



## Mr. Daniel J. Arcuri

March 25, 1936 - December 12, 2020

NEW HARTFORD – Mr. Daniel J. Arcuri passed away peacefully on December 12, 2020 at age 84. “Danny” was a lifelong resident of the Utica area where he spent the majority of his life protecting the community as a law enforcement professional.

Danny’s family lived in Utica where they operated a successful dry cleaning business, Carl Cleaners. Danny and his family all spent time pitching in at the dry cleaners and working to support the family business. When Danny was a teenager, he joined the military with the goal of keeping his country safe from harm. That goal followed him throughout his life as he pursued his career path.

While most people choose to run away from danger, Danny joined the NY State Police where many times he ran towards danger so others could remain safe. He had an impressive career with the State Troopers moving up the ranks until he became the Senior Investigator of the BCI unit. Danny or “Chief” as his peers called him, dedicated his career to solving the toughest crimes and protecting the most vulnerable in his community. He never looked for accolades or praise. He just wanted to do an honest job while he represented the NY State Police. It’s just who he was and everyone who loved him knew that.

After Danny retired from the State Police he continued his career working for the Federal Marshall and then served as Town Justice in New Hartford. Law enforcement was in his blood until the day he left this earth!

When Danny was finally retired from law enforcement he enjoyed golfing with the guys, traveling with his wife Rosemary, and helping out at his son Dan's restaurants. You could always find him there mowing the lawn, painting a wall or helping out in the kitchen.

Danny and his autistic grandson Alex had a special bond. They went for long walks, told jokes and had a lot of laughs. Danny was able to break through and form a strong bond with Alex that lasted until his passing.

Danny's other passion was his family. He married the love of his life, Rosemary DeRosa, in 1958. They had a rock solid marriage for over 62 years and Rosemary was his strength, heart and soul through the good times and the challenges. Family was everything to Danny. If he wasn't working a case on a Sunday, he was with his parents Pete and Mae and his brothers Joe and Peter having dinner with the entire extended family. Sauce on Sunday brought everyone together and it was the highlight of every week. The story goes that when Danny was in the service he hitchhiked and traveled hundreds of miles to get home for his Mother Mae's gnocchi! The only thing that topped Sundays was Christmas Eve with the Arcuri's. Seafood, presents and Mae's famous pizza frita will be forever cherished.

Danny's other love and comfort were his dogs, Max and Louie. It wasn't unusual to see Danny and Louie going for a walk at the New Hartford Town Park. They were inseparable and the love of this devoted animal was a healing force for a police officer who saw some of the darkest sides of humanity.

Danny leaves his loving wife Rosemary, Daughter Tracey Richardson (Skip), Son Daniel Arcuri (April), Grandson Alex, Granddaughter to be Arianna, who will arrive in February, Brothers and Sister-in-law Joe, and Peter (Carol) Arcuri, Sister-in-law Donna DeRosa (Karen), many nieces and nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and devoted friends.

Danny also leaves his devoted brotherhood of NY State Police officers who always had his back and held each other up during some of the toughest times in law enforcement. A heartfelt goodbye to Frank Peo, Larry Moylan,

Doug Smith and of course Nick Cerro who already made it up to heaven to prepare a place for Danny.

Even at the end of his life he was a lawman. He continued to protect his family. Many times he would be seen checking out the neighborhood and locking all the doors so he and Rosemary would stay safe!

Special thanks to the amazing neighbors of Hillside Ave. There are no words to thank John Bertrand and Bugzy Martin for their compassion, strength and kindness that will never be forgotten. Danny was blessed to live in one of the most phenomenal neighborhoods in the Mohawk Valley.

Due to the abatement of Covid-19 restrictions, family and friends are respectfully invited to attend a Memorial Mass on Thursday morning July 15, 2021 at 11:00 at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish to celebrate Danny's life. Military Honors will be conferred by the United States Army. Donations may be sent to the Ronald McDonald House CNY Chapter online at <https://rmhcny.org/donate> or to Lifetime Assistance, Inc. online at <https://www.lifetimeassistance.org/donate>. Entombment took place in the Arcuri family Mausoleum in Calvary Cemetery.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JUL 15. 11:00 AM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall

BB

“*Rosemary and family. Please accept my heartfelt condolences. 35 years ago I had the distinct honor and priveledge to work for and with Dan while I was assigned to the BCI Unit in New Hartford. Dan was without a doubt the finest man and best supervisor I ever worked for. Rest in peace Chief.*

*Bob Boek*

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**Bob Boek** - December 28, 2020 at 05:27 PM

NS

“ I'm writing on behalf of the Lew Kelly family to send deepest condolences. My dad was was the Public Safety Commissioner for a few years and in that time his respect for the NY State Troopers was deep, sincere and shared with his family. Please know that the goodness of Daniel Arcuri was known beyond Utica and that he and others who make so many sacrifices will remain in our prayers and with our gratitude.

Nancy Kelly Sharkey

Bow, NH

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**Nancy J Sharkey** - December 27, 2020 at 12:31 PM

DC

“ God Bless you Danny! A great person, neighbor and dedicated individual. Through out his life he always dedicated himself to others and his Community!

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**dave Corr** - December 27, 2020 at 10:49 AM

SV

“ To Rosemary, Tracey, and Daniel, my wife and I were saddened two days ago when we found out about my cousin Dan's passing. Please know that our best thoughts are with you all during this difficult time in what is truly a difficult year for us all. I remember Dan well and as a youngster I ever so enjoyed talking with him at Arcuri family gatherings about (what I found to be his fascinating) work with NYSP. I also remember coming to your home in New Hartford many times with my grandfather to give him a hand as he worked on Dan's home.

I in my adult years, even though I lived - out -of state, I always made it a point when visiting home for the holidays, to personally make a trip down to the Federal Building / Court House to pick up my Federal Tax Forms, just so I could have the opportunity to say Hi! to Dan and have a few minutes to spend with him and catch up and see how everyone in the Arcuri Family was doing. He was always so kind to talk with and I know he enjoyed seeing me and hearing about my military life. Most don't know this, but it was Dan's (along with my Uncle Joey Arcuri's) lifelong careers with NYSP which influenced me greatly to becoming an Officer with a Law Enforcement Agency here in South Texas after I retired from the military.

So again, Daniel, Tracey, and Rosemary, you all have Jann and my sincerest condolences on Dan's loss to all of us. He was a good man.

Regards,  
Major (ret.) Scott and Jann VanDerhoof  
Cibolo, Texas

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Scott VanDerhoof - December 24, 2020 at 07:22 AM

JW

“ Rosemary, Dan, Tracy and the Arcuri family and friends. I am sorry to hear about your loss. May you always have great memories to help you through this difficult time.

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**Jeff White** - December 21, 2020 at 04:09 PM

DJ

“ My condolences to the Arcuri Family and his friends. It was an honor and pleasure working for Dan while at SP New Hartford. Dan's leadership will always be respected along with his sense of brotherhood. God Bless...

*Dominick A. Froio Jr.*

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**Dominick A Froio jr** - December 21, 2020 at 03:10 PM

JF

“ While we lived at 14 Hillside Ave, Mr. Acuri's presence made me feel secure. To Rosemary and Danny my sympathy for your loss. Jo Ann & Charlie Freer.

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**Jo Ann Freer** - December 21, 2020 at 11:05 AM

NP

“ Accurate Family,  
As a member of Utica Police Dept., I has the opportunity to work with Dan on many cases, Dan was Cops, Cop. A compassionate man, who loved family and his Many Friends, May Dan Rest In Peace.

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**Nick Parrotta** - December 20, 2020 at 10:25 AM

BB

*Dan will be greatly missed by those of us who were `lucky to have served with him. Condolences to all the Arcuri family.  
Bill Burns retired NYSP*

**Bill Burns** - December 20, 2020 at 12:28 PM

RV

*With deepest sympathies, I extend my sincere condolences. When I worked weekends at the hospital, I often seen Dan mowing the lawn at Dan Jr's restaurant. We would talk a while. He was a great person. His devotion to family, country and community, goes without saying. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.*

**Ray Vatalaro** - December 20, 2020 at 04:23 PM

BD

*I will always remember Dan as a giant of a man in all ways imaginable- stature, honor, duty, loyalty, love of family and friends. I have the best memories growing on Albany St with Dan, Rosemary and Tracey as dear friends and neighbors. A friendship that continued through childhood to this day. Praying that you all find peace in shared memories of a noble and honorable man.*

**Beth Davies** - December 20, 2020 at 08:13 PM

JO

*I extend my sincere condolences. With deepest sympathies, to the whole family. May Dan RIP. Joe Spine, Retired NY State Police*

**josspi@msn.com** - December 22, 2020 at 05:33 AM