



Mr. Clarence A. "Duffy" Dougherty, Ret. UPD

October 3, 1953 - August 4, 2024

UTICA – Mr. Clarence A. “Duffy” Dougherty, Ret. UPD, age 70, was reunited with his son on Sunday, August 4, 2024, after a courageous battle with Progressive Supranuclear Palsy. At the time of his passing, his devoted family was by his side.

Born in Utica on October 3, 1953, Clarence was the son of the late Chester A. and Joan (Potocki) Dougherty. He was a graduate of Utica Free Academy. He then entered the work force, holding various positions before realizing his true calling was to serve and protect his community. He graduated from MVCC with a degree in criminal justice and attended Utica College.

On June 30, 1978, Duffy married the love of his life, Rose Mary Palmisano. The two of them shared a strong bond and connection as a couple. They balanced each other perfectly, with his mischievous spirit and her calm demeanor. No matter the stresses of work and life’s demands, Duffy and Rose Mary always made time for one another. Their family was of the utmost importance. They shared the same values and instilled those values in their children. From sporting events and dance recitals to education and careers, Duffy was their biggest cheerleader. He was a born protector, an attribute that reflected not only professionally, but most importantly in his roles as husband and father.

Duffy joined the Utica Police Department in 1983, where he diligently served for twenty years. Additionally, he worked in security with the Municipal Housing Authority. After his retirement in 2003, Duffy held a security position at the Federal Office Building in Utica. He subsequently found his niche as a security monitor with Utica City School District at Columbus Elementary School. He inherently took his duties to heart and showed an active interest in the faculty, staff, and students. He enjoyed getting to know those he protected and considered the time he spent at the school as moments spent with family. Indeed, the best part of being at the school was being able to work with his dear Rose Mary.

Duffy's quick wit balanced with sarcasm brought many laughs and smiles. He was generous, intelligent, warm-hearted, strong in his convictions, and knew the value of good food and great company.

Duffy enjoyed a great love ballad, and you could always find him driving in his car belting out the lyrics. He had a passion for music which he shared with all those around him. Duffy enjoyed all things sports. In his younger years, he was a talented bowler and athlete. Later in life, Duffy became a great fan of the Buffalo Bills and the Boston Red Sox.

Duffy is survived by his devoted wife, Rose Mary; and daughter and son-in-law, Jennifer and Paul Reittinger. He treasured the memory of his son, Sean; and cherished the time he spent with his granddaughters, Alexa Dougherty; and Sophie Reittinger, who lit up his world. His loss will be also felt by his sisters, Cynthia Cohen (the late Dr. Jeffrey Cohen), and Cheryl Ewing; brothers and sisters-in-law, Chuck and Palma Dougherty, and Chet and Debbie Dougherty; nieces and nephews, Jesse Cohen, Nina Cohen (Jason Gates), Erin Brackett (Nick), Meghan DiDiego (Juan), Chuck Dougherty, Jr., Judi Taylor (Tony), Matt Dougherty (Peter), Kim Dougherty, and his "little brother", Terry Ewing (Rosie), who Duffy shared a special bond with; great-

nieces, great-nephews, cousins; and in-laws, David Simbari, Ann and Tom Wolanski, Jeffrey Almstead (the late Rebecca Almstead), Cindy Morgan (the late Dave Morgan), Richard and Maria Salamida, Mark Salamida and Steve Mendrek, and Roger Perta. He was predeceased by his father-in-law and mother-in-law, John A. and Rita E. (Salamida) Palmisano.

The Dougherty family wishes to extend their gratitude to Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc., the Abraham House, and Gloria Underwood for the exceptional level of care provided to Duffy and his family. Rose Mary would also like to thank all their cherished family and friends for their love and support throughout the years.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, August 8, 2024, from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave.

Memorial contributions in Duffy's honor may be made to the Abraham House online at www.theabrahamhouse.org/ways-to-support/donate/ or to the PSP Foundation online at www.psp.org/donate; envelopes will also be available at the funeral home. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Duffy's Mass of Christian Burial and Celebration of Life, which will commence on Friday, August 9, 2024, at 8:45 a.m. from the funeral home and at 10:00 a.m. at Mary, Mother of Our Savior Parish, Lourdes Campus, 2222 Genesee St. Interment will follow in Calvary Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 8. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.
932 South Street
corner of Hammond Ave.
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 724-6714
eannacefh@roadrunner.com

Funeral Service

AUG 9. 10:00 AM (ET)

Mary, Mother of Our Savior Parish, Lourdes Campus
2222 Genesee St.
Utica, NY 13502
<https://www.motherofoursavior.org/CatholicChurch.php>

Tribute Wall

TS

“*Rosemary/Jennifer....I am at a loss for words after learning of your husband/father's passing. He was such a fun person anytime I was in his company throughout the years. We all will surely miss him. Both he and Sean-will be looking down over you to stay strong. God Bless, Tony Sisti*

Tony Sisti - August 13, 2024 at 11:16 AM

JG

“*James R Goldsmith lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clarence A. "Duffy" Dougherty, Ret. UPD*



James R Goldsmith - August 09, 2024 at 06:37 PM

RP

“*I was friends with Duffy's son Sean, during the COVID pandemic, and Sean helped me thru a lot of tough times, just like his father helped out those he lived with and loved, those he served for, and for his God and country. May he rest in a place where there is no pain, no suffering, only peace, sure of the final day of Resurrection and Judgment. Eternal Rest grant onto him, O Lord, and let Your Heavenly Light shine down upon him. AMEN.*

RICHARD PEREC - August 08, 2024 at 09:27 PM

DK

“ Dear Ro and Jennifer,
We are deeply sorry for your loss of Duffy.
We have been such good friends over all these years. I truly miss the old days. Duffy was a dedicated husband, father, grandfather and Police Officer. We consider you both as true friends. Please hold on to all the love and good memories you both had in your life.
May he rest with the Angels and Saints !!!
May His Memory Be Eternal !!!
With our deepest sympathy, condolences, prayers and love.
Deacon Dan and Cindy Klockowski
and Family

Deacon Daniel A Klockowski - August 08, 2024 at 01:39 PM

DD

“ Dear Roe and Jenn.... I'm truly sorry to hear of Duffy's passing. He was the neighborhood protector and we always felt safe. Thank you for your service Duffy. My sincere condolences and heartfelt sympathies to you all. 🙏🙏

Doreen Cecilia DeLuca - August 07, 2024 at 11:07 PM

DW

“ Dawn Winston lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clarence A. "Duffy" Dougherty, Ret. UPD



Dawn Winston - August 07, 2024 at 10:49 PM

TF

“ The Cohen Gates Brackett family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Clarence A. "Duffy" Dougherty, Ret. UPD.

The Cohen Gates Brackett family - August 07, 2024 at 08:44 PM

TF

“ The Cohen Gates Brackett family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Clarence A. "Duffy" Dougherty, Ret. UPD.



The Cohen Gates Brackett family - August 07, 2024 at 08:44 PM



“ Rosemary I am so very sorry for your loss. I had worked with “Duffy” at the Municipal Housing Authority. He was a very comical and outgoing guy. I enjoyed the many talks we used to have about family. Family meant everything to him. I am so sorry that he and your family had to endure such a horrific illness. Offering my sincere condolences.

JoAnn Kennedy Mariano - August 07, 2024 at 08:28 PM

DP

“ Roe and Jenn, we're so sad to hear about Duffy. Our memories of the RL times spent together were very special, helps to keep Duffy's spirit alive. May he rest in Peace.

Dena and Pat Putrello



Deanna Putrello - August 07, 2024 at 07:34 PM

FJ

“ Fred J.Greer lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clarence A. "Duffy" Dougherty, Ret. UPD



Fred J.Greer - August 07, 2024 at 04:29 PM

JD

“ I am so very sorry for you loss. I had some good laughs at work with Duffy! He made me a cd of a mix of great songs! I was always singing or humming some song at work and he usually joined in! I will treasure all the memories and the CD he made for me. I will play it today in his honor. Rest in peace.

Joanne DiNardo - August 07, 2024 at 04:10 PM

KH

“ Duffy, Dont know where to begin. All the good times at columbus we all shared with you. We enjoyed listening to you yelling lol. Our ordering out lunch all the time when you would say no your watching your sugar but yes you ordered anyways. You had to be difficult while us ladies liked our dunkin but you liked your iced coffee, carmel from Mc.Donalds. Our times shared at the house and Dr.Appointments wont be forgotten. The day i had to show Rho how to take the wheelchaur backwards down the long ramp in Syracuse. Some things at home we cant talk about on here what we did to poor Rho at home all in good fun. Going to miss you hoochy.You said that to me even in your weakest last days. You are going to be missed by so many . You were the sunshine in any any room you walked into. Now your the sunshine shining above us all. Now you will join with your son Shawn throwing some baseballs and watching the Red Sox together stink. Til we meet again . R.I.P.ME.HOOCHY

kim hajjar - August 07, 2024 at 01:25 PM

LH

“ Love, Oscar, Brittany, Dalton & Holden purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mr. Clarence A. "Duffy" Dougherty, Ret. UPD.



Love, Oscar, Brittany, Dalton & Holden - August 07, 2024 at 11:16 AM

TB

“ Tammy M Bottini lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clarence A. "Duffy" Dougherty, Ret. UPD



Tammy M Bottini - August 07, 2024 at 09:58 AM

AM

“ Ann M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Clarence A. "Duffy" Dougherty, Ret. UPD.

Ann M. - August 07, 2024 at 09:03 AM

TF

“ The Roger Perta Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mr. Clarence A. "Duffy" Dougherty, Ret. UPD.



The Roger Perta Family - August 07, 2024 at 07:30 AM

TZ

“ Rosemary and family, So very sorry for your loss. How my husband Ray enjoyed so much working with Duffy. Now they are together again enjoying each other's company, pain free. RIP 🙏🙏🙏



Terry Zangrilli - August 07, 2024 at 05:33 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Clarence A. "Duffy" Dougherty, Ret. UPD.



August 07, 2024 at 01:52 AM

LT

“ RoseMary and family

We are so sad to hear about the death of Duffy. We are so sorry for your loss. May he rest in peace.

Joe and Lorraine Tartaglia

Lorraine J Tartaglia - August 06, 2024 at 11:01 PM

CP

“ Carrie & Peter Podagrosi purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mr. Clarence A. "Duffy" Dougherty, Ret. UPD.



Carrie & Peter Podagrosi - August 06, 2024 at 09:58 PM

CP

“ Carrie & Peter Podagrosi planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Clarence A. "Duffy" Dougherty, Ret. UPD.

Carrie & Peter Podagrosi - August 06, 2024 at 09:58 PM

CC

“ Rest in peace my friend remember Captain hat in the squads in 1984. Carl Conte. Phoenix AZ

Carl Conte - August 06, 2024 at 06:25 PM

LF

“ Lynette Franco lit a candle in memory of Mr. Clarence A. "Duffy" Dougherty, Ret. UPD



Lynette Franco - August 06, 2024 at 05:46 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Clarence A. "Duffy" Dougherty, Ret. UPD.



August 06, 2024 at 04:41 PM

SC

“ Sara & Dave, Leah & John, Shell & Casey purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Mr. Clarence A. "Duffy" Dougherty, Ret. UPD.



Sara & Dave, Leah & John, Shell & Casey - August 06, 2024 at 02:54 PM

DM

“ Rose Mary and Jennifer - so sorry for your loss. I met Duffy in 1993 when I started with the Utica Police Department assigned to A squad. He welcomed me from day one and was a great friend, mentor and coworker. We shared many assignments, meals and laughs together over the years. He was a great guy and always always a blast to work with. My prayers are with you and all of the family.

Dave Matrulli

Dave Matrulli - August 06, 2024 at 02:10 PM

DT

“ Very Sorry about DUFFY he was a good Cop and a brother officer may he RIP

David Taurisano - August 06, 2024 at 12:20 PM