, Nancy, and his brother, Robert.

Calling hours will be Tuesday, June 14, 2016, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home, Inc., 4612 S. Salina Street, Syracuse, New York 13205. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Syracuse. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery, DeWitt.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Tom's name to Upstate Golisano Children's Hospital, 1 Childrens Circle, Syracuse, NY 13210.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Thomas A. Holgate, Sr.*



Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home - June 11, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *I love you Daddy.
Love,
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Rosary - June 18, 2016 at 12:00 AM

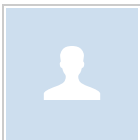


“ *Nadine, Joe and Family,*

We are sorry to hear of the passing of your dad. From the obituary it seems he had a very full life. You must be very proud of him.

Mike & Sheila

June 15, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *Tom and family, may you find peace and healing in the many memories you have. May the support of family and friends bring you comfort in this time of need. God bless. Brenda Horton*

June 13, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ *Tom(jr) and family,
My deepest condolences to you and your family in this difficult time.
I know how very important you dad was to you and always will be.
From Jim, myself and Austin I just wanted to say you are in our
thoughts and prayers. Kim Marlowe*

June 13, 2016 at 12:00 AM