



Mr. David P. Farina

December 7, 1953 - November 23, 2024

UTICA – Mr. David P. Farina, age 70, passed away on Saturday, November 23, 2024, following a brief illness.

Born in Utica on December 7, 1953, David was the son of the late Nicholas P. “Nick” and Sadie A. (Graziano) Farina. Raised in the area, he attended Blessed Sacrament Grammar School and was a graduate of T.R. Proctor High School/Class of 1971. He furthered his education at Utica College, earning a bachelor’s degree. His zest for knowledge then led him to the University of Bologna, where he continued his studies.

David began his career with the City of Utica Codes Department as a Housing Inspector. Over the course of 30 years, he steadily advanced through the ranks, demonstrating strong leadership and expertise in the field. He ultimately rose to the position of Codes Commissioner, a role in which he served with distinction for 10 years prior to his retirement.

David will be remembered as a friendly man and a good neighbor. An animal lover, he especially adored his sister’s golden retrievers, Duncan, and Seamus. In her final years, David was a devoted caretaker to his mother, Sadie, caring for her with utmost tenderness. He was incredibly proud of his family’s accomplishments, particularly his sister’s forays into photography and her artistic pursuits.

David was a Board Member of the City of Utica Urban Renewal Agency. An avid reader, his favorite authors included Stephen King, and Dean Koontz. He also enjoyed classic movies on the Turner Classic Movies network and was a history buff who loved tuning into the History Channel. He took special delight in the peaceful setting of the Sylvan Beach area.

David is survived by his sister and brother-in-law, Jennifer E. "Jen" and Richard A. DeVenezia; his brother, Nicholas J. Farina; his nieces, Emily, and Kristina DeVenezia, whom he lovingly supported; and many special friends. He was predeceased by his grandparents, Nicola and Vincenzina (Natalizio) Farina, and Joseph and Carmella (Troia) Graziano.

The family would like to thank David's surgeon, Dr. Mario Carrillo, for his care and compassion.

David's family will honor and celebrate his life in a private gathering. In lieu of floral offerings, memorial contributions in David's honor may be made to the Anita's Stevens Swan Humane Society online at www.anitas-sshs.org/donate, or the Olmsted City of Greater Utica, Inc. online at www.olmstedcity.org/donate.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave.

Tribute Wall

PI

“ Dave was one of my favorite "coworkers" (I worked for the mvwa) at City Hall. Always had a smile on his face, very dedicated to the job and an inspiration to everyone. I really missed him after he retired- the place was not the same. RIP Dave!

Peter Inserra - November 27, 2024 at 03:25 PM

CP

“ Dave was a dear friend before and after we both worked at Utica City Hall. I'm deeply saddened at his passing and will pray for him. He had a commendable work ethic and cared for the respect of those who worked for him. We shared stories of caring for our mothers and I know he was deeply committed. May the Lord have Mercy on him, and I will pray that he rests in peace. All God's Blessings, Camille Pryputniewicz

Camille Pryputniewicz - November 27, 2024 at 02:48 PM

JH

“ Reading of Dave's passing hit me very hard. I worked with him for over 10 years, but also considered him a friend. Work could oftentimes be frustrating, grueling and wacky, but Dave always managed to help me get a chuckle to help get through it. You are and will be missed and I appreciate all that you did to make our teamwork the dreamwork. Goodbye my friend "Mr. F".

Joan Harris - November 26, 2024 at 06:54 PM

MR

I just heard today of David's passing. I knew him for 10 years while he and I worked at City Hall. He was a dear and close friend. He was an exceptional person and I will miss him dearly. I can't express how deeply saddened I am.

Mary Recchio - January 08 at 06:12 PM

TL

“ I was very sad to learn of David's passing. I had not seen him in quite a few years but still remember many gatherings at his parent's home with his entire family. Rest in Peace David.

Tony Leone

Tony Leone - November 26, 2024 at 02:37 PM

DC

“ My deepest condolences to Davids's immediate family.. worked with David in the codes department and I learned so much from him.. we have some good times and a lot of laughs.. Rest In Peace David, gone to soon.

Debra Carcone - November 26, 2024 at 02:24 PM

JB

“ Dave was one of my closest and dearest college buddies. I was shocked to learn of his passing.

John Brady - November 26, 2024 at 01:51 PM