



Gaetano R. Balestra

June 20, 1943 - February 8, 2018

Gaetano R. Balestra, 74, passed away on February 8, 2018 surrounded by his family at Columbia Memorial Hospital. Born on June 20, 1943 in Brooklyn to the late Rocco and Minnie (Solomon) Balestra. In 1960 he entered the service, completed basic training only to have the Army find out that he was not old enough to serve. He turned 18 and reenlisted in 1961, and served honorably until 1964.

He stayed in Tacoma, Washington for 8 years, he also lived in Phoenix, Arizona for a few years before returning to Columbia County to settle. He was the owner and operator of the Min-Roc on Warren Street. He also had several other small businesses in his lifetime. He enjoyed playing cards, horse races, coin collecting and fishing. He was a member of the Hudson Elks lodge for many years as well.

Gaetano is survived by his wife, Katherine, his seven children, sixteen grandchildren, four great grandchildren & 1 great-great grandson. Also surviving are his siblings; Maria (Frank) Eigenbrodt, Barbara (Vernon) Doyle, Craig Balestra, and Russell (Dawn) Balestra. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his daughter Michele Balestra Reynolds, one brother Robert Balestra, and three grandsons.

In keeping with Gaetano's wishes interment was private at Cedar Park

Cemetery. A memorial service celebrating his life will take place on February 15, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. at Christ Episcopal Church in Hudson N.Y.

Donations in his memory may be made to the Community Hospice of Columbia and Greene Counties.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB **15**. 1:30 PM (ET)

Christ Church Episcopal
Hudson, NY

Tribute Wall

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“ Guy was my customer , he always impressed me with his vast knowledge about many topics , his easy going nature , always cordial and polite, very nice man , I always enjoyed our talks on the phone , I will miss him,
R.I.P. dear Guy it was a pleasure knowing you.

Nikki Cohen, Israel

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