



## Mr. Alexander Dominic Fumarola

August 30, 1943 - November 8, 2025

Alexander Dominic Fumarola, 82, of Cortland, NY, passed away peacefully in his sleep on the morning of November 8th, 2025, surrounded by his devoted family. Born August 30, 1943, in Cortland, New York, Alex was the son of Gaetano and Jennie Peraino Fumarola. A lifelong resident of the area, Alex served as Cortland County's budget officer for nearly 30 years. His wife and children cherish joyful memories of Alex as a devoted father and loving husband. He will be remembered not just for his significant contributions to his hometown of Cortland but also for the small things that made him such a kind and beautiful soul. His family recalls enjoying his scrambled eggs in the morning while listening to classic oldies tunes from the 50s, adventures on his motorcycle or the ski slopes, and his famous "40 winks" naps. His loving wife reminisces about their travels abroad in Italy and Mexico, as well as their cherished walks through Dwyer Memorial Park in Little York, laughing and kicking up fallen leaves every autumn.

The Fumarola family extends their deep gratitude to the many friends and relatives whose love and support gave Alex strength during his brave battles with Parkinson's and kidney failure, including the compassionate staff at Cayuga Medical Center's Physical and Medical Rehabilitation Unit (PMRU) in his final days. Alex's strong devotion to his Catholic faith provided comfort throughout his health struggles, and his family finds peace knowing he now rests free from pain in God's loving embrace.

Alex was preceded in death by his parents, Gaetano and Jennie Peraino Fumarola, his sister Mary, and her husband Joseph Prezioso. He is survived by his beloved wife, Donna; his 99-year-old father-in-law, Bruno "Pops" Ruscio; his sister-in-law Linda (Leon) Darling; his sons Adam (Kelly) and Aaron Fumarola; his nephew and nieces Anthony (Susan) Prezioso, Mary Jo (Michael) Roberts, and Laura Jean Prezioso; his stepchildren Paul Powers and Travis Powers; his granddaughters Gisele and Evangeline Fumarola; and his step-grandchildren Blake and Brooke Powers.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church at 11:00 am on Friday, November 14, 2025. The Christian Rite of Committal and Burial will follow in St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to either the Parkinson's Foundation (<https://www.parkinson.org/?form=19983>), Team Fox for Parkinson's Research (<https://give.michaeljfox.org/give/615627/#!/donation/checkout>), or Hospicare and Palliative Services (<https://p2p.onecause.com/donate/tetohospicare/donate>).

Arrangements are under the direction of Riccardi Funeral Home, Cortland, N.Y.

[www.riccardifuneralhome.com](http://www.riccardifuneralhome.com)

To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of Mr. Alex Fumarola, please visit our Sympathy Store

# Tribute Wall

ED

“ Alex was my boss when I lived in Cortland and worked at Brockway Motor Trucks....he was kind and considerate.  
My thoughts and prayers are with his wife and all the family members....I know you will miss him, he was a wonderful person.

*Ellen Mickelson Daignault*

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**Ellen Mickelson Daignault** - November 14, 2025 at 11:35 PM

PA

“ Alex was a good man who suffered more than anyone should at the end of his life. The entire family will miss him I am sure of this but his legacy will stay in our hearts forever.

*Paul Lorenzo*

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**Paul** - November 13, 2025 at 03:21 PM

YW

“ Your colleagues at Choice Words purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mr. Alexander Dominic Fumarola.



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**Your colleagues at Choice Words** - November 13, 2025 at 11:58 AM

YW

“ Your colleagues at Choice Words planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Alexander Dominic Fumarola.

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**Your colleagues at Choice Words** - November 13, 2025 at 11:58 AM

SR

“ To Mrs. Fumarola, Adam, & family ~  
Wishing you peace and comfort during this  
difficult time.  
With deepest sympathy,  
Sharon Ray (daughter of Richard & Rochelle  
Ray)



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**Sharon Ray** - November 13, 2025 at 09:11 AM

JC

“ Alex was one of the first local people I met when I came to Cortland as a college student in 1968. We had common friends among other students and he had a big Chevy that he generously took us around in. I learned a lot about the community from him, and his open handed friendship made me more determined than I'd already been to make my home here. Years later I got to know him as County Budget Officer and to work with him for nearly 14 years. He was always good natured, pragmatic and supportive, and it was my great good fortune to have him to deal with through all the budget submissions I had to make as a department head. He was a wonderful person and a great citizen of the Cortland County community, and it was an honor and blessing to have him as a friend.

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**Jim Cunningham** - November 11, 2025 at 10:02 PM

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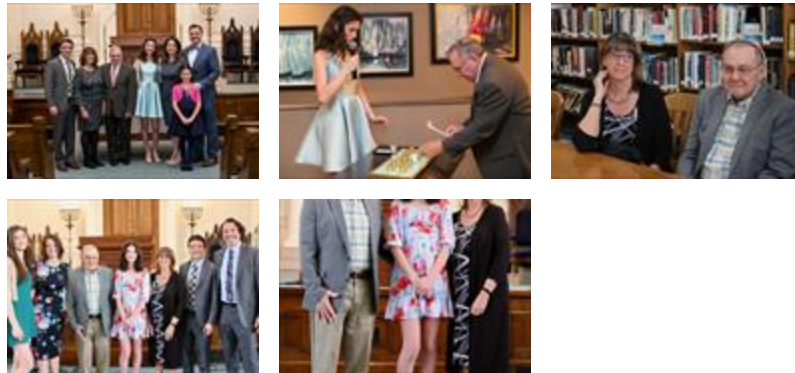
“ Donna, sorry to hear of the passing of your husband. May he rest in peace. Laura Godfrey at Connect 55.

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**laura godfrey** - November 11, 2025 at 08:34 PM

AF

“ 13 files added to the album Alex Family Photos



Adam/Kelly Fumarola - November 11, 2025 at 02:53 PM

CC

*Sending love and prayers for your loss. Alex was a lovely man who contributed so much to all he touched.*

chris and Rich Ceconi - November 14, 2025 at 09:30 AM

RA

*Donna, I am very sorry to hear of Alex's passing. I have known him since high school days. Blessings to you and the family*

Rita S Alcorn - November 19, 2025 at 04:44 PM