



Mr. Charles T. "Chuck" Trascritti, Sr.

March 11, 1936 - November 6, 2025

UTICA – Mr. Charles T. “Chuck” Trascritti, Sr., age 89, went home to the Lord, after the Anointing of the Sick, encircled by the love of his family, on Thursday, November 6, 2025.

Born in Brooklyn, NY, on March 11, 1936, Charles was cherished and nurtured by his mother, the late Mary Caruso, who devoted herself to raising and caring for him. As a young boy, Chuck moved to Utica and attended Brandegee School and graduated from T.R. Proctor High School. He had the opportunity to attend the Utica Boys Trade School, where he gained the skills that launched him into a successful career as an auto mechanic.

Chuck met the love of his life, the former Rosemary DeGrace, on a blind date that blossomed into a lifelong partnership. On November 27, 1954, they were united in marriage at Blessed Sacrament Church. Together, they shared nearly 71 beautiful years of marriage filled with faith, family, and countless cherished memories. Their life together was one of devotion, laughter, and love — a blessing that Rosemary will forever hold close to her heart.

From 1960 to 1980, Chuck worked as a Master Air Conditioning Mechanic, and later joined Utica Veal Co., a large and well-known local family business, where he remained until his retirement in 1990. A dedicated and hardworking man, he was respected and admired for his reliability and strong work ethic.

Chuck came to understand the true meaning of love and fulfillment through his family. He was a devoted husband, a loving father, and a proud 'Pop' to his grandchildren. Every year, he became Santa with a full routine, delighting the children with a sure surprise — and he would even stand in as Santa for a friend, never wanting to disappoint anyone. In all things, Chuck's generosity and care for others shone brightly.

With his outgoing personality and natural leadership, Chuck always stepped forward to get things done — and done right. Known for his ingenuity, he often joked, "duct tape fixes everything at least until I figure it out."

A community-minded man, Chuck gave his time and talents generously. He served with integrity on numerous boards and in several organizations, including the Former Sons of Italy Lodge #2054, where he was President from 1996 to 2000, and later as State Trustee of the Sons of Italy of America from 2000 to 2004. In the 1960s, he was a Boy Scout Leader at Conkling School, guiding children with patience and compassion. A proud participant in Il Coro Italiano, he cherished the Santa Croce family, who were wonderful mentors. The group performed at community events, nursing homes, and feasts, bringing joy to all who heard them. Chuck also sang with the Yesterday's Ensemble Choir, where they practiced and performed at the Parkway, North Utica, and West Utica Senior Centers. He especially enjoyed the camaraderie of the Proctor Boys Alumni Club, remaining active with them until recent years.

Chuck enjoyed an active life filled with adventure and enthusiasm. Among his favorite pastimes were water-skiing—especially on one ski—and riding his beloved 1963 Honda Dream motorcycle, often with no particular destination, just the open road and the wind on his face. He was also a devoted NASCAR fan for many years, rarely missing a race and cheering passionately for his

favorite drivers. In 1998, Chuck and Rosemary began wintering in Daytona Beach, Florida, where they built a wonderful circle of friends. Living just minutes from the Daytona International Speedway brought Chuck immense joy, and it was no surprise to find him there, soaking in the excitement of the race.

A man of integrity, Chuck was deeply attentive to the needs of his wife, always mindful of her requests and well-being. His productive life earned him a reputation that will be long remembered. His family will recall his memorable phrase, "That's enough," words that reflected his gentle humor and unmistakable wisdom.

Chuck practiced his faith at St. Anthony and St. Agnes Church.

Chuck is survived by his devoted wife, Rosemary; daughters and son-in-law, Roxanne and Frank Guido, and Cindy Nicotera; son, Charles Trascritti, Jr.; grandchildren, Nicole Guido; Sheri Vitale; Fred Jr. and Rachel Nicotera, and Aaron Trascritti; and great-granddaughter, Carmella Venettozzi; and one on the way!

Chuck had several siblings, with a special relationship with his brother, Frank Trascritti, who preceded him. The family is blessed to remain close with Frank's wife, Marie Frances Trascritti.

He is further survived by his in-laws, Stephen DeGrace, Jr., whom he loved as a son, and his wife, Kelly; and several nieces and nephews, including Tina and Ted Damiano, Stephanie and Todd Crandall, and Christopher and Georganne DeGrace. He was additionally predeceased by his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Stephen Sr. and Carmella (Forgione) DeGrace; and sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Julia A. "Judy" and John A. Taverne, Sr.

The family extends heartfelt gratitude to his granddaughter, Sheri, whose devoted care brought comfort, dignity, and love to her grandfather throughout his illness. They also deeply appreciate the Sitrin Health Care Center, notably the entire staff of the Rehabilitation Department, who treated him with compassion, attentiveness, and genuine care as a person. Their kindness and dedication will always be remembered.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Charles' Memorial Mass of Christian Burial and Celebration of Life, which will commence on Saturday, December 13, 2025, at 12:00 p.m. at St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church, 422 Tilden Ave. There will be an opportunity to greet the family at the conclusion of Mass. In lieu of floral offerings, memorial contributions in Chuck's honor may be made to the Activities Department of the Sitrin Health Care Center by mail to 2050 Tilden Ave., New Hartford, NY 13413; envelopes will also be available at the service.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

DEC 13. 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church
422 Tilden Ave.
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 732-1177
<https://www.stanthonystagnes.com/>

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Rosemary and Family,

Vito and I were sorry to hear about Chuck's passing. You both made a beautiful couple and a beautiful family. May your happy memories bring you peace and comfort at this difficult time.

*With our deepest condolences,
Angel and Vito*

Angel and Vito Serio - December 12, 2025 at 04:00 PM



LS

“ R.I.P you will be miss never forgetting angel
Chuck was original in Yesterday's Ensemble
group besides my parents and other people
Chuck had great awesome voice signing great
guy angel

Lynda M Schmelcher - November 13, 2025 at 05:15 PM



PR

“ Cindy and family,
What a full wonderful life your dad lived.
Many memories I hold with your family .
During my teen years , my second home .
Sending love and prayers.
Paula (Ciccarelli)

Paula Richardson - November 12, 2025 at 07:12 PM

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“ To Rosemary and kids > Chuck was a very good person an always treated me well .I appreciated his friendship.May all your memories of him be good ones and may he rest in peace. Tubby LaPorte

Tubby LaPorte - November 11, 2025 at 11:32 PM

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“ Going to waterskiing with Chuck and Rosemary when I had just arrived from overseas and be welcomed with love and respect. I will miss you miss you greatly Chuck rest in peace

Marie Trascritti - November 11, 2025 at 06:14 PM

VL

So sorry for your loss.He was a great guy

Victor leone - November 12, 2025 at 05:51 PM