



## Gaetano DeVivo

January 5, 1919 - January 2, 2016

Gaetano "Tommy" John DeVivo, age 96, of Spirit Lake, Iowa, formerly of Brooklyn, New York, and Stuart, Florida, passed away Saturday, January 2, 2016, at Hawkeye Care Center in Spirit Lake, Iowa. He was born on January 5, 1919, in Brooklyn, New York, to John and Carmella (Marano) DeVivo.

Gaetano worked at the Brooklyn Navy Yard from 1939 to 1954 and as a plumber and master electrician in Brooklyn and Florida. He was a jack-of-all-trades. He enjoyed working and doing woodworking.

Gaetano is survived by daughters, Carmella (David) Simmons of Brooklyn, New York, Elizabeth (Bob) Castagna of Stuart, Florida, and Vivian (Charlie) Grunbaum of Jensen Beach, Florida; son, John DeVivo of Stuart, Florida; sixteen grandchildren; twelve great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren; and sisters, Lucy, Vera, Terry, and Lizzy.

Gaetano was preceded in death by his parents, grandparents, wife, Nettie DeVivo, brothers, Alfonso, Louie, and Jimmy; and sisters, Mary and Helen.

A funeral Mass will be held at 11:00 A.M., Monday, January 11, 2016, at St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church, 2555 NE Savanna Rd, Jensen Beach, Florida, 34957.

The Schuchert-Lentz Funeral Home in Spirit Lake, Iowa, and Martin Funeral Home in Stuart, Florida, are in charge of the arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

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Sean Cutinella - May 16, 2020 at 04:28 PM

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Sean Cutinella - May 16, 2020 at 04:24 PM

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“ Tommy was such a joy to know. He loved to listen to Big Band music and we shared lots of time doing just that. I will miss seeing my friend, but I know that he is at peace. My thoughts and prayers are with his family.

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**Laura Hanna** - January 07, 2016 at 08:02 AM

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**Bob and Kate Shaw** - January 04, 2016 at 12:44 PM