



Mr. Arthur L. "Archie" Gaetano, Jr.

June 14, 1948 - January 29, 2025

UTICA – Mr. Arthur L. “Archie” Gaetano, Jr., age 76, passed away on Wednesday, January 29, 2025, and was reunited with his beloved relatives who had gone before him. At the time of his passing, his loving family was by his side.

Born in Utica on June 14, 1948, Archie was the son of the late Arthur L. Sr. and Carol (Bruni) Gaetano. He was raised and educated locally and graduated from New Hartford High School. Archie would later go on to cosmetology school after honorably serving his country in the United States Navy.

On June 11, 1977, Arthur wed the former Antoinette Marie Marino. They were the best of friends throughout their nearly 28-year blessed union. The two were truly inseparable! They had the utmost respect for each other and relished their unique love for one another. Antoinette passed away on May 7, 2005. Archie held close the memories of the special Sunday dinners at his in-laws, where the entire family could be found having a good time and was full of laughter.

Archie’s employment began when he opened a hair salon, “The Golden Comb,” alongside his dear Antoinette. Afterward, since he was a jack of all trades, he moved on to work at City Suburban and then Haun Welding Supply

and Specialty Gasses. He then held employment with Birnie Bus, the position from which he retired. The children he transported brought him great joy in his final working years.

Archie was thankful to inherit his strong work ethic from his parents – they instilled in their children love and perseverance. He cherished fond memories of winters spent in Arizona with his parents and siblings.

He was outgoing, adventurous, and energetic. People loved Archie for his honesty, loyalty, and work ethic. He was the dad everyone wanted to be around. He had a wonderful sense of direction and awareness, never getting lost on his travels with his friends. He was the man who ensured everyone around him was safe, even though he himself could be a bit of a risk-taker.

An automobile enthusiast, Archie had a passion for cars, particularly Corvettes. He also relished time spent building motorcycles and even built a special one for his good friend, Evel Knievel. In the winter, he broke out the snowmobiles, and in the summer, he enjoyed jumping on water skis and partaking in other summer ventures to various amusement parks with his family.

Archie later found companionship with Sharleen M. Randall, who passed away on September 30, 2023. The two found each other at just the right time and cared for one another for several years. He was fortunate to share a bond with Sharleen's daughter, Melissa Capristo.

Archie was a faithful believer in God throughout his life.

Archie is survived by his precious daughter, Ana Gaetano (her late fiancé Gus Bullock, who passed away on December 10, 2022); grandchildren, Amyah Bullock, Gino Bullock, and his furry grandson, George; sister, Maria Harris;

and brothers and sister-in-law, Robert Gaetano, and Mark and Katie Gaetano, and their mother, Mary Ellen Gaetano. He held close in his heart the memory of his brother, Louis Gaetano, who preceded him. He is additionally survived by his sister-in-law, Vita DelBuono, and her love, Steve Altieri, with whom he shared a unique bond. Archie never forgot the love he received and reciprocated from his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Anthony F. and Vita R. (Casullo) Marino; brother-in-law, Patrick A. "Pat" Marino; sister-in-law, Grace Ann Marino. He leaves to cherish his memory his nieces and nephews, Virgil, Robyn, Nicole, Ricky, Arthur, Elouise, Paul, Anthony, and Paul's son Grayson. He was predeceased by his niece, Alicia Gaetano. He also leaves many great-nieces, great-nephews; cousins, Rick and Phyllis Gaetano, Heidi Vernold, Gale and Terry Westervelt, Stephen Gaetano, and Michelle Gaetano; bonus brothers-in-law, Paul DelBuono, and Mitch Melero; and many special friends, including George Casaletta, Marty and Marilyn Rosado, Dominick Nicotera, who was like a nephew to him, Bill and Nidia Demma, Joe and Joanne Isgro, Phil Durante, Gary and Mary Mancuso, Charlene Middlebrook, Norma "Greens and Beans," Michelle Gu, Phil Gulla, and Sheila and Kenny Barrett, who the family wishes to acknowledge for their friendship and care. His special friend, Tony Tricca, additionally predeceased him.

The Gaetano family would like to thank Dr. Naji El Khoury of New Hartford and Dr. Mashaal Dhir from SUNY Upstate Medical University for their professionalism and compassionate care given to Archie.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Arthur's Memorial Mass of Christian Burial and Celebration of Life, which will commence on Tuesday, February 11, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at Mary, Mother of Our Savior Parish, Lourdes Campus, 2222 Genesee St. Military Honors will be conferred by the U.S. Navy. There will be an opportunity to greet the family at the conclusion of Mass.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave.

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

FEB 11. 10:00 AM (ET)

Mary, Mother of Our Savior Parish, Lourdes Campus

2222 Genesee St.

Utica, NY 13502

<https://www.motherofoursavior.org/CatholicChurch.php>

Tribute Wall

JC

“ Will miss you and talking about the good old days of motorcycling. Oh, and by the way, Archie, I got that print made of the hill kind Hillclimb poster I was going to contact you and tell you about it. Well you're probably hearing me now. Archie, you're probably riding that motorcycle in the sky keep on going and enjoy

Jack Ciccarelli - March 12, 2025 at 09:19 AM

CA

“ Through all the different phases of his life, Mr. Gaetano came into the pastry shop with a beautiful hat on and a smile for us all. Such a GENTLE MAN, we will miss him at Caruso's. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all ❤️

CarmelaCaruso - February 11, 2025 at 09:56 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Mr. Arthur L. "Archie" Gaetano, Jr..



February 10, 2025 at 01:52 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Arthur L. "Archie" Gaetano, Jr..

February 10, 2025 at 01:52 PM

JR

“ To family my condolences. Archie a friend that goes back to 1970s
Lot of memories
Johnny Raspante

Johnny Raspante - February 07, 2025 at 12:24 PM

RS

“ Art was a great neighbor and friend. Art was one of my good
customers when I worked at Utica Harley Davidson. Rest in Peace
my friend.
Bob Swiecki



Robert Swiecki - February 04, 2025 at 07:43 AM

TG

“ My condolences go out to Ana... I was the Gaetano's Paperboy
back in the day... used to cut through the Drivewaybackyard via
Kenyon Court... Archie was a true gentlemen and always
remembered me when ever we would run into each other..... even
some 40 years later. RIP Art!!!

Tommy Giruzzi - February 03, 2025 at 10:58 AM

JG

“ Condolences to the family - Janine Gaetano (Louis Gaetano's
daughter)

Janine Gaetano - February 03, 2025 at 10:53 AM

AB

“ So very sorry to hear of my cousin passing , I have many memories up at Whitelake with him

AI Bruni - February 03, 2025 at 09:28 AM

DN

“ Dominick Nicotera purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mr. Arthur L. "Archie" Gaetano, Jr..



Dominick Nicotera - February 03, 2025 at 07:59 AM

CM

“ Condolences to Archie's family. We will miss him tremendously, by the coffee group, when we met. We were like "family" too, at Cliff's.

Carol Moran - February 02, 2025 at 04:31 PM

AB

So very sorry to hear of my cousin passing , I have many memories up at Whitelake with him

AI Bruni - February 03, 2025 at 09:03 AM

MA

Maryanne (Bruni) Antanavige- spent every summer at White Lake with Archie, Louie & Maria. Have so many wonderful memories on the lake and parties at Aunt Carol & Uncle Art home and camp- he was a true gentleman.

Maryanne Antanavige - February 04, 2025 at 01:32 PM