



Dr. Francis A. "Doc" Marino

October 3, 1915 - January 27, 2007

Dr. Francis A. "Doc" Marino, age 91, of Utica, passed away on Saturday, January 27, 2007, at the Presbyterian Home for Central NY, Inc.

Born in Utica on October 3, 1915, Doc was one of fifteen children born to the late Pasquale and Domenica (LaBella) Marino. He was a graduate of Utica Free Academy. Upon completion of his undergraduate collegiate studies at the University of Notre Dame, he pursued the path of medical school and was awarded his Doctor of Medicine Degree in 1943 from the St. Louis University School of Medicine. In 1945 he established his own practice at 903 Mohawk St. as a General Medicine practitioner, a career that would span 41 years, before his retirement in 1986. As a proud veteran, he served in the Medical Corps. of the Armed Forces. In 1943 he married the former Mary T. Rusinek with whom he shared 57 years until her passing on February 9, 2001. They were devoted to each other and to their family and were thankful for the blessings they shared during their life together.

As a physician specializing in Anesthesiology, he was blessed with the knowledge and respectability needed to excel in his field, and in the 1960's he became associated with the St. Elizabeth Hospital. A compassionate and patient physician, a loving family man, and an admired gentleman are cardinal virtues that epitomize Doc's persona. He was the consummate humanist who was always concerned about others. As a hard working man, he truly enjoyed his winter residence in Deerfield Beach, Florida, especially with his beloved Mary. He was an accomplished musician, and played the saxophone and

clarinet in high school, college, and the Veterans of Foreign War Band. As an avid sports enthusiast, he enjoyed playing tennis and golf. He served as equipment manager of the University of Notre Dame Football team, he also played the clarinet in the University of Notre Dame Marching Band. As a proud alumnus, he lovingly followed the football games of his alma mater, the Notre Dame Fighting Irish. He also participated in the Reserve Officers' Training Corps (R.O.T.C.). He was a longtime parishioner of St. Francis DeSales Church and more recently of St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish.

Doc was proud of his myriad professional memberships and affiliations. He was a member of the American Medical Association, the New York State Medical Society, the Oneida County Medical Society, the American Society of Anesthesiologists, and the New York State Society of Anesthesiologists. He was a Life Member of the New York State Medical Society and the Oneida County Medical Society and Academy of Medicine. He was the physician for the Maria DelAssunta Society, the Fraternal Order of Eagles, and examiner for Mutual of Omaha Insurance Co., the St. Joseph's Home for Children, and the St. John's Home. He was a member of St. Elizabeth Hospital and served as president of its medical staff in 1964; he was also on the courtesy staffs of Faxton Hospital and St. Luke's Hospital. He was a member of Lambda Phi Mu Medical Society of St. Louis University and was also president of the Catholic Medical Society of St. Louis University. He received his third degree and fourth degree of Knights of Columbus, and was a member of the Order of Alhambra. He was past president of the University of Notre Dame Club of the Mohawk Valley, and he ran for coroner in 1948 when Truman was elected President of the US. He was appointed a member of the Municipal Housing Authority under the administration of Mayor Boyd Golder, and was appointed Medical Director of the Oneida County Social Services Department under both Commissioners George (Rink) Williams and Cletus Goetz. He was also a member of the Commity Club and Frolickers.

Doc is survived by his sons and daughter-in-law, Francis P. and Heide Marino

of New Hartford, and Dr. Joseph M. Marino of Rochester. He was preceded in death by his daughter-in-law, Teresa Marino. Also surviving are his grandchildren, Patrick F. Marino of Long Island, Angela P. Marino of New Hartford and her fiancé Roy A. Miller, Jr., and Laura Jo R. Marino of Rochester. In addition, he leaves his sister, Anna M. Gelfuso of Utica; his nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and his in-laws, Frances and John Francati of North Syracuse, their son John and his wife Maxine Francati and their children, and Helen Rusinek of Utica; and his longtime family friend, Kathleen Hanna who has been very caring to Doc. He was predeceased by his sisters and brothers and their spouses, Roscoe and Mary Marino, Rose and Joseph Barrella, Maurice and Lena Marino, Lucy and Anthony Iocovino, his twin sister, Antoinette A. DiRoberto, Daniel A. Marino, and Elizabeth "Betty" and Dominick DeTraglia, as well as several infant siblings; and his brothers-in-law, Stanley Rusinek, and Frank "Jeff" Gelfuso. The family appreciates and thanks the staff of the Presbyterian Home, especially the Birch Wing, for their personal concern and commitment to Doc. Visitation will be held Tuesday (today) from 4-7 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. By family request, please omit floral offerings. For those wishing to do so, please consider memorial donations in Dr. Marino's honor to a charity of your choice; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Doc's funeral will commence on Wednesday morning at 10:30 from the funeral home and at 11:30 at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish at Mt. Carmel Church where his Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated. Interment will take place in St. Agnes Cemetery.

Tribute Wall



“*Fran and family, So sorry to read about Dr. Marino's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.
Sincerely, Joann Drescher (Jefferson School)##imported-begin##Joann Drescher##imported-end##*

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“*Frank was the only anesthesiologist to come and welcome me when I arrived at St. Elizabeth.
He was a true gentleman who I am proud to have called my friend.
Our professional time together was only a few years, but our relationship was one of mutual respect and cooperation.
My sincerest condolences to his family.##imported-begin##Gerald L. Marketos, M.D##imported-end##*

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“ *To Patrick and the entire Marino family.*

The passing of Dr. Marino truly marks the end of a more simple and compassionate time in our lives. A time when families lived on top of each other and for \$5 you could stop and see a Doctor on a corner to lend an ear and cure your ills. A time when mothers loved the neighbourhood children like their own and the influence of our grandparents and genuine respect we had for them was an essential part of our culture.

Patrick, I often think of our time on Lansing street, your mothers love for us and your grandfathers nurturing way with you. My sincerest thanks to him, his long life and his contribution to our east Utica community. I hope all is well with your life.

Yours truly, John##imported-begin##John Piazza Jr.##imported-end##

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“ *Dear Fran,*

We are so sorry to hear about the loss of your Father. Frank sends his deepest sympathy. He wants you to know he is thinking of you. We are relocated to Florida so could not attend the wake.

Call Frank sometime.

Home 239-368-7699

or his cell is

315-269-6192

May God Bless you and your family during this time

Barb & Frank##imported-begin##Frank & Barb

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“ I'm glad I got to know you, though briefly; I can tell everyone will miss you much.##imported-begin##Roy Miller##imported-end##

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“ Dr Marino was very, very kind to me when I was working at St E's in Dr Ciaglia's animal lab in the early 1960's. While I was only a teenager, Dr Marino treated me as an adult and was a true gentleman. He would always patiently answer my questions.

A favorite memory was being invited to his house for one of his parties.

I saw Dr Marino at the Presbyterian Home, where my Mother is living. I tried to remind him of who I was and enjoyed talking with him again.

God Bless you Dr Marino - we need more people like you.##imported-begin##Frank Williams##imported-end##

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“ My deepest sympathies to the entire Marino family for your loss at this sad time. "Doc" was truly a remarkable man and a credit to this community and his family.##imported-begin##Peter Cucci##imported-end##

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“ Our sincere condolences to the entire Marino family especially Fran, Heide, Joe and Don....such a wonderful family! We will always remember the great times Doc and Mary had with our parents years ago. Doc will always be remembered for his kind and patient ways. God Bless You Doc...your memory will live on in our hearts forever....Richard, Janis and Elaine###imported-begin##Elaine Altamuro and Richard Ruggiero###imported-end##

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“ My condolences to the Marino Family. As a child my mom would take me when I was sick to see Dr. Marino. The waiting room was always packed and when we finally got in to see him he was so kind and patient. How he saw all those people and was so caring to each one is a tribute to his character. God bless you Dr. Marino. Eternal peace. Gayle Stevens###imported-begin##Gayle Gibson Stevens ###imported-end##

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“ You were like a second "father" to me...your smile would light up a room...you always had a big hug and kiss for me...our families grew up together...you truly will be missed... I will always cherish the wonderful memories I carry of you in my heart from my childhood until today forever!! You will never be forgotten...Eternal Love.....Elaine###imported-begin##Elaine (Ruggiero) Altamuro###imported-end##

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“ Grandpa,
Memories of you are forever in our hearts and always on our mind,
for you were truly one of a kind. We Love and Miss You -
Angela & Patrick###imported-begin##Angela Marino##imported-
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