

## Thomas P. Tomeo

Thomas (Tommy) P. Tomeo, 91, of Hackettstown, died May 9, at Hackettstown Community Hospital.

Born Jan. 20, 1911, in Newark, he was the son of the late Stefano and Filomena Montano Tomeo. He moved to Italy in 1914 and returned to Newark in 1926.

He was the owner of Leta's Beauty Salon in Hackettstown for more than 50 years, retiring 20 years ago.

He was a member of St. Mary's Church of the Assumption in Hackettstown.

He graduated Franklin School in Newark.

He was a county committeeman for the Republican Party from 1948 to 1988 and was elected state committeeman in 1953, a position he held for more than 40 years. He was a delegate to the 1952 and 1960 national Republican conventions. He also served on the electoral college as a chairman, was a five-term president of the Hackettstown Republican Club, an organizer of the Teenage Republican Club throughout the U.S., organized the Young Republican Club in Warren County and served as

state delegate to its national convention.

He also served as an aide and political adviser to Congressmen Jim Courter and Dick Zimmer, Sen. Robert Littell and Assemblyman Leonard Lane.

He was an organizer, founder and past chairman of the executive board of directors of Hackettstown Community Hospital. He also was a member of the Holy Name Society, the 3rd Degree Knights of Columbus. He served on the Hackettstown Parking Authority and the H.M.U.A., served as a chairman of the March of Dimes and the Red cross, chaired UNICO and the Fraternal Order of Eagles, and was a member of Kiwanis International and the Italian American Service Club of Hackettstown.

Survivors include his wife, Leta Caperna Tomeo at home; a son, Steven A. Tomeo of Pomfret, Conn.; a daughter, Frances P. Gray of Mansfield Township; a brother, Anthony Tomeo of Ellwood City, Pa.; two sisters, Philomena Gratzaini of Venezuela and Sandy Zora of New Castle, Pa.; five grand children and three great-grand children.

Three brothers, Paul, Nino and Armand, died earlier.

A Mass was celebrated at St. Mary's Church of the Assumption in Hackettstown.

Interment was in Hackettstown Union Cemetery.

Memorial donation may be sent to the Hackettstown Community Hospital, 651 Willow Grove St., Hackettstown, N.J. 07840.

Cochran Funeral Home in Hackettstown was in charge of arrangements.

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