

## Thomas P. Tomeo

Thomas P. "Tommy" Tomeo, 91, of Hackettstown died Thursday, May 9, in Hackettstown Community Hospital.

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

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

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

He was a graduate of 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 US, 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 Lance.

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.

He is survived by his wife, the former Leta Caperna, at home; a son, Steven A. of Pomfret, Conn.; a daughter, Francis P. Gray of Mansfield Township; a brother, Anthony of Ellwood City, Pa.; two sisters, Philomena Gratzaini, in Venezuela and Sandy Zona of New Castle, Pa.; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

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

A Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Monday in the church, High Street, Hackettstown. Call from 4 to 8 p.m. today in the Cochran Funeral Home, 905 High St., Hackettstown.

Burial will be in Hackettstown Union Cemetery.

The family requests memorials to Hackettstown Community Hospital, 651 Willow Grove St., Hackettstown, NJ 07840.