



Charles H. "The Music Man" Stevens

January 11, 1913 - December 8, 2011

Mr. Charles H. "Charlie" Stevens, age 98, of New York Mills, affectionately known by many as "The Music Man", passed away peacefully on Thursday, December 8, 2011 with the love and support of his family by his side.

Born in Auburn, NY on January 11, 1913, Charles was the son of the late John and Martha (Giryafey) Stevens. He was raised locally and attended school in New York Mills. A veteran of World War II, he served with the U.S. Army in the Pacific Theater of Operations where he was a rank Tech 5 mechanic in the 24th Infantry. On February 16, 1952 he married the former Theresa M. Amelio with whom he shared 44 years prior to her passing on April 12, 1996; a loving and devoted union that was made obvious in their dependence and admiration they held for one another.

Charlie began his working career in the grocery business with his employment for Grand Union and Chicago Market. He next accepted an assignment as a bus driver for the Utica Transit Authority. He concluded his professional life with a 20-year tenure as a mechanic at Griffiss Air Force Base, the position from which he retired.

Charlie was a good-hearted and considerate man with a deep and compassionate concern for others. The combination of his generous nature, his energetic spirit, his sympathetic attitudes, his empathetic understanding, and his thoughtful ways were the inspiration, motivation, and foundation for his countless acts of kindness, all of which were truly sincere and totally selfless. He brought joy and happiness to others, especially by sharing his

music with the residents of various local nursing homes and health care facilities. Throughout area senior institutions such as the St. Luke's Nursing Home, St. Luke's Day Care, the Presbyterian Home for CNY, and the Masonic Care Community of NY, he was known and loved as the "Music Man". In addition to the numerous service and health care groups to which he volunteered, Charlie was also active in numerous social, civic and veterans' organizations; the New Hartford Senior Center, the Shriners, the Scottish Rite Masonic Lodge #150 F & AM, a life member of Post #229 of the American Legion, Chapter #82 of the Stars and Stripes, and the NY Mills Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was a communicant of St. Louis Gonzaga Church.

Charlie is survived by his daughters, Rosanne M. Bravo of New Hartford, Theresa Petronella, and Verlie Stevens, of a previous marriage. In addition, he was blessed with the affection and respect of Sharon Campola whom he loved as a daughter. His survivors also include 6 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren. He mourned the loss of his grandson, John H. Stevens, who passed away on May 22, 2009. He also leaves a number of nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews and cousins. Charlie was blessed with many wonderful friendships with special mention of Ben Enea, Sandy DeSarro, Sue Silvonik, and Russ Schmitt – each of these people made a difference in the quality of his life. He was predeceased by 2 brothers, Ferris Stevens, and Saad Stevens.

A sincere thank you is extended to Dr. Mark Warfel and Sandra Gaetano, N.P., the kindness of these professionals was so much appreciated; the Hawthorn staff of Sitrin Healthcare Center provided outstanding and compassionate care. Gratitude is offered to Chorbishop John D. Faris for his friendship and pastoral guidance. It would be remiss not to extend heartfelt gratitude to Sharon's family, who so graciously extended their love and hearts to Charlie throughout the years. Charlie also was blessed with longtime caregivers who became endeared friends – Monica Story, R.N. at the VA in Rome, Geri Durante, aide; they uplifted his spirits with their companionship.

Charlie pre-arranged his final wishes which included no public visitation. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend his Funeral Liturgy which will be offered by Chorbishop John D. Faris on Tuesday morning at 11:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave., with military honors conferred. By family request, please omit floral offerings. Those wishing to remember Charlie may make donations to the Stevens-Swan Humane Society; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Entombment will take place in Calvary Cemetery Mausoleum at the convenience of family.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Mausoleum

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

Previous Events

Service

DEC **13**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall



“ Eannace Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Charles H. "The Music Man" Stevens



Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. - December 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ Missing you Daddy<3 Love you

Rosanne STEvens Bravo - November 25, 2012 at 05:16 PM

RB

“ Rosanne Stevens - Bravo lit a candle in memory of Charles H. "The Music Man" Stevens



Rosanne Stevens - Bravo - January 04, 2012 at 02:27 PM

PB

“ Roseanne and Sharon,

We are so sorry we were not able to be there today, Charlie was a wonderful man, always a smile and a good word. The last time we saw Charlie was this past summer at the New York Mills Park and Charlie was dancing a polka and singing along with the music. So sorry for your loss, we all lost a good friend.

Patricia and John Biernat



Patricia & John Biernat - December 13, 2011 at 06:57 PM

JN

“ *I am sorry for the lose you have suffer. I just heard about the passing of Charles about one hour ago. You were a strong presence for many years at Amicable lodge and will be missed. Condolences from the brethren at Amicable Lodge #664 and from Ziyara Shriners to the family and friends of Charlie. Please contact us if we can be of any service or help in this time of sorrow.*

Jim Nagy, Master of Amicable Lodge #664



Jim Nagy - December 13, 2011 at 02:22 PM

RI

“ *Roe & Shar*
Im so sorry I cant be there for you today but please find some comfort that you both are in my thoughts today . If you need anything I am here for you .
Lots of love and God bless
Gian Ionta

Regina IOnta - December 13, 2011 at 08:35 AM

KM

“ *I had a lot of fun taking care of Mr. Stevens, such a nice guy with a sweet soul. I'm sorry for your loss, and happy I got to know him!*
Kathy at St. E's

kathy Moccaldi - December 12, 2011 at 04:20 PM

SC

“ *Roseanne and Sharon,
98 years old.....God how nice was that. You were so lucky to have had him for so long. The memories you have can never be taken away. He will be with you forever.
It was a pleasure including Charlie in our life and our families.
We'll always be hear for you.
You and Sharon Lee are in our prayers, as you have been. Sorry we can't be in Utica with you, but you know we are with you.
Talk to you soon,
Love Roland and Sharon Ann*

Sharon Campola - December 12, 2011 at 12:15 PM

JS

“ *Rosanne & Sharon, My Heartfelt Condolences on the loss of your Father... I am Happy to have met him,I'll never forget him singing, and telling you he Loved you so...He also gave me a Cherished Gift that day, which I will remember all the days of my Life, Thank you Sweet Charlie for that, I love you too, & I shall never forget you either...Dance with your Honey now, Rest In Peace...Jo*

joanne suppa - December 12, 2011 at 11:39 AM

LT

“ Rosanne and Sharon,
I always enjoyed talking with your father when he would stop to see me. He was a true gentleman. So sorry for your loss. I know how much you will miss him. Find comfort in knowing that he is with your mother now.

Lee Tomaino

Lee Tomaino - December 11, 2011 at 11:11 PM

RD

“ Charlie I met you once and you were just such a free spirited man and made me laugh. I feel honored to have met such a wonderful man. To Ro and Sharon stay strong my friends you are in our hearts and prayers. He is now dancing....

Rosa and Amy Duarte - December 11, 2011 at 11:01 AM

CJ

“ Colleen Jennings sent a virtual gift in memory of Charles H. "The Music Man" Stevens



colleen Jennings - December 10, 2011 at 09:32 AM

DJ

“ Rosanne, Hoping loving thoughts will comfort you at the difficult time. With Love, Pat and Diane

Diane M. Jordan - December 10, 2011 at 08:23 AM

LV

“ Roe,
Mom and I have you and Sharon in our thoughts and prayers. We are happy the Charlie made such a peaceful transition. God Bless you.

Lisa and Joan Velletto - December 10, 2011 at 07:38 AM

SC

“ Papa we knew you were tired, and needed to go , you waited for Rosanne and I to get there so we could hold you in our arms and pray the lord lead your home, to be with your sweetheart Theresa. It was hard to let you go , because we love you so much, but god knew what was best , and so with god holding you in his hands you left. I will never forget your kindness and love you showed me. You considered me your daughter, as I thought of you as another father. Missing you now , but Loving you always, rest in peace Papa . I will take good care of Rosanne, I promised you that I would..... All my love your other daughter Sharon Lee xxxxxxxxxxxxxx



sharon lee campola - December 10, 2011 at 07:01 AM

GS

*Rosanne & Sharon My deepest sympathy Take care God Bless
Gertrude Steates*

Gertrude Steates - December 11, 2011 at 08:05 AM

JR

Rosanne & Sharon Our Thoughts & Prayers are with you and your family.

*With Heartfelt Sympathy
Joyce Robertello Julie Robertello-Rundle & Family*

Julie Rundle - December 11, 2011 at 08:47 AM