



Mr. Charles V. Cragolin "Sr."

January 1, 1927 - June 28, 2012

Mr. Charles V. "Chuck" Cragolin "Sr.", age 85, of New Hartford, passed away peacefully on Thursday, June 28, 2012 at the St. Elizabeth Medical Center with his loving family by his side.

Born on January 1, 1927, Chuck was the first baby born in Coral Gables, Florida. He was the son of the late Peter and Romilda (Coligaro) Cragolin. Chuck was raised and educated in Utica, a graduate of T.R. Proctor High School. On August 31, 1950 in Historic Old St. John's Church he married the former Helene (Lil) Farina with whom he shared a union of 61 years of marriage prior to her passing on March 9, 2012.

Chuck proudly served his country during World War II as a member of the US Marine Corps achieving the rank of Master Sergeant. He was awarded the WWII Victory Medal and the European Theatre medal for his service.

Chuck having learned the fine craftsmanship of masonry and construction at his father's side took advantage of a multitude of opportunities in his lifetime. In the early 60's Chuck was building customized homes in California. Upon returning to Utica he continued in the construction business. Many notable buildings in the greater Utica area were built with the assistance of Chuck. In the early 70's, he was the superintendant of the Empire State Plaza in Albany, overseeing all areas of operations in the final stages of construction. As work in the Utica areas slowed, Chuck started construction firms in Las Vegas and New Jersey until he retired in the late 80's. It is at this time a new career and new partnership was formed.

Chuck and his beloved Lil, along with their son, co-owned and operated the memorable Rutger Restaurant well known for serving the flavorful cuisine of Italy and Sicily. On many occasions your meal would be enriched with the warmth and hospitality of the welcoming owners visiting your table. There was never a lull in conversation and the time would fly by as Chuck entertained you with his many colorful stories of his life in California and his unforgettable travels to Italy. When you frequented their restaurant you were not merely a customer, but a member of the family. Chuck will always be remembered for his work, his sharp wit, his unwavering pride of his Italian heritage and his vast knowledge and love of wines. He was a devout animal lover, always enjoying their presence. He was a communicant of St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish.

Chuck is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Charles D. and Rebecca "Becky" Cragnolin of Sauquoit; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and sister-in-law, Alvira "Jeri" Cragnolin. He was predeceased by his brothers and sisters-in-law, Alsace and Cecelia Cragnolin, Walter and Peggy Cragnolin, and LeRoy Cragnolin; his sister and brother-in-law, Regina and Dr. Joseph Novek; and his brother-in-law, Matthew Farina. The family is grateful to Chuck's nieces, Sandy Gaetano, and Lauren Williams for their loving support, assistance, and guidance.

Visitation will take place on Monday from 4-8 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Charles' funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Tuesday morning at 9:00 from the funeral home and at 10:00 at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish where his Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. James Cesta. Interment will take place in St. Agnes Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

St. Agnes Cemetery

601 Arthur Street
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 732-8588

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 2. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.
932 South Street
corner of Hammond Ave.
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 724-6714
eannacefh@roadrunner.com
<https://www.eannacefuneralhome.com>

Service

JUL 3. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish
648 Jay Street
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 735-1482
<https://www.mountcarmelblessedsacrament.com/>

Tribute Wall



“ Eannace Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Charles V. Cragnolin "Sr."



Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. - June 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ Our hearts go out to you at this time and in the days ahead.



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