



## Mr. David Edward Morgan

April 7, 1957 - April 9, 2023

UTICA - Mr. David Edward Morgan, Sr., age 66, passed away after a courageous but short battle with cancer on Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023 with his loving family by his side. Dave was born in Utica on April 7, 1957. He was the son of the late Andrew J. Sr. and Mary (Nole) Morgan. He is survived by his beloved wife Cynthia “Kitty” (Palmisano) and his sons Paul, David and daughter-in-law Calli; and daughter Jordan and son-in-law Peter Durr. As a man that truly cherished his family, Dave was incredibly excited to welcome his first grandson, David Michael Durr, this June.

Known across Central New York as an exceptional chef and entrepreneur, Dave operated numerous renowned establishments beginning with Kitty’s BBQ which expanded to Kitty’s on the Canal, as well as The Blue Flag Room at both the Utica Train Station and Hotel Utica locations, and presently The Original Kitty’s. Dave also served in the Army for 4 years as an Occupational Therapist at Walter Reed.

Dave understood life’s greatest treasures- your family and your friends. Family traditions were especially important to Dave, including weekly Sunday card nights, annual Saratoga trips, and cooking for everyone on the holidays.

His circle of friends was beyond compare. Dave had a way of impacting those who were around him, and always became the center of every social scene. He was well known for his generosity and loyalty; he was always there for those he loved no matter how much time had passed. His one liners and sense of humor will continue to live on through his family and close friends including “Dicky” Timpano, Larry Gurdo, Gene Carcone, and Andy Esposito, to name a few.

Dave was one of 9 children. He is survived by Andrew and Suzanne Morgan, Dorothy and David Neri, Michael and Suzanne Morgan, Mary Ann Morgan, Patricia and James LaBella, Patrick and Lisa Morgan, Christopher and Heather Morgan, and sister-in-law Marge Morgan. He was predeceased by his brother Edward Morgan. He will also be remembered by his many nieces and nephews, and was honored to be named the godfather of Andrea Neri Fordham.

The family would like to thank Dave’s primary care physician Dr. Rebecca LaValley who was so gentle in her care of him, Dr. James Vanderhoof an outstanding physician, and the staff of the ICU at Oneida Health.

Dave wanted to thank all of his dear friends and family for all their love and support every step of the way. As he so perfectly put it in his daughter's recent wedding speech, "it takes a village."

Although we wish we had more time with him in our lives, time is something that cannot be bought, and it's not an endless supply. Time is simply how you live your life. Dave lived his life full of love and full of fun; it was the only way he knew how. In true Dave fashion, he insisted to end his story with "Ding dong, Dave is gone!"

Visitation will be held on Sunday, April 16, 2023 from 2:00-5:00 p.m. at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. In lieu of floral offerings, memorial contributions in Dave's honor may be made to the Abraham House online at [www.theabrahamhouse.org/donate](http://www.theabrahamhouse.org/donate); envelopes will also be available at the funeral home.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Dave's Mass of Christian Burial and Celebration of Life which will commence on Monday morning, April 17, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. at Mary, Mother of Our Savior Parish, Lourdes Campus, 2222 Genesee St., Utica.

Entombment will take place in Calvary Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Calvary Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 16. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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

## Funeral Service

APR 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall

AM

“ 16 Harbor Lock Road, Utica New York. NOW!!!

A Martian - January 27 at 02:16 PM

TB

IN THE ELEVATOR!

the only one in the building - March 29 at 11:05 PM

TM

“ I'm gonna punch the undertaker in the face when he gets down here!!!

The Mystery Man - October 17, 2025 at 06:10 PM

RM

“ Rick Marr lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Edward Morgan



Rick Marr - September 07, 2025 at 08:07 AM

RM

Mr. Morgan's death was untimely. I dare speak that he held knowledge of extraterrestrial life among us, as he was once trapped with what he claimed to be Martian in a jammed elevator. May the zeitgeist that David stepped behind be one-day lifted for all the world to see. There's no fixing this world without disclosure.

Rick Marr - September 07, 2025 at 08:16 AM

RP

THERES A FCKING MARTIAN IN THERE!

rob porter - January 02 at 12:24 AM

CH

“ I worked the hotline for an elevator company, that is how I came to know Mr. Morgan. He was a delightful man, patient and well-spoken. I always looked forward to his calls.

Chris - May 06, 2024 at 01:11 PM

GS

Just get me. The elevator. FIXED!!!

Gregory Stevensh - February 25, 2025 at 08:50 AM

ER

NOW

Earl Rogers - March 06, 2025 at 09:02 PM

RP

YEEEEAAAHHHH!!

rob porter - January 02 at 12:23 AM

DM

“ GET THAT SLUT DOWN TO THE CEMETERY NOW.

Dave Morgan - September 16, 2023 at 09:45 PM

JO

lol

John - December 01, 2024 at 05:55 PM

BS

“ So very sorry today to learn of Dave's passing. He really was full of life and a great guy. His food was amazing and my family still speaks of his food 3 years after my daughter's graduation party. He will be missed.

Barbara - Shaw's Truck Service - April 21, 2023 at 12:32 PM

DU

NO THERE'S A FCKING MARTIAN IN THERE

Duncan - April 02 at 04:12 PM

ED

“ The elevator has been fixed and our dear friend Dave has joined the legends on the second floor. Thank you Mr. Morgan, hopefully you are seeing the great joy you have provided to the people of this Earth.

Eddie from Detroit - April 21, 2023 at 10:03 AM

GS

There's a 50-50 chance, you take a guess.

Gregory Stevensh - February 25, 2025 at 08:51 AM

RP

GET EM HERE NOW!

rob porter - January 02 at 12:25 AM

MH

“ My (now deceased) father Fred and I were once in the final stages of erecting the largest bail bonds office in the history of The United States. Sixshty-one floors to be exact. Suddenly we had a major elevator malfunction, a clear result of negligence by the builder. My dad knew exactly whom he could count on during his greatest hour of need, Dave. My dad'sh agent Ron conferenced Dave into our voice over ip line and Dave personally stood up for us and set things straight with the builder. They initially weren't going to let us out of the now moneypit we had on our hands, but Dave eloquently explained about the "martian"-esque noises indicating mechanical failure as well as a strange odor that was rather...well...fecal in nature. He was also kind enough to send us a pepperoni with extra cheeshe pizza and sent us the essential Earl "Madman" Muntz video collection via iTunes to cheer us up. RIP my friend and thank you for the memories. YEAH!

Mike Herbert - April 20, 2023 at 02:07 AM

DP

“ Very sorry for your loss. My sincere condolences.

David Pauly - April 19, 2023 at 10:31 PM

SK

“ This news is incredibly sad to hear. Dave could handle those elevator repair companies like nobody else. He will be sorely missed by the Martians.

Slappy Kincaid - April 19, 2023 at 09:56 PM

FG

“ Before moving to Stilwell Oklahoma, I enjoyed many fine meals at Kitty's on the Canal and became friends with Mr. Dave Morgan. In fact his original rotisserie chicken recipe became the foundation for Charlie's Chicken BBQ in Stilwell. Mr. Morgan knew I was in the construction business but I never did get the chance to help him out with his remodel or the dirt work project. I can safely say, that to know him, was to love him. And to love him, was to know him. Those who knew him, loved him, while those who did not know him, loved him from afar.

Frank Neal Garrett - April 19, 2023 at 09:50 PM

CS

“ He was a great man and a legend in the community that has given so many laughs over the years to others.

Colin from Springfeel - April 19, 2023 at 07:46 PM

DP

*He will be missed greatly. Wish I got to meet Dave in person.*

David Pauly - April 19, 2023 at 10:33 PM

AM

“ *He was great company*

A Martian - April 19, 2023 at 08:51 AM

GS

“ *I remember Dave calling me from his elevator. Dave was sold a bad elevator but he was always emphatic about it getting fixed. Dave's passion to have the only elevator in the building fixed made him my hero.*

Gregory Stevens - April 18, 2023 at 10:52 PM

FH

“ *ITS THE WORST ELEVATOR IN THE WORLD*

Fred Herbert - April 18, 2023 at 09:29 PM

MD

*FIX IT!*

Myles Bennett Dyson - April 19, 2023 at 08:50 AM

RP

*NOW!*

rob porter - January 02 at 12:26 AM

DM

“ *He will live forever in the soundboard world*

David Maloney - April 18, 2023 at 08:56 PM

MD

“ *He was Dave Morgan and he was the owner. Taking that elevator straight up to heaven. Prayers to his family.*

Myles Bennett Dyson - April 18, 2023 at 07:28 PM

LP

“ Dear Morgan family:

*Heartfelt sympathy to all of you. Dave was an exceptional man. All of the tributes posted here describe him perfectly. I remember when doing business with him, the many conversations we had. I respected his work ethics as well. I remember my brother-in-law Dominick (Dick) Padula worked for him and I can believe the antics going on in the kitchen of Kitty's on Oneida St. My husband Dennis got a kick out of the elevator story even though Dave was very serious about the dilemma at the time. He took kidding in stride. His catering was exceptional and I will always remember his awesome champagne dressing. And Cindy, you and Dave raised great kids. .... Rest in peace Dave. He was unforgettable.*

*With sincere sympathy and thoughts and prayers.*

*Lynda Perritano Padula and Family*

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**L Padula** - April 18, 2023 at 11:52 AM

RS

“ Morgan Family,

*Veronica and I were very sorry to hear about the untimely passing of your beloved husband, father, father-in-law, grandfather, brother, brother-in-law, uncle, Godfather and good friend, David.*

*We have added you and your family to our daily prayer list. And, when we attended mass yesterday, we added you and your family to our parish book of prayers.*

*We will always cherish our fond memories of David when we visited his various restaurant establishments. He was always the consummate gentleman, had a wonderful personality and his concern for a high level of customer satisfaction was off the charts.*

*May our Good Lord watch over, bless, protect, comfort and console you and your family as you endure this very very difficult, trying and sad time in your lives.*

*Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to you and your family in your time of loss and sorrow.*

*Rob & Veronica Sherman*

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**Robert Sherman** - April 17, 2023 at 11:58 AM

MN

“ On behalf of the Nole family, I'd like to send our sincere condolences. Dave always had my back when it came to bailing me out, when it came to a food crisis! When other things fell through, he was there to pick up the pieces and help me! He'd say "anything for you Michele!", and He'd make it right! He truly was a very kind and loving man. He will be greatly missed!

Michele Nole - April 17, 2023 at 11:28 AM

SD

“ Cindy and Family,  
We are so sorry for your loss. My condolences to all of the Morgan family during this difficult time. Growing up with David was always an adventure. I will always cherish the memories of the good times we had. We will miss you my friend, rest in peace.

Steve and Debbie DiFondi  
Raleigh, NC

Steve DiFondi - April 16, 2023 at 08:53 PM



“ My sincere condolences to the family  
God bless

Joanne Jojo Gerace - April 16, 2023 at 06:01 PM

DG

“ Our sincere condolences to the Morgan Family.  
Although I have not lived in the Utica area for many years, David was one of my friends growing up, and I have very fond memories of all the fun times we had together. David was a talented individual able to communicate well with all types of people. He was always kind and very giving.  
May your family find strength during this very difficult time.  
Dean and Elizabeth Gambino  
Tempe, Arizona

Dean Gambino - April 15, 2023 at 10:30 AM

JP

“ Cindy and family, I'm so very sorry to hear of Dave's passing. You're in my thoughts and prayers for strength during this sad and difficult time. May your new grandson arriving soon bring much joy with smiles and peace as Dave smiles down on all of you. Love, Jeannie Pawelek

Jeannie Pawelek - April 14, 2023 at 09:56 PM

SC

“ We send our sympathy and prayers , we will miss David.

*Tony and Sandra Cotrupe*



sandra cotrupe - April 14, 2023 at 08:18 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. David Edward Morgan.



April 14, 2023 at 03:57 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. David Edward Morgan.



April 14, 2023 at 01:48 PM



“ Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. David Edward Morgan.



April 14, 2023 at 09:29 AM

TD

“ Our hearts go out to Dave’s family. We are saddened to hear of Dave’s passing. Dave was also so helpful and professional when I needed to arrange catered lunches for our senior class committee meetings at Hamilton. And fun to work with. His special salads and dressing were always well received. David enjoyed working with Dave at his home on a small construction project. We will miss his sense of humor and good will. May God bless all the family,  
*Theresa Gallagher and David George*

Theresa & David - April 14, 2023 at 08:21 AM



“ *Cousin David you will be missed so much by many. Our hearts and prayers go out to Cindy, David Jr. and Jordan he loved all of so much. His laughter and smile always made my mom and me feel welcome when we made it to Utica.*  
*Love, Theresa and Dee Cox*



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**Theresa Felger** - April 13, 2023 at 10:43 PM

TF

“ *Our heart felt condolences are with the entire Morgan family. Dave was truly one of a kind. A man with a big heart and great sense of humor as well as a great chef. I apologize that we are unable to pay our respects in person. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all*

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**Terri and Michael Fasolo** - April 13, 2023 at 01:41 PM

CL

“ *Cindy and family. My deepest condolences to all of you. Dave was a one--of-a-kind person, blessed with a unique personality and many talents. He will be missed by all his fans. Love and prayers, Carol*

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**Carol Longo** - April 13, 2023 at 11:54 AM

RT

“ *Dear Morgan kids, I was greatly saddened to hear the news of Dave's passing. My deepest condolences to your family.*

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**Richard Tofani** - April 13, 2023 at 11:08 AM

JS

“ *Dear Morgan Family, we are so very sorry to hear the news about Dave. I wish we could eradicate cancer from our world. You are in our thoughts.. Julie & Andy Stone*

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**Julie Stone** - April 13, 2023 at 10:41 AM

CC

“ Dearest Dorothy, Andy, Micheal, Mary Anne, Patrick and Patricia,  
My deepest sympathy upon the loss of you brother David. I remember all of you  
best as a house full of growing kids that fiercely loved each other and still had  
plenty of love to share with others. The years have flown by like the blink of an  
eye. I thank God that we have a Savior and a friend in Jesus that receives us to  
Himself when our days on this earth are complete. I also pray now for Gods  
comfort and peace for each of you.  
Sincerely in Christ,  
Carol (Scanio) Capraro

Carol (Scanio) Capraro - April 13, 2023 at 07:02 AM

AF

“ We are so sorry for your great loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.  
Anthony and Selma Fumarola

Anthony and Selma Fumarola - April 13, 2023 at 06:25 AM

JB

“ Maryann & Family - So sad for your unexpected loss. Dave certainly enjoyed life;  
and, naturally shared it all with everyone! A short - but outstanding - life. RIP my  
friend.  
Jay L. Bloom  
Utica, NY

Jay L. Bloom - April 13, 2023 at 05:24 AM

AC

“ Dave was always there for my family when they needed them the most. He was a  
kind and generous man.

Angela LaNeve Chmielenski - April 12, 2023 at 09:19 PM

KS

“ Cindy and family. I can't begin to tell you what a precious friend Dave and Cindy  
were to my daughter as they worked many events together and to me. Dave  
always had a smile on his face and whenever asked about an event he would  
always come through for my family without hesitation and make it better than I  
could have imagined. He will be truly missed in my life and I know in his own  
family's. Please know I send all my love, thoughts and prayers to you Cindy and  
all the kids. Also know that he will be present in that new little precious angel  
arriving in June. All my love. Kathie Scalise 🥰🙏💙

Kathie Scalise - April 12, 2023 at 09:06 PM

EP

“ *My deepest condolences to Dave's Family and friends. I had the pleasure of working with him at Hotel Utica. He was a blast and good cook. He will be missed. My prayers to the family.*

emma penn - April 12, 2023 at 08:26 PM

MR

“ *Dave's passing is a huge loss for this community. He was generous, genuine, and always had a funny story about life. We will never forget the kindness he showed our family and friend that he was to MaryBeth and Rick...sausage sandwiches and mooing burgers were always on the menu for them. RIP Dave. Much love and prayers for Kitty and family.*

Marie Robilotto - April 12, 2023 at 07:08 PM

DW

“ *Donna M White lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Edward Morgan*



Donna M White - April 12, 2023 at 02:48 PM



“ *Dave was my first Boss at Kittys on Oneida St. and a dear friend. He taught me to cook and break balls with Dickie, Tommy, Geno and the rest of the crew. I learned a lot from him and his friends over the years. I have many fond memories of great trips to Saratoga (even when we lost) and Family dinners at his house ( the best food)! My heart goes out to Little David, Jordan , Kitty, Trish, Ed and the Rest of the Morgan Family!*

*Much love from Spider!*

*Kristos Zientara*

Kristos Zientara - April 12, 2023 at 02:09 PM

RJ

“ Condolences to the Morgan family.

*Dave was always very kind to our family, and especially my parents Rick & Mary. When they were each fighting their own illnesses and at the end stages of their life, Dave would make them anything they wanted, whether it was on the menu or not, and have it ready for another family member to pickup or he would even hand deliver the food to them. Two stories stand out. 1. Mom was wishing for ham and mashed potatoes for Easter during the pandemic, and Dave made that special for her, along with multiple other dishes for her to store in the freezer because he knew she was having trouble standing to cook. 2. My sister texted Dave that Dad was wishing for a sausage sandwich and Dave said the restaurant was closed, but he went and bought sausage and then went to the restaurant to cook it, just so Dad could have his sausage sandwich. Dave was a great man and will truly be missed.*

*Rick LaNeve Jr.*

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**Rick LaNeve Jr** - April 12, 2023 at 12:48 PM

JS

“ *Dave was a great friend to my brothers ( George and Rick LaNeve) as well as my sister in-law MaryBeth LaNeve. He was also a blessing to us when both Rick and MaryBeth were ill. He was a good man who put others before himself. My deepest condolences to his family.* 🙏🙏🙏

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**Jeanine Surprenant** - April 12, 2023 at 12:20 PM

RB

“ *Rosemary Brown lit a candle in memory of Mr. David Edward Morgan*



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**Rosemary Brown** - April 12, 2023 at 12:06 PM

JD

“ *As a teen, David hung around James and Mohawk with a “crew of clowns” as they were lovingly called - at Daniele’s, Tom Trevisani’s, and the Cameo. Their daily appearances put any SNL skit to shame and whatever the mood beforehand, the day was lighter and full of humor afterwards. It was a joy to know them, and David was the ringleader. Behind all the laughs, was a heart as big as the moon. God bless him. Jim Delitto*

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**Jim Delitto** - April 12, 2023 at 12:00 PM

BO

“ My condolences to the Morgan family. Dave was always great to be around and always smiled. The Eastside community lost a great one. I'll keep Dave and the entire family in my prayers. May he RIP.

Bob Ollerenshaw - April 12, 2023 at 10:25 AM

JG

“ Dear Family ,  
We are so saddened with this news ...David was one of a kind ...I went to high school with him and we clicked right away ...we went on school trips together and we had so much fun.. we are so sorry for your loss ...our thoughts and prayers are with you in this difficult time ...Dave may you Rest In Peace .

janice and fred greer - April 12, 2023 at 10:18 AM

JE

My heart hurts that he is gone. I will miss Dave for his energy, humor, blunt transparency, wonderful food\catering, and much more! Condolences to the Morgan family. Rest in Peace my friend.

Jeremy Enck - April 12, 2023 at 01:02 PM

DW

I'm still in disbelief as I'm sure all of you are! Dave has been a great friend for many years! He shared in all of my families milestones with his fine food!  
I know how excited he was to become a grandpa :(  
Thinking of Cindy, David and Jordan at this very difficult time  
He will be missed by many xoxo

Donna M White - April 12, 2023 at 02:45 PM

AK

Extending our deepest condolences. Dave was such a joy to be around, so full of life and such a generous soul. I know he was so looking forward to meeting his grandchild - he spoke so often of how having children was the most amazing thing that ever happened to him. Wishing his entire family peace and calm during this tough time.

Amanda Karboski - April 12, 2023 at 02:55 PM



To Dave's family,  
I met Dave many years ago at one of his restaurants..  
Utica has lost a great chef and generous person. His laugh and his stories beat any thing on the comedy circuit. He put Utica on the map with his famous call into OTIS ELEVATOR,, who can EVER FORGET THAT !!!! LOL LOL ,,Dave and his personality and humor,,, 100 %, I was home 2 years ago and he cooked a feast for my Cousins Tumby & Michele Giruzzi and included me. I gained 3 lbs from that dinner. May his family always remember his wonderful ways and the legacy he left behind. Rest in peace my friend.  
Tony Domanico  
Tucson,AZ

Tony Domanico - April 12, 2023 at 09:26 PM

PM

*If you knew Dave you liked him. If had his food you loved him. He always made you feel good with a smile & a short joke. Like his brother Ed Morgan he was taken too soon. My condolences to the Morgan family. I'm sure his memory & recipes will continue with his children. He will always be remembered for his generous nature & good humor. Rest in peace cousin Dave. 🙏*

**Peter Maneen** - April 13, 2023 at 06:39 AM

DC

*Dear Cindy and Family  
We have known you for your whole life. And want you to know how sorry we are for this unexpected loss. Let memories and love get you through it You are one special lady Sending hugs and love  
Bernie and Doreen (Lia) Carcone*

**Doreen Carcone** - April 13, 2023 at 09:16 AM

GM

*To the Morgan family, I'm so sorry for the loss of David. He will truly be missed*

**gina mancini** - April 14, 2023 at 12:01 AM

SB

*i got to know dave really well back at the train station when he had the restaruant he always treated me well one night i booked a dinner for about 25 -30 baseball umpires wow what a spread he put out for us, dave you will be missed may you rest in peace.*

**sal barbero** - April 14, 2023 at 05:55 AM

MF

*To all the Morgan Family,*

*We are all very sorry for your loss. We will truly miss Dave.  
He will always be remembered by us not only for his great cooking but most of all his humor and love for us.  
We will miss him.  
Thoughts and prayers are with all of you.  
God Bless.*

*Michael Fiore and Family.*

**Michael Fiore & Family** - April 17, 2023 at 11:06 PM