



## Thomas "Chief" Tantillo

January 19, 1950 - November 9, 2019

Thomas "Chief" Tantillo, 69, owner and operator of Mazzone's Pizza, passed away on November 9, 2019. Born in Bronx, New York, Thomas was the son of Frank and Catherine Tantillo and brother to Frank, Joseph, and Vivian. He was a resident of River Edge, NJ since 1972.

Tom "Chief" operated Mazzone's Pizza in River Edge, NJ for 47 years. A vibrant musician, he was the keyboardist of many bands. Loved by all, Chief had lifelong friendships and was a father figure to many. His humor and compassion filled the hearts of all that knew him.

He is survived by his loving wife of 47 years, Mary Tantillo (nee Miko), two sons, Nicholas Tantillo of River Edge, NJ and Thomas Tantillo of Flemington, NJ with spouse, Megan Hindle Tantillo.

Family and friends are invited to visit Tuesday, November 12 from 2-4PM and 6-9PM at Volk Leber Funeral Home, 268 Kinderkamack Road, Oradell, NJ. Funeral services will be held at St. Peter the Apostle Parish Church, 445 Fifth Avenue, River Edge, NJ on Wednesday, November 13 at 11AM.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a cause dear to Chief's heart, the Alzheimer's Foundation of America, <https://alzfdn.org>, in Thomas's name.



# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **12.** 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Oradell  
268 Kinderkamack Rd.  
Oradell, NJ 07649  
(201) 261-1088  
info@volkleber.com  
<https://www.volkleber.com>

## Visitation

NOV **12.** 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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## Funeral Service

NOV **13.** 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Peter the Apostle  
445 5th Avenue  
River Edge, NJ 07661

# Tribute Wall



“ *Volk Leber Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Thomas "Chief" Tantillo*



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**Volk Leber Funeral Home** - November 11, 2019 at 01:40 PM

DA

“ *Wow I moved to Tennessee in 1992 but each time I went back to bergenfield New Jersey I always made my way down to this pizza place, it was the best sausage parmesan sandwich in the world! I was planning on heading to New Jersey in a week and the first place I thought about was his pizza, so sorry to hear that he's gone hopefully he knew the Lord the god of Israel!*

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**Darryl** - July 21, 2025 at 07:10 PM



“ *Thomas "Chief" Tantillo*

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October 08, 2023 at 09:59 PM



“ *Thomas "Chief" Tantillo*

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October 08, 2023 at 06:27 PM



“ Thomas "Chief" Tantillo

August 30, 2022 at 02:48 PM



“ Chief was part of Terminal Hockey \_/ my husband played in that club. I would go and watch the games. Chief was one of the very best players. More importantly he always spent time with me joking and listening to music, a lot of Bruce Springsteen! So many friends would come out to see him, I mean many many Terminal Hockey Club friends, he was so loved by them. Then we would talk about everything my sisters, my Mom, my husband, and his family, the importance of marriage and caring for those you love most. He was such a special person. I never met another like him. It has been years since I have seen him. The news of his death has devastated me. Because he was a true mentor, not just to me to everyone! He was a leader. He led by example-by how he lived his life. His long marriage, the love of his life Mary, who he adored. He had everything he ever wanted. & talent as well. I see angels 🙏 around him as he is resting so peacefully in the arms of our Lord.

June Flyntz - November 12, 2019 at 02:24 PM



“ June Flyntz sent a virtual gift in memory of Thomas "Chief" Tantillo



June Flyntz - November 12, 2019 at 02:06 PM

JF

“ June Flyntz lit a candle in memory of Thomas "Chief" Tantillo



June Flyntz - November 12, 2019 at 02:03 PM

AC

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Abigail Cooke - November 12, 2019 at 12:11 PM

DF

“ Don, Maryann & family. purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Thomas "Chief" Tantillo.



Don, Maryann & family. - November 12, 2019 at 10:08 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Thomas "Chief" Tantillo.



November 12, 2019 at 12:12 AM

MW

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Matthew Whitney - November 11, 2019 at 09:54 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas "Chief" Tantillo.



November 11, 2019 at 07:21 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas "Chief" Tantillo.



November 11, 2019 at 05:49 PM



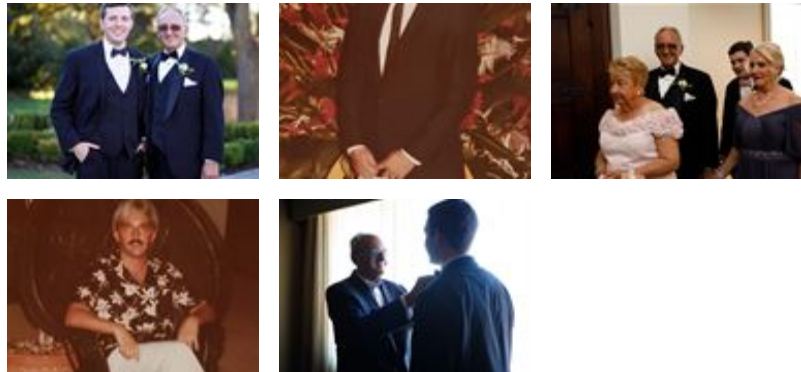
“ *Uncle Chief, you were truly such an amazing person in my life and I an lucky I was able to know. I am so glad even though I live in Los Angeles, I was still able to see you in City Island when I would come home and also visited you at my favorite Pizza Place of all time. I will miss you terribly and I still had so many things for you and my dad to do. I wish you could have visiting me in Los Angeles. Love you Always. Rest in Peace. You will be greatly missed forever.*



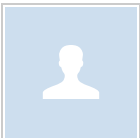
Nicole Montemurro - November 11, 2019 at 01:36 PM



“ *64 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Volk Leber Funeral Home - November 11, 2019 at 01:29 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Thomas "Chief" Tantillo.*



November 11, 2019 at 11:07 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Thomas "Chief" Tantillo.*



November 11, 2019 at 10:39 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas "Chief" Tantillo.*



November 11, 2019 at 09:53 AM



“ *Vivian purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Thomas "Chief" Tantillo.*



**Vivian** - November 11, 2019 at 09:51 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Thomas "Chief" Tantillo.*



November 11, 2019 at 09:21 AM



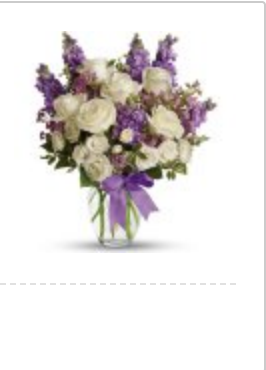
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November 11, 2019 at 08:58 AM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Thomas "Chief" Tantillo.



November 11, 2019 at 08:52 AM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Thomas "Chief" Tantillo.



November 10, 2019 at 09:34 PM



“ Patty Mulligan purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Thomas "Chief" Tantillo.



**Patty Mulligan** - November 10, 2019 at 09:29 PM