



Mr. Carmen J. Salvatore, Sr.

October 2, 1939 - February 17, 2025

N. UTICA – Mr. Carmen J. Salvatore, Sr., age 85, passed away on Monday, February 17, 2025.

Born in Utica on October 2, 1939, Carmen was the son of the late Carmen P. “Carl” and Jennie (Minuti) Salvatore. He was a proud graduate of T.R. Proctor High School/Class of 1958, and furthered his education at Mohawk Valley Technical Institute, focusing on electronics.

On August 5, 1961, he joined in matrimony with the former Carol Ambrose. Love, patience, and family were the cornerstones and blessings of their marriage for over 63 years.

For over 15 years, both Carmen and Carol were the proprietors of Cara~Sal Ceramics in West Utica. The duo made a wonderful team and forged many friendships through their ownership of the store.

In 1958, Carmen worked as a baseball glove assembler at Kennedy Sports. In 1959 he embarked on a successful career as an electronics technician at General Electric/Lockheed Martin retiring after 37 years. He then served as a maintenance technician at Buck Apartments from 1996-2001, and at Temple Emanu-El and Temple Beth El from 2001-2010.

An avid audiophile, Carmen's love of music began early in life. As a teenager, he built his own speakers and tube amplifier, paying particular attention to attaining the highest fidelity. He enjoyed sharing his vast knowledge and love of music with family and friends. Carmen was a true craftsman, and he could often be found in his woodworking shop, creating gifts for family members and special friends. He had such talent that he sold many of his unique items at local craft shows. Blessed with a green thumb, he also took great pride in vegetable and rose gardening. He would often generously share the heirloom garlic seeds his grandfather had brought over from Italy.

He was an unwavering fan of the New York Yankees and New York Giants, never hesitating to second-guess the decisions made by coaches and managers.

Some of Carmen's fondest memories were created during family summer camping trips, where evenings around the fires were made complete with his excellent mix tapes.

Perhaps most of all, Carmen will be remembered for his willingness to help anyone who asked.

Carmen is survived by his beloved wife, Carol; sons and daughters-in-law, Carmen J. Jr. and Denise Salvatore, David M. and Sheila Salvatore, and Andrew J. and Karla Salvatore; grandchildren, Brittany R. Salvatore-Faram and her husband Bill Faram; Nicholas P. Salvatore, Mia P. Salvatore; Jenna Salvatore, and Kayla Salvatore. He treasured the memory of his grandson, Trevor Alexander "Bobby" Salvatore, who passed away on July 22, 2003. His loss is also felt by his brother, Michael L. Salvatore (the late Laura (Brucker) Salvatore); sister and brother-in-law, Regina and Stephen Synakowski; sister-in-law Josephine Ambrose (the late Rocco Ambrose); many nieces, nephews, cousins, and their families and his beloved canine companion, Pepper. He

was additionally predeceased by his father and mother, Carmen P. "Carl" and Jennie (Minuti) Salvatore; father-in-law and mother-in-law, James and Rachel (Maida) Ambrose; and brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Janet and Don Almond, James and Patricia Ambrose, and Barbara and Albert Bilodeau.

The Salvatore family would like to extend a special thank you to Betty and Joe Antonelli, for all the special memories and great times shared together. A heartfelt thanks as well to Christina Ambrose and her sons, Nick and Sam, for always supplying Carmen with his dialysis candy, and for making him feel so special. Sincere appreciation is extended to the doctors, nurses, and staff of the MVHS Dialysis Center-Faxton Campus for all their care and concern for Carmen.

A Graveside Service will be conducted on Friday, May 30, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Mary's Cemetery, 2515 Church Rd., Clayville, NY.

Memorial contributions in Carmen's honor may be made to Upstate Caring Partners, formerly Upstate Cerebral Palsy, in honor of Trevor's Trike Trail online at <https://www.upstatecp.org>; and Anita's Stevens Swan Humane Society online at www.anitas-sshs.org.donate.

Cemetery Details

St. Mary's Cemetery

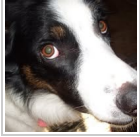
2515 Church Rd.
Clayville, NY 13322

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAY 30. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary's Cemetery
2515 Church Rd.
Clayville, NY 13322



“ Will miss you forever, Fonz.

Carl Goodhines - February 27, 2025 at 07:10 AM

TS

“ Anthony & Lenore Stoio lit a candle in memory of My cousin Carmen Salvatore. Carmen is the person who gave me my nickname "Champ".



Tony and Nora Stoio - February 24, 2025 at 10:35 AM

JM

“ James & Melissa planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Carmen J. Salvatore, Sr..

James & Melissa - February 20, 2025 at 09:46 PM

JM

“ James & Melissa purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. Carmen J. Salvatore, Sr..



James & Melissa - February 20, 2025 at 09:46 PM

RM

“ I am so sorry for your loss Aunt Carol uncle Carmen was such a kind and gentle soul and I'm going to really miss seeing his smile at dialysis and talking with him I will also miss running into you there while you waited for him may he RIP prayers and hugs sent to the whole family

rachel mathy - February 20, 2025 at 09:40 PM

KA

“ Kathy Ambrose lit a candle in memory of Mr. Carmen J. Salvatore, Sr.



Kathy Ambrose - February 20, 2025 at 04:42 PM

KA

Aunt Carol, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. Uncle Carmen was a wonderful person. My sincere sympathy. Hugs to you!!

Kathy Ambrose - February 20, 2025 at 04:45 PM

TU

“ Teddy Foster and the staff of UPH purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. Carmen J. Salvatore, Sr..



Teddy Foster and the staff of UPH - February 20, 2025 at 04:17 PM

DP

“ *My deepest condolences Aunt Carol, Carmen, Andy and David. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Uncle Carmen was the sweetest man he will be greatly missed. Hugs and Love*

Deborrah Phillips - February 20, 2025 at 03:01 PM

DP

“ *Deborrah P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Carmen J. Salvatore, Sr..*

Deborrah P. - February 20, 2025 at 02:54 PM

RJ

“Carm was always so full of life and he seemed to never slow down as he aged. Always busy building, creating, and learning, he was truly a man to admire.

Carm was everything that the obituary stated, but much more. He was a dedicated family man, helping to raise three fine boys who became much like him – smart, kind, and successful. You could tell Carm was proud of that accomplishment when he would talk about his kids and their families -- always with a glimmer in his eyes.

And as a conversationalist, Carm was second to none. He would make you think about life through his analysis as much as he would make you laugh by telling one his favorite stories. Even if you heard it before, that didn't matter. You would listen intently and wait for that inevitable laugh of his. And Carm's laugh -- it was something so unique. You could hear it clear across a crowded room and smile, not even knowing what he was talking about.

Our family was lucky enough to live in the same neighborhood as Carm and Carol. Not only were they great friends with my mother and father, but they were like a second set of parents to us kids. We count ourselves lucky to have that kind of upbringing.

Rest well, Carm. We will all miss you and never forget the good man that you were.

-- The Johns family



Ron Johns - February 20, 2025 at 02:22 PM

CM

“ *Carol & Salvatore Family*
I am sending heartfelt condolences & sincere sympathy on the loss of my cousin Carmen. May he rest in Peace! He was a wonderful man! Sending your family Peace . I know you will cherish each memory!
Cynthia Martini

Cynthia Martini - February 20, 2025 at 12:23 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Carmen J. Salvatore, Sr..

February 20, 2025 at 11:20 AM

VM

“ *R.I.P. uncle Carmen.*

Valerie Mcpeters - February 20, 2025 at 09:34 AM

VM

Aunt Carol so very sorry for your loss of uncle Carmen thoughts and prayers are with you.

Valerie Mcpeters - February 20, 2025 at 09:35 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Carmen J. Salvatore, Sr..*



February 20, 2025 at 09:05 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Carmen J. Salvatore, Sr..*



February 20, 2025 at 08:51 AM



“ *Carol, I am very sorry to hear of the passing of your husband Carmen. He always had a beautiful smile when I stopped by to chat with you at various craft shows. I could easily tell he was a kind and gentle man. I am so sorry for your loss. Natalie*

Natalie Massita - February 19, 2025 at 11:40 PM



“ *Carol, Mike, Regina & family Tom and I are so very sorry for your loss. We are deeply saddened by Carmen's passing, So many wonderful memories of Ontario Street. Our love and deepest condolences to all of you*



Thomas and Joanne LaFluer - February 19, 2025 at 10:31 PM