



## Mr. Armando V. Yacco, Sr.

February 13, 1925 - November 9, 2011

Mr. Armando V. Yacco, Sr., age 86, of Utica, was reunited with his wife when he passed away on Wednesday, November 9, 2011 at the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center. Although his passing was unexpected, his loving family was by his side.

Armando was born in Utica on February 13, 1925, the son of the late Frank S., Sr. and Carmella (Schilingo) Yacco. He was raised and educated locally. On August 28, 1948 he married the former Beatrice Rose Locascio with whom he shared 58 years prior to her passing on May 30, 2007; their lives were filled with happiness, contentment, and unconditional love.

Armando was proud to have worked at the Utica Radiator Company and thereafter at Munson Williams Proctor Institute as the head groundskeeper, the position from which he retired in 1990. Always hard at work, he loved to tinker around the house and yard, remaining active and affectionately known as "Mr. Gadget MacGyver" and "Papa Smurf." His children admired the love, devotion, and care that he gave so unconditionally to their mom when she was in the nursing home, as well as the love he showed his children and grandchildren throughout their lives. An avid sportsman, he was a bowler for 61 years and played softball until the age of 70 (a game he began in his early 50's). Armando was also an excellent dancer, time after time requesting "Proud Mary" and "Joy to the World" as accompaniment. However, Country Western music and old Classic movies took precedence as his favorite genres of entertainment. He had some staunch routines, including ordering Regal

Pizza on Monday nights after bowling, preparing delicious lasagna for holiday gatherings, putting tinsel on the Christmas tree by hand with precision, selecting Star Bakery doughnuts and rolls, and securing the traditional, 'must-have', Italian specialty foods, among them Dino's Sausage, fried dough, sauce on Sundays, oil & garlic Pasta, and eating out at the iconic Pelliteri Joe's and Joey's Restaurant for his greens & beans and tomato salad. Among his repertoire of memorable witticisms were "Wait a while..." and "Fire in the hole!"

Armando is survived by his children and their spouses, Diana and Tom Pierce, Denise Buczek, Armando, Jr. and Lisa Yacco, and Deborah and Bill Loomis; his grandchildren, Bill, Melanie, Stephen and Gina, Amanda, Keith, Heather, and Scott Hajdasz; Melissa and Sergio Vallejo, Noelle and Joe Arcuri; Vincent, and Michael Yacco; Jason, and Justin Loomis; 16 great-grandchildren; Kayla, Jessica, Shauna, Joshua, Jonathon, Audrina, Mikenzee, Hailey, Destiny, Gage, Mitchell Hajdasz; Brianna Schafer, Sergio, Antonio, Santino Vallejo, and Joey Arcuri; and 1 great-great-grandchild, Joshua Hajdasz. Also left to cherish his memory is his sister, Mary Diana; his brother, Raymond Yacco; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, in-laws, Antoinette Yacco, Theresa Hahn, Mary Carrock, Richard Hensel, and John Piazza; and his friend, Ray Sypek who gave freely of his kindness and concern to Armando over the past several years. He was predeceased by his sister, Theresa Brasie-Staley; his brothers and sisters-in-law, Anthony and Fannie Yacco, Leo Yacco, Dominick and Antoinette Yacco, Frank, Jr. and Angie Yacco, Sam and Artha Yacco, Donald and Fay Yacco, and Pat "Patsy" Yacco; his sister-in-law, Josephine Yacco; and numerous in-laws of the Locascio family; Francis and Frank Derminio, Salvatore and Angie Sgroi, Vincent Sgroi, Antone and Marian Locascio, Peter Locascio, Anna Locascio, Florence Hensel, Angie Piazza, Rosie Locascio, Josephine Locascio, Bill Carrock, and Bill Hahn.

The family wishes to acknowledge the professionalism and empathy of the Utica Fire Department Response Team, and the valiant efforts of the staff of

the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center Emergency Department.

Visitation will be held Sunday from 2:00-5:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Please refrain from floral offerings. Armando's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Monday morning at 9:00 from the funeral home and at 10:00 at St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church where his Mass of Christian burial will be offered by Rev. Anthony P. LaFache. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

# Cemetery Details

## Calvary Cemetery

2407 Oneida Street  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 735-2727

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **13**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.  
932 South Street  
corner of Hammond Ave.  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 724-6714  
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## Service

NOV **14**. 9:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Eannace Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Armando V. Yacco, Sr.*



**Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.** - November 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ *Patricia Carr lit a candle in memory of Mr. Armando V. Yacco, Sr.*



**Patricia Carr** - November 21, 2011 at 09:15 PM

PC

*To Armondo and the rest of your family. So sorry to hear of your loss. Your father was a wonderful man. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

*Patty and Chuck Carr*

**Patricia Carr** - November 21, 2011 at 09:20 PM

JO

“ *Debbie,*

*Sorry to hear of your loss, our condolences to your entire family.*

*John & Linda Owens*

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**John Owens** - November 17, 2011 at 05:52 PM



“ *To All Members Of The Yacco Family,*

*My Sincere Condolences for your loss. I will never forget what a pleasant man Armando was. He was my cousin and former neighbor. As my neighbor he would often offer his help and advice. As a friend, he was irreplaceable and unforgettable. I will never forget him.*

*Jeanette Commisso*

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**Jeanette Commisso** - November 15, 2011 at 03:31 PM

JC

“ *Jeanette Commisso lit a candle in memory of Mr. Armando V. Yacco, Sr.*



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**Jeanette Commisso** - November 15, 2011 at 03:02 PM

KM

“ *To the Yacco Family: Your father became a wonderful friend to my brother, Mike, when he was a patient at the Sitrin Home the same time your mom was there. He always brought him pastafazoul (sp) and other "specialties" and Mike loved it. Your dad was a very kind man. Please know how much we appreciated your dad. I know he and Mike are "cooking" something up together.*

*Mike's sister: Kathy Murray.*

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**Kathy Murray** - November 14, 2011 at 11:44 AM

PY

“ *Uncle Armand*

*Please save another dance for me! Love You  
Pat*



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**Patricia Yacco** - November 14, 2011 at 11:27 AM

TP

“ *I lost a good friend and a Dad I already miss. I will never forget him nor his place in my life. I enjoyed having coffee and pizza fret in the times we spent taking about his life. Love you Dad! Your son-in-law  
Tom*



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**Thomas A Pierce** - November 14, 2011 at 05:58 AM

RP

“ To Armando Jr. and family. I'm so sorry I did not learn of his passing until tonight. Your father was always fun to be around at the store on Bleeker st and I would see him outside on Jefferson and would stop and say hi. I wish I could of made it to the funeral. He was a good man and will be sadly missed by all! R.I.P Armando

*Ralph Pastorelli*

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**Ralph A. Pastorelli** - November 13, 2011 at 08:10 PM

TM

“ to all my cousins of my uncle armand may god comfort you all my prayers are with you all remember all the good times he is home with the lord and aunt bea free of pain and suffering god bless you all love cousin  
theresa m. staley



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**theresa m.staley** - November 13, 2011 at 03:28 PM

CF

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. My dad (Jim Hecox) worked with "Yacco" at Munson-Williams. I will keep you in my prayers.

*C. Flanders, Tulsa, OK*

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**Carrie (Hecox) Flanders** - November 13, 2011 at 02:23 PM

SV

“ I will miss "Grandpa" too. He was such a big presence at that house. The boys and I wish we could be there to pay our respects to such a great family man. Even though I knew him for a relatively short period of time he was special to me and my family. He's in a better place with his beloved Bea. My condolences to all my family there and all his friends and loved ones too! We miss you Papi!

-Sergio O Vallejo

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**Sergio O Vallejo** - November 13, 2011 at 12:07 PM

AC

“ Uncle Armand you were a very special Uncle to me, always there to help me and give me advice around the house. I love you and will miss you so much! God Bless you and may you rest in peace now. Diane, Denise, Armando and Debbie I am so sorry for your loss of your Dad and will pray for you to get through this tough time of your life.

Love always Amy and Erica Carrock

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**Amy Carrock** - November 13, 2011 at 10:19 AM

SH

“ Diane, Denise, Armando, and Debbie...Dave and I are so very sorry about the loss of Uncle Armand..know you are all in our thoughts and prayers during this most difficult time..

Love

Dave and Sarah

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**Sarah Hensel** - November 13, 2011 at 10:12 AM

BH

“ My Grand father was a great man wish I could have spent more time with him I regret all the time that passed and I did not make time to see you I will miss you deeply I Love u very much Grandpa. I know you and Grandma are together again .

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**Bill Hajdasz** - November 12, 2011 at 05:10 PM

JJ

“ I'll always remember mom & dads Christmas tree and pizza frita. So strange to see his picture and know that he is gone. Nearly all of the familiar faces that we grew up with now dear memories. I know the last couple of years were not the best but he was a strong man for nearly all of his life. I think of his smile and great big laugh. My condolences to all of my cousins during this difficult time. Rest in peace uncle Armand. John John

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**John Piazza Jr.** - November 12, 2011 at 03:51 PM

WR

“ Bill & Debbie,

We are so sorry to hear of your father's passing. Wes has often shared stories of Armando from when they bowled together. He has always said that he was a wonderful person. We are sure that he will be missed greatly by your family and all who knew him. We are thinking of you as you travel this journey, you have our sincerest sympathies.

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**Wes, Beth, Jonathan & Ralph** - November 11, 2011 at 09:36 PM

DF

“ To the Yacco family, I am sorry for your loss

*Deborah Fontaine*

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**Deborah Fontaine** - November 11, 2011 at 02:56 PM

WL

“ *Armando was my friend. He also was my father in law. Not many people can say that. William H. Loomis*

William H. Loomis - November 11, 2011 at 08:54 AM

DC

*When my father passed Uncle Armond visited me and my family. He always made me feel like family. We will miss him.*

Donna Clark - November 12, 2011 at 04:52 PM

RD

*i know it s gonna be tough time right now , but take one step at a time,, no fast decisions... may uncle armand rest in peace and see aunt bea again.. i remember when he walked and gave me away at my wedding.. think of all good memories... if anybody needs me im just a phone call away... keep the faith.. love ya renee*

renee defrank - November 13, 2011 at 08:45 AM

JR

*to debbie and family, im very sorry for your loss uncle armond was a great man and i looked forwarded seeing him watching debbie bowl mondays*

joe rubino - November 13, 2011 at 05:15 PM