



Cosmo F. Curri

September 16, 1927 - May 12, 2023

UTICA - Mr. Cosmo F. Curri, age 95, passed away peacefully on Friday, May 12, 2023.

Born in Utica on September 16, 1927, Cosmo was the son of the late Cosmo “Charlie” and Angeline (Perrine) Curri. Raised and educated in Utica, he was a graduate of T.R. Proctor High School, and then attended Utica Tech/NY State Institute of Applied Arts & Sciences where he received an Associate degree in Business. A proud veteran of the United States Navy, he honorably served his country on the USS Colorado during World War II. On September 24, 1949 he married the former Josephine “Babs” Graziano. They shared a loving and devoted union of 60 years until her passing on May 17, 2010.

A talented salesman by profession, Cosmo held various sales positions with multiple companies ultimately retiring from the Reich Supply Company. He was also a gifted craftsman with a wide scope of artistic skills including woodworking, graphic arts, sculpting, modeling, and antique boat restoration. Cosmo especially loved the Thousand Islands area where he shared many sunsets and campfires with family and friends. His camp at the River is the gathering place for family and will be his living legacy.

Cosmo is survived by his daughters, Elaine Lowell, and Andrea Smith; his sons and daughters-in-law, Chuck and Lorraine Curri, and Mark and Connie Curri; grandchildren, Chris and Katie Lowell, Lianne and Chris Jones; Cameron and Kate Smith; Loren and Mike Barletta, Cheryl and Andy Timko; Stephanie Curri and her husband Andre Jefferson, Danielle Curri and fiancé

Eric Dishmon, and Charlotte Curri; and 10 great-grandchildren. He will be remembered by his sister-in-law, Patricia Curri; his devoted niece, Joanne Wargo; and many other nephews, nieces, great-nephews, great-nieces, cousins, and friends, especially members of the Schreck family. He was preceded by his sons-in-law, Lee Lowell, and Jim Smith; brother, Nicholas J. Curri and wife Mary; and his brother, Albert A. Curri.

The family is grateful to the staff of the Abraham House in Rome, and the personnel of Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc. for their outstanding care and compassion during Cosmo's final days.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to The Abraham House online at <https://www.theabrahamhouse.org/donate>; envelopes will also be available at the funeral home. Visitation will be held Friday, May 19, 2023 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Cosmo's Mass of Christian Burial will commence on Saturday morning, May 20, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Mary of Mount Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish, 648 Jay St, with Military Honors conferred by the United States Navy. For those unable to attend, the service will be live-streamed at <https://www.youtube.com/@st.maryofmountcarmelblesse1703>. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

2407 Oneida Street
Utica, NY

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 19. 4:00 PM - 7:00 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>

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

MAY 20. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary of Mount Carmel / Blessed Sacrament Parish
648 Jay St
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 735-1482

Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Cosmo F. Curri.*



May 18, 2023 at 10:34 AM



“ *Joyful Memory was purchased for the family of Cosmo F. Curri.*



May 17, 2023 at 11:26 AM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Cosmo F. Curri.*



May 17, 2023 at 09:55 AM



“ *[Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was purchased for the family of Cosmo F. Curri.*

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“ [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was purchased for the family of Cosmo F. Curri.

May 16, 2023 at 10:33 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Cosmo F. Curri.



May 16, 2023 at 10:33 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Cosmo F. Curri.



May 16, 2023 at 08:47 PM



“ I grew up with Chuck and his family and always had a true admiration for Cosmo. He always had kind words and projected great wisdom to us kids. A truly dignified man! Condolences to the Curri family.

Ed & Mary Haddad - May 16, 2023 at 04:38 PM

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“ *Jim & Helen Pugliese and Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Cosmo F. Curri.*



Jim & Helen Pugliese and Family - May 16, 2023 at 01:25 PM

“As we mourn the loss of a great man, we must also celebrate his life well lived. I have known “Mr. Curri “ from childhood and later in my life knew him as Cos. His son Chuck was my first grade friend at Roosevelt School and he introduced me to his dad , mom and family. I was welcomed into their house and always felt comfortable being there . The Curri’s exposed me to their rich Italian-American heritage. Mr. Curri would take Chuck and me to his parent’s house several blocks away. On one of our visits we helped Papa Curri mash grapes for his homemade wine. Little did I know as a young boy that there was a deeper connection with Mr. Curri’s parents that came from Alberobello , Italy and my future wife’s family that came from Cisternino, Italy. Their families were less than 12 miles apart in the Puglia region of Italy and when they came to America, they settled in Utica, New York.

My transition from calling Mr. Curri to “Cos” took place when I approached him about the business venture I was involved in and offered him a position in sales. My personal relationship with Mr. Curri changed to a professional one, now with Cos. We worked together with mutual regard and we enjoyed a wonderful professional relationship . I credit Cos in changing the lives of many sign making professionals in the Northeast by introducing the revolutionary Gerber Scientific Signmaker computer aided sign making device. This device allowed sign makers the ability to produce quality signage with cut adhesive backed vinyl. It greatly reduced the time to produce signage that was previously done manually with a brush and paint, thereby increasing their productivity and profitability . He travelled extensively with his demo machine and sold and installed countless units. Cos and I travelled to trade shows both to attend and exhibit. I remember his kindness when we were in Philadelphia relaxing in a restaurant after a long day on the trade show floor. He was facing the window that looked out onto the street. He saw a disheveled man, possibly homeless on the sidewalk across the street. Cos ordered a full dinner and brought it out to him . The interaction between Cos and this person in need and the grateful response that ensued is something I will

never forget. Cos and I enjoyed many years of mutually helping our customers and employees until his retirement.

Cos's son Chuck and his future wife Lorraine played matchmaker and introduced Bella Marie Zizzi to me. Bella and I will celebrate our 44th wedding anniversary this Fall. When Bella and I travelled to Southern Italy, we visited the Zizzi family's ancestral home in Cisternino and took the short ride to Alberobello to visit the Curri family's ancestral home. We stood at the steps of the Basilica of Saints Cosmas and Damian on the Piazza Antonio Curri as the bells tolled noon on a Sunday morning. I had a mobile phone and called Chuck so he could hear the bells chime at the church his Papa Curri worked on as a mason.

There is an old Yiddish adage that aptly applies to Cos and that is Mensch. A Mensch in Yiddish is a person of integrity, morality, dignity, with a sense of what is right and responsible. Cos embodied that definition.

There are so many memories that I have involving Cos and his extended family. After all ,I shared over 60 years of my life with the Curri family. As I reflect on his life, I can still hear the tone of the bells at St. Cosmas in Alberobello from my visit years ago. I know that they will be ringing again for him in celebration of a life well lived.

Neil Reich

Neil Reich - May 16, 2023 at 09:44 AM

JG

“ *To the family ,
We are so sorry for your loss ..Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time ..may he Rest In Peace..*

Janice and Fred Greer - May 15, 2023 at 04:22 PM