



## Mr. Danny Santiago

January 8, 1959 - May 23, 2017

UTICA - Mr. Danny Santiago, age 58, passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, May 23, 2017 at the St. Elizabeth Medical Center with his loving family by his side.

Born in Utica on January 8, 1959, Danny was the son of Carmen M. Maldonado and the late Ramiro Santiago. He was raised in Coamo, Puerto Rico and was a graduate of Coamo High School. On October 20, 1979 he married the former Hilda Irizarry with whom he shared 37 years in a union blessed with true love and devotion to one another and to family. They were inseparable.

Danny worked as a Supervisor of Maintenance at the Mid-State Correctional Facility for 33 years, the position from which he retired. Danny lived for his family and he was always there for them. He loved his boys and enjoyed playing sports with them and attending their athletic events. He was honest and open, and he spoke his heart. He offered his advice which always turned out to be right. He was the #1 Handyman for anyone who needed repairs. Danny was loved by many.

His leisure pursuits included gardening and tending to his own garden of which he was very proud, taking trips to the casino with Hilda, riding his Can Am Spyder motorcycle, and fishing at Sandy Pond. He loved babysitting for his grandchildren, D'Marco, Daniel Jr., and Arielle even though they bossed him around — because he loved having them around. Danny was a parishioner of Historic Old St. John's Church.

Danny is survived by his wife, Hilda; his sons and daughters-in-law, Daniel A. Santiago, Sr. and Dora Colon, Arnaldo R. Santiago, and Nicolas and Patti-Anne Santiago, all of Utica; his grandchildren, Daniel "Boobie" Santiago Jr., D'Marco Santiago; and Arielle Linda Santiago; his mother, Carmen M. Maldonado; and father-in-law, Nicolas Irizarry. He also leaves his sisters, Janet, Elsa, Eileen, Gisela, Jessica, Bernadette, and Ivette; his brothers, Michel, Manuel, Ramiro, and Ray; cherished nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, in-laws, special friends, especially his cousin, Michael Chaparro, who he was with on a daily basis; and his canine companions, Cash, and Minnie. He also cherished the memory of his canine companion Rocky. He was predeceased by his mother-in-law, Leonor Irizarry; and his sister-in-law, Linda M. Irizarry-Kimball.

The family extends their appreciation to the staff of the ICU at the St. Elizabeth Medical Center for their care and compassion; and the Utica Fire Department/Rescue One for their valiant efforts.

The family will honor and commemorate Danny's life at a private gathering. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Danny's funeral service and Celebration of Life which will commence on Saturday morning at 11:00 at Historic Old St. John's Church where his Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Fr. John Buehler. By family request, please omit floral arrangements. The family will receive visitors at the conclusion of the Mass.

# Tribute Wall

DF

“ My condolences to Hilda and the boys, I had the pleasure of meeting Danny for the first time last year and right away I could tell he was a kind and honest person..... may you sleep in peace my friend

*Danyelle Faulkner*

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**Danyelle Faulkner** - May 27, 2017 at 08:29 AM



“ Danny took me with him to his family home in Coamo, Puerto Rico twice. His family treated me like part of their family. Shared many laughs with Danny over the years, I'll never forget the great times with him and his family! Rest in peace Cono! Mike Barr

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**Michael Barr** - May 25, 2017 at 04:21 PM

NL

“ Nancy Lieber lit a candle in memory of Mr. Danny Santiago



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**Nancy Lieber** - May 25, 2017 at 04:08 PM

NL

*I'm so sorry for your loss! I worked with Danny at Midstate. He was always a sweetheart to me. My prayers are with you.*

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**Nancy Lieber** - May 25, 2017 at 04:10 PM



“ *My deepest condolences. I didn't know him personally but I went to school with Arnaldo and my older sister went to school with Danny. Fly high with the angels. I'm sure he will be looking down on his family until they meet again.*

Veronica-Goff Rios-Cornell - May 25, 2017 at 03:53 PM



“ *Condolences to the Santiago family.*

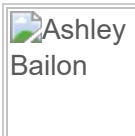


Sarah and Papo Colon - May 25, 2017 at 03:45 PM



“ *Dora, Danny and family: I am soo very sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Kathie Scalise*

Kathie Scalise - May 25, 2017 at 03:08 PM



“ *Sleep in peace Danny !!!!*

Ashley Bailon - May 25, 2017 at 01:49 PM



“ *He called me Conio for years and I never really knew what it meant. He tried to explain it to me many times, but I never understood. I would like to think it meant GOOD FRIEND. I'll miss you CONIO.*

Craig Pritchard - May 25, 2017 at 01:30 PM

CR

“ *Condolences to the Santiago family. Prayers for your family. RIP Mr. Santiago. The Rochon and The Rivera familys.*



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**Carla rochon** - May 25, 2017 at 12:20 PM



“ *Rosa Morales lit a candle in memory of Mr. Danny Santiago*



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**Rosa Morales** - May 25, 2017 at 11:25 AM



*Rip Danny! Gone but not forgotten! Love Donald duck Harris and friend Rosana Morales Reed!*

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**Rosa Morales** - May 25, 2017 at 11:27 AM



“ *My condolences to the entire Santiago family! It came as such a shock to hear of the pass of Danny! He was a wonderful person and friend! May God bless you and your family Hilda with his strength and love! Arnold hold your head up nephew! With love and our deepest sympathy! Uncle Donald duck Harris and Rosana Morales Reed!*

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**Rosa Morales** - May 25, 2017 at 11:23 AM

PT

“ I have many memories of Danny growing into a wonderful caring man, my fondness memory was when his first son (Danny - Papito) was born! He was so proud of Papito and I witnessed what kind of father he was to become! Arnold and Nick followed and from all accounts he was a splendid Pop and a very loving Grand Pop! He Loved Hilda and I must say she kept him line!!! I'm saddened by his untimely departure but I will treasure lots of memories we shared. I will miss my cousin/brother and i will always keep him in my heart! "COJOLLO" Condolences to the entire family and we pray for the love of God enfolds the family during this journey of grief. Comfort and Peace to all! Love/Amor, Naldy

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**Pete Torres** - May 24, 2017 at 02:41 PM

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*My partner in crime the memories we had... Burger King every day on the spyder my papa...sorry this had to happened you will be missed by everyone in and outside of the family...your my motivation make sure you watch me do my thing...I'm doing it for you 🙏❤️*

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**Boobie Santiago** - May 24, 2017 at 09:25 PM

DR

*I have some fun memories of Danny and his entire family. I remember each one of his kids growing up. Danny had done many favors for me without asking or taking anything in return, because that was the kind of guy he was. He left his family in good standing. Each one of his children, he taught them well about being a man, and decent human beings. My heart breaks for hilda and their children as I read this obituary. I may not have been around as much as I was when I was younger. But every now and then I would run into Danny. He always had time for some conversation and something to laugh about. If there was anyone I would want to model after, it would be Danny. This world has whitnessed a great loss this week. On a much happier note, I truely believe as I say we were never meant to stay on this planet, that this world is only a stepping stone on our journey to our true destination. I believe that Danny is looking down at everyone right now and realizing that he is going up to take his place. I am happy to believe this is true, with hopes that I would see him again someday, when it is my turn. Danny left his mark on me, and his memory, I will cherish for the rest of my days. May Yeshua receive him well. And comfort the whole family in this sad time.*

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**daniel rivera** - May 25, 2017 at 12:47 PM

RV

*Our hearts go out to all of the members of the Santiago family, he was a very respectful Father, husband, just a wonderful human being  
RIP Daniel*

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**Rick & Marylou Vellone** - May 25, 2017 at 03:41 PM

CB

*God bless Hilda. You and your beautiful family are in my thoughts and prayers.....*

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**Chris Barry** - May 25, 2017 at 04:14 PM

JV

*I am so sorry for your loss Danny was a very good man .He was one of my friends i missed when I had to retire.may god bless you all. your frie  
nd in Texas joe v*

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**Joe Varlaro** - May 26, 2017 at 06:11 PM