



Mr. Anthony J. "Tony" Cucinotta, Sr., Ret. UPD

January 24, 1932 - June 13, 2022

N. UTICA – Anthony J. “Tony” Cucinotta, Sr., Ret. UPD, age 90, passed away peacefully on Monday, June 13, 2022. Tony was surrounded by all he loved most as he took his last breath.

Born in Utica on January 24, 1932 to the late Demetrio and Mary (Pelli) Cucinotta, Tony attended St. Mary of Mt. Carmel Grammar School and graduated from T. R. Proctor High School/Class of 1950. During the Korean War, he served his country in the U.S. Navy from 1952-1953.

On the most romantic day of the year, February 14, 1953, Tony married the former Marie L. Vendetti. Their two souls were truly joined.

Tony joined the Utica Police Department on January 1, 1958, embarking upon a remarkable career serving the community he loved. His hard work was soon recognized, and on January 13, 1965 he was appointed to Detective. Based on his outstanding performance as an investigator, Chief Benny Rotundo bestowed upon him the honorary title of Senior Investigator on October 26, 1976. After 35 years of faithful service to the City of Utica, he retired on February 17, 1993.

One of the best ways Tony will be remembered is as a proud dad. He loved to watch his sons play sports and take them down to Yankee games, making beautiful memories never to be forgotten! But being called Poppy was his favorite title. He took his role of grandfather to heart and showered his treasured grandchildren with unconditional love.

Being a dependable person was the foundation of his life story, never letting

someone go without help if he could provide it. He put his relationships with his family and friends first, making sure to foster and nurture them.

Tony was a member of the Police Benevolent Association. He had a green thumb and he could grow a vegetable garden that produced much bounty.

Tony had a relationship with the Lord, and he served as an usher at his home parish of St. Mark's Church in North Utica.

Tony is survived by his devoted wife, Marie; and his sons and daughters-in-law, Anthony J. Jr. and Sandra Cucinotta, and Robert J. "Bob" and Wanda Cucinotta. He is also survived by his niece and her husband, Joellen and Michael Cuchiarale, whom he thought of as his own children. He leaves behind his beloved grandchildren, Anthony J. Cucinotta; Michael and Joie Cuchiarale, Bianca, Olivia, and Nicholas Cuchiarale; Sullivan Smith, and Leah and Mike Rose; and his great-grandchildren, Kayden, Carson, and Emerson Rose. He is additionally survived by his brother Dan Cucinotta (and his late wife Sharon). He was preceded by his sister, RoseMarie and her husband Victor. He will also be greatly missed by his uncle, Frank Moracco; cousins, Madeline and Joe Briggs, Fred and Ann Marie Matrulli, Marilyn and Fred Demma; and longtime extended family, Francis and Bernadette Roy. He was also blessed with great neighbors and friends, Joan and Don Dorn, Mary Lourdes and Frank Chiffy, and Rosalie Fallove, who greatly enhanced his life. He was predeceased by his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Joseph C. and Carmella (Moracco) Vendetti; and his in-laws, Madeline and Robert E. Calhoon.

A special thanks is extended to Dr. Porus Dhabhar, longtime physician and friend, as well as his amazing staff who assisted and treated Tony with tremendous kindness.

Visitation will be held on Monday evening, June 20, 2022 from 4:00-6:00 PM at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South Street, corner of Hammond Ave. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to Tony's Mass of Christian Burial and Celebration of Life on Tuesday morning, June 21, 2022 at 10:30 AM at St. Mark's Church, 440 Keyes Rd. Memorial donations in Tony's honor

may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital online at www.stjude.org/donate; envelopes will also be available at the funeral home. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

2407 Oneida Street
Utica, NY

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 20. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.
932 South Street
corner of Hammond Ave.
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 724-6714
eannacefh@roadrunner.com

Funeral Service

JUN 21. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Mark's Church
440 Keyes Road
Utica, NY 13502

Tribute Wall



“ Marie and family we are so sorry we didn't make the services. Tony was a great man, we greatly enjoyed being in his company and having him as a neighbor. We are thinking of you all at this heartbreaking time.
All our love,
Pat, Gina, Patrick and Gino



Gina Zegarelli Corridori - June 21, 2022 at 01:31 PM

KF

“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Kyle Fuchs - June 21, 2022 at 08:37 AM

JS

“ I fondly recall a summer day trip to Old Forge & a fall picnic in Booneville w/ boys vs dads in touch football with the Cucinottas. I'm saddened to hear of Tony's passing. You're all in my prayers.
Jeff Siewert

Jeff Siewert - June 20, 2022 at 09:40 PM

DM

“ Tony and Marie have been very best friends of the Mahoney family for over 55 years.
We had so many good times when they would visit us here in Florida and had a fun trip to Italy 14 years ago. I can not say enough good things about Tony other than to say Tony was very fine, kind, enjoyable friend. Please take good care of him God.
Donnette

Donnette Mahoney - June 20, 2022 at 12:37 PM

DO

Tony, you and Jim are probably looking to see if you can go to a movie.
Donnette

Donnette - June 20, 2022 at 03:34 PM

DM

“ Sometimes in life you end up with people who though not actual blood relatives, they might as well be. They are family in the truest sense of the word. Tony and Marie Cucinotta have been that way to me, my sister and my parents for as far back as my almost 60 years of memory goes. My father considered Tony one of his best friends for over 50 years, and now they both are in the same place. My mother and Marie remain life long best friends to this day.
Marie, Anthony & Robert, my daughters and I send our deepest sympathy, prayers and love for your loss of a really wonderful man. I now have one more "Uncle" in heaven.
God bless,
Dan Mahoney

Dan Mahoney - June 20, 2022 at 12:13 PM

KF

*I echo my brother sentiments and am so grateful to have been blessed with having this wonderful man as a part of our lives. Marie, my love and prayers are with you, Anthony and Robert. God Bless,
Kyle Mahoney Fuchs*

Kyle Fuchs - June 20, 2022 at 01:04 PM

JF

“ Tony Jr,
*I was very sorry read about the loss of your father. He was quite a guy! I've know him for more than fifty years and he was always a straight shooter He was a tribute to the community. He always left such a positive impression on all the people he knew. I hope you and your family are well and bolstered by the love you shared over the many years. Bless you all. RIP Tony.
Jack Fish*

Jack Fish - June 20, 2022 at 11:01 AM

LC

“ *Love, Rich and MaryAnn Coppola purchased the Heavenly Heights Bouquet for the family of Mr. Anthony J. "Tony" Cucinotta, Sr., Ret. UPD.*



Love, Rich and MaryAnn Coppola - June 20, 2022 at 09:17 AM

FD

“ We all lost a beautiful and loving man this week, who will always have a special place in our hearts forever.
You both did so much for us during our travels to FL, except once when he didn't notice his Cookie left her curling iron on but God was watching over us. I know he is looking down on us as he celebrates Father's Day with our family in Paradise.
Marie you were a great wife and never forget that. Anthony and Robert, you both stepped up to the plate and have been pillars of strength for mom. God Bless you all❤️ Freddie and Cookie

Fred and Cookie Demma - June 19, 2022 at 08:31 PM

UU

“ Utica Police Federal Credit Union purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Mr. Anthony J. "Tony" Cucinotta, Sr., Ret. UPD.



Utica Police Federal Credit Union - June 19, 2022 at 03:15 PM

DT

“ Tony was a standup guy and a great investigator for the Utica Police Dept.He will be missed by all who worked with him because he was the teacher. May He RIP with all the other Police Officers who left us. David R Taurisano Retired UPD.

David Taurisano - June 19, 2022 at 07:43 AM

DT

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David Taurisano - June 19, 2022 at 07:42 AM

DT

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David R Taurisano - June 19, 2022 at 07:41 AM

JS

“ Joan and Don, I am very sorry for the loss of your friend.

John Scala - June 19, 2022 at 06:29 AM

LC

“ Tony was my first partner and mentor. We worked together in uniform and in the detective division. He was a great guy and a better friend. Rest in peace Tony. My deepest sympathy and prayers to you Marie and your family.

Larry Cicigline - June 17, 2022 at 04:25 PM

PR

“ Marie and Family,

Tony was a great friend to my dad Philip Arcuri. I remember alot of memories of you and Tony, my dad and my mom that you truly enjoyed together. Up until my dads passing Tony was there for my dad. Both were great men and the Best of the best policemen. There was a time when i had surgery in Syracuse and he drove my dad out here the first face i saw was my dads and then Tonys.Thank you Marie for being a wonderful friend to my mom.May Tony RIP.Love Phyllis Arcuri Ross

Phyllis Arcuri Ross - June 17, 2022 at 12:57 PM

BF

“ Marie and family:

*You have our deepest sympathy and prayers. Worked with Tony many years and quite a few in Cid. He was a perfect gentleman and a go to guy for advice. He was a credit to the UPD and the city of Utica. Always a true friend. Rest in peace.
Bob & Jodi Flo*

Bob Flo - June 16, 2022 at 08:53 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Anthony J. "Tony" Cucinotta, Sr., Ret. UPD.*



June 16, 2022 at 07:25 PM

SM

“ *Inv. Cucinotta, UPD was one of a kind. He was loved by us guys in the Probation Dept . He'd come into the coffee room with his partner in the morning, smoke a few cigarettes, tell a few stories that cracked us up ! Then he'd say "time to go and fight crime". Those were the days when this City was under control ! He left a mark and a legacy to all of us that knew him. RIP SR. INV.*

steve madrak - June 16, 2022 at 05:14 PM



“ Tony was a "teacher" to many of us at UPD.. He was fair, yet firm and humble. A class act who added much credibility and professionalism to our beloved Police Dept. and to the city of Utica, NY RIP old friend.



Steve Graham, UPD (ret.) - June 16, 2022 at 04:25 PM



“ My sincere condolences to Tony’s family. Working with Tony during my time at UPD was a complete learning experience. I will respect and remember him as a fair, straight forward and unfiltered person who treated everyone as an equal. I’m proud to have served with him.

Dan Corleto - June 16, 2022 at 11:54 AM



“ Marie,Anthony and Robert,
We are sorry for your loss of Tony. I worked with Tony at UPD for over 25 years, he was a gentleman, a man of principal and a close friend. He gave me advise and was true to his words, I was blessed to have Tony in my life. Having breakfast with Tony was always a good time and his laughter brought smiles to our aces. Tony will be dearly missed by many, RIP my good friend.

Nick & Mary Parrotta

Nick Parrotta Sr. - June 16, 2022 at 10:18 AM