



## Anthony Villanova

October 30, 1919 - August 11, 2015

Anthony "Tony" Villanova, passed away peacefully at Albany Medical Center August 11, 2015. He was 95.

Anthony was born October 30, 1919 in Barr, Pennsylvania in Cambria County and was the son of Italian immigrants, Gaetano Villanova and Caterina Cogo.

He proudly served in the 7th Armored Division's 434th Armored Field Artillery Battalion and saw considerable action in the European Theater, including the pivotal defense of St. Vith in December of 1944 during the Ardennes Offensive (Battle of the Bulge). By denying this strategic supply point for the German offensive far beyond the Germans' timetable, it effectively doomed the entire offensive, making possible the defense of Bastogne. Anthony was awarded the Purple Heart during his service in WWII.

Anthony was an "old school" trained master house painter and wallpaper hanger and was the owner of Villanova Painting and Paperhanging for 45 years.

Anthony was married to his loving wife, Tullia Villanova, for 64 years and was a member of many civic organizations including the American Legion and VFW. He was a member of St. Joseph's Parish in Stottville.

He is survived by his wife, Tullia, daughter Roberta Villanova Nunn (Ray) of Westerlo NY, son Joseph Villanova (Jo-Ann) of Stottville, NY and son Anthony Villanova of Tucson, AZ. He is survived by three granddaughters, Rebecca and Claire Villanova of Stottville and Aderia Crawford Nunn of Schenectady, NY. He is survived by his sister Cathy Costacurta of Hudson, NY and by many nieces and nephews. He was pre-deceased by his brothers, Joseph, Peter, Louis, and John and his sisters, Mary and Lina.

In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to the Wounded Warriors Project.

A calling hour will begin Saturday 9am at the Bates and Anderson Funeral Home, Green St., Hudson, followed by Funeral services at the funeral home at 10am, with interment following the service at Cedar Park Cemetery.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dear Tulia and family, So very sorry. May happy memories bring peace and joy. Linda LeSawyer Dousharm, Beaufort NC*

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**Linda LeSawyer Dousharm** - August 15, 2015 at 08:38 AM