



Mr. Carl Kovacs III, Ret. UPD

July 6, 1944 - November 3, 2018

UTICA - Mr. Carl Kovacs III, Retired/Utica Police Department, age 74, passed away on Saturday, November 3, 2018 at The Pines at Utica Center for Nursing & Rehabilitation.

Born in Utica on July 6, 1944, Carl was the son of the late Carl and Gladys (Rakowski) Kovacs. He was raised and educated locally. A veteran of the United States Army, he was very proud of his time in service to his country. On July 15, 1967 he married the former Barbara Pooley with whom he shared 51 years. As a couple, they spent time together as compatible companions, and they appreciated one another.

In 1971 Carl was appointed to the Utica Police Department, and during his 31 years on the force, he was dependable and admired by his fellow officers. He retired in 2002 as a Master Patrolman. He was a member of the American Legion Post #229.

Carl is survived by his wife, Barbara; his son, John W. Kovacs; and his brother and sister-in-law, Gary and Susan Kovacs. He also leaves his nieces, nephews, godchildren, and his feline friends. He was predeceased by his infant son Carl Kovacs IV in 1971, his brother, William J. Kovacs, and mother-in-law, Ida "Edith" Pooley.

The family is grateful to the staff of The Pines who compassionately cared for Carl during his time of need.

In keeping with Carl's wishes, there will be no public visitation. A Memorial Service will be held privately and at the convenience of the family.

Tribute Wall

MG

“ Carl was a good cop and a good man...that's about it in a nut shell.

mike graham - August 31, 2025 at 07:46 PM

KD

“ Karrie DiNigro lit a candle in memory of Mr. Carl Kovacs III, Ret. UPD



Karrie DiNigro - November 08, 2018 at 12:57 PM

JZ

“ Barb and John, so sorry to hear about Carls passing. as you know he was a proud member of "C" Squad and a great cop and honorable man. it was my pleasure to work with him and more so be friends with him. May he rest in peace. JOE ZITO

JOE ZITO - November 06, 2018 at 02:35 PM

DC

“ My condolences to the Kovacs family. I'm proud to call him a brother in blue. Rest In Peace my friend.

Dan Corleto - November 06, 2018 at 11:50 AM

TB

“ It was a pleasure working with you Carl. RIP buddy.

Thomas Brady - November 06, 2018 at 10:06 AM

FS

“ *Barb and John,
I'm very sorry to hear about Carl, I worked with him for 20 years, 7
of them in C-Squad. He was a great cop with a great sense of
humor. It's was an honor and privilege to have shared a patrol car
with him. May he Rest In Peace.*

Frank Simonelli

Frank Simonelli - November 05, 2018 at 08:09 PM

BW

“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Bill Williams - November 05, 2018 at 12:07 PM

BW

“ *To the Kovacs Family,
I am so sorry for your lost. As a child I spent much time with Carl
riding in Unit 13. Carl was a Friend, a big brother and a mentor. Carl
help shape me into the person I am today. He will forever be in my
thoughts and prayers. May he rest in Peace with my father and
other C-Squad Members.*

Billy Williams - November 05, 2018 at 08:46 AM