



Mr. Gerald A. Coggi, Jr.

February 7, 1951 - August 28, 2015

Gerald A. Coggi, Jr., 64, of 722 Bowling Green, Cortland, passed away Friday August 28, 2015 at his home after a 10 month long battle with cancer, surrounded by his family.

"Cog" as he was known to everyone, spent his career in the restaurant business. First in Cortland then moving to New Hampshire, Massachusetts and Maine where he helped to open several restaurants; 300 Derby Street, The Millyard and F. Parker Reidy's. He and Kathy moved back to Cortland in 1978 and they were married. Together they purchased Dom's Grill, which they owned and operated for several years. He later co-owned several other restaurants; The Sirloin Saloon, Spanky's and Rascal's before becoming general manager of the Cortland Country Club. After retiring from the Country Club he was drawn back to the restaurant business where he worked part time at The Community, seeing old friends and neighbors.

Coggi's larger than life personality, his sense of humor, quick wit and his ability to put people at ease, made him successful at what he did. Cog loved sitting out on his back deck, planting his garden and watching it grow. He also loved cooking Sunday dinners for his family as well as taking family vacations to Myrtle Beach where he enjoyed relaxing in the sun and trying new restaurants. He also looked forward to his outings with his brother in laws,

including their weekly breakfasts.

Cog is survived by his wife of 37 years; Kathy, and their three children; Nicole, Michael (Aisha) and Dustin, his sister; Shirley Tutino and nephew; Andrew (Audra) and nieces; Andrea (John) and Amy Tutino., his aunts; Gilda Bellardini, Grace Coggi, Ruby Yacovone and Phyllis Petrella and several cousins., sisters in law, Cheryl (Peter) Contento and Judi Wilkins, nephews and nieces, Paul (Liz) Contento, Carrie (Brendan) Rew, Tyler Wilkins and Becky (Aaron) Sprouse. He was preceded in death by his parents, Gerald and Anna Coggi, maternal and paternal grandparents, several aunts, uncles and a cousin., his mother in law and father in law, Josephine and Benjamin Robbins and his brother in law, Thomas Wilkins.

The family will be present to receive friends and family from 2-5 p.m. Tuesday September 1, 2015 in the Chapel of Riccardi Funeral Home 69 N. Main St. Cortland, N.Y. A prayer service will follow at 5 p.m. with Rev. Joseph Zareski officiating.

Contributions in Coggi's memory may be made to Hospicare of Cortland 11 Kennedy Parkway, Cortland, N.Y. 13045. Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.riccardifuneralhome.com

As Cog always said, " Keep the faith."

Tribute Wall

MS

“ I used to work for at the Holiday Inn as a sous chef for Peter Tutino. I was 18 or 19 at the time. Gerry was short a dishwasher so I was sent to help out at the Sirloin Saloon. When I arrived in the middle of the dinner rush, Gerry said, "No, you cook and I'll wash the dishes." He was in a three piece suit, he took off his jacket, rolled up his sleeves and washed dishes. I will never forget that example of leadership. I'm very thankful for that gift. My condolences to everyone who loved him. Matt Steele

Matthew B Steele - May 18, 2018 at 11:03 AM

DR

“ Dear Cathy and family, We were unable to get in to the funeral home to express our sympathy, due to the large number of people lined up. We did manage to see Carrie outside for a minute though. Please accept out sincere condolences for the loss of Coggi. Dennis and Pat Rew

Dennis and Pat Rew - May 18, 2018 at 11:03 AM

JS

“ Some of my greatest memories were going to Dom's Grill after school, getting soup and a toasted cheese sandwich, and seeing Kath and Cogg. Coggi is truly one of the great ones. He didn't judge and he accepted people for who they were. He always had words of wisdom and he shot straight from the hip, subtly was not his thing. I will always be thankful for his kindness to myself and those I care for and I will always remember his infectious laugh and his great smile. I am thankful that he touched my life and my children had the opportunity to meet him.

Jessica Schifilliti - May 18, 2018 at 11:03 AM

JS

“ Sincere condolences to the family. I worked with Coggi when he was a busboy at the Shamrock and later at the Rusty Nail, and remained good friends throughout the years. Gerry was a great manager at the CCC and I can only imagine the many, many friends that have come to say goodbye. His humor, kindness, and friendship will certainly be missed. RIP Cog!!

Judy Szymalak - May 18, 2018 at 11:03 AM

DP

“ Tip one to you Cog!

Doug Perkins - May 18, 2018 at 11:03 AM

NM

“ Dear Kathy,
Tuna and I want to express how sad we are and will say prayers for you all. Cog will be missed. Blessings.

Nina MacLean - May 18, 2018 at 11:03 AM

JS

“ We were so sorry to hear about the passing of "Cog". We send our condolences to you Kathy and to all your family. We spent many hours of fun at "Spanky's" as I hope you recall. We have good memories of our time spent in your company. The Snyders

John & Doris Snyder - May 18, 2018 at 11:03 AM

BS

“ Kathy and family, our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time, if I can do anything, please don't hesitate to call, I would love to talk to you, my phone # is 1-870-499-3261, hope to hear from you, your cousin, Donna

Bob and Donna Robbins Slagle - May 18, 2018 at 11:03 AM

BR

“ *Kathy and family, So so sorry for your loss, our thoughts and prayers are with you, when things calm down, give me a call, 1-870-499-3261, I would love to talk to you, until later, Gods Blessings and His peace be upon you, your cousin, Donna*

Bob and Donna Robbins - May 18, 2018 at 11:03 AM

LH

“ *Our condolences to Kathy and family. I have fond memories of Coggi at all his establishments and enjoyed his years at CCC. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Lucy & Rich Hinell*

Lucy Hinell - May 18, 2018 at 11:03 AM