

Dr. Samuel T. Rubino

June 1, 1922 - July 14, 2008

Dr. Samuel T. Rubino, age 86, of Utica, a well-known and respected area physician, passed away on Monday, July 14, 2008 at the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center with his loving family by his side.

Born in Utica on June 1, 1922, Samuel was the son of the late Thomas and Angeline (Bruno) Rubino. Raised and educated locally, he was a graduate of T. R. Proctor High School. He pursued his college studies at Niagara University where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree. He then began his medical education at Georgetown University where he was awarded his Doctor of Medicine Degree in 1947, graduating with honors. He met the requirements of his internship at Newark Wayne Community Hospital in New Jersey specializing in Internal Medicine. A proud veteran of the U. S. Army, he honorably served as a physician with a mobile army surgical hospital (MASH) unit during the Korean Conflict, obtaining the rank of Captain. At one time, he was married to the former Patricia "Bunny" Loftis, and to this relationship came the blessings of his 3 daughters. Patricia passed away in 1993.

Sam began his medical practice in 1949 in association with the late Dr. Charles Greene. He subsequently established himself in private practice with offices on Hopper St., Genesee St., and most notably, his Eagle St. office. As a physician, he shared a kinship with his patients, and a profound dedication and ability to embrace their needs. He will be remembered for his compassion, humility, and empathy which were paramount in his practice. He held a true passion for medicine and a deep respect for his fellow physicians.

During his professional career, he received numerous awards, highlighted by his recognition as the first physician to receive the Extra Mile Award at St. Luke's Hospital in 1977. This award acknowledged his outstanding dedication to St. Luke's Hospital and the rapport he shared with administrators, staff, and patients. He was also the recipient of the Central N.Y. Academy of Medicine Humanitarian Award in 1998. His professional affiliations included American Medical Association, the New York State Medical Society, and the Oneida County Medical Society. He was a true humanitarian; a man of character and honesty. He knew the rewards of his chosen profession and was proud and privileged to have served his patients in this community for nearly 60 years. Sam was blessed with a second union of great support and companionship when he married the former Carrie Butera who preceded him in passing. He was a patron of the Munson Williams Proctor Arts Institute, and a supporter of local arts and the Stanley Theatre and Performing Arts Center. Much happiness and years of mutual devotion were spent with his wife, the former Ann (Reichl) Rondinelli and she was fondly remembered since her passing in 2000. Always alert and academic, Dr. Rubino kept current of clinical advances and procedures through his avid reading of medical journals. In the sporting world, he was a boastful Boston Red Sox fan!

Sam was a father admired by his children. They were proud of his accomplishments and honors, and the sharp mind which he maintained until the moment of his passing. But above all, his children were most proud of his loyalty to family and his fatherly values. One of his finest attributes was that he maintained love and respect for the mother of his children throughout his life. Dr. Rubino is survived by his daughters and sons-in-law, Patricia and Michael Russo of Medina, Ohio, Mary Jane Lathwood of Utica and Michael Lathwood, and Judy Rubino of Sauquoit; and his grandson, Michael Samuel Lathwood. Sam was also blessed with the love and companionship of his fiancée, Emily Testa. Survivors also include his cousins, especially acknowledging Flora De Fazio, and Josephine Scarfo.

The family extends heartfelt appreciation to Dr. Mark E. Blaker, and Dr. Dilip

D. Kachare for their care and compassion while tending to Dr. Rubino. Special thanks are offered to Joan Boucher, his medical secretary, for 38 years of dedicated and loyal service; and Rev. Anthony LaFache for his prayers and encouragement.

In keeping with Dr. Rubino's wishes, there will be no public visitation. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Dr. Rubino's Mass of Christian Burial and Celebration of Life which will commence on Saturday morning at 11:00 at St. Anthony of Padua Church with the Rev. Anthony P. LaFache officiating. Military Honors will be conferred, and the family will receive visitors at the conclusion of the Mass. Entombment will take place in the family's private mausoleum in Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave.

"Thank you Dad and Grampy, for everything ---
You will always be the wind beneath our wings"

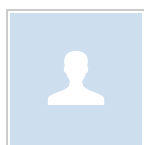
Tribute Wall



“ Sorry about your passing,I didn't know. My deepest condolences to all family. He was great person,good father & good doctor, very kind man. God bless, Sam... Jos. A. Tartaglia

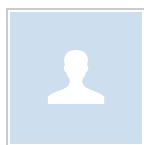


Jos. Tartaglia - February 06, 2013 at 01:35 PM



“ TO THE WONDERFUL FAMILY OF DR.SAMUEL RUBINO. SAM WAS A KIND MAN AND GREAT DOCTOR. HE WILL BE GREATLY MISSED BY ALL WHO KNEW HIM. WE KNOW HIS WORK ON EARTH IS COMPLETE AND HE IS WITH OUR LORD JESUS. YOU ARE ALL IN MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS. DAVID TESTA FAMILY###imported-begin###DAVID TESTA###imported-end###

July 28, 2008 at 06:12 PM



“ I want to express my sympathy to the Rubino family. Your father was a great doctor and a good friend to my family and me, especially my mother. I will miss and always remember you. Ross###imported-begin###Ross Testa###imported-end###

July 18, 2008 at 10:46 PM



“ *Dear Mary Ann and Family*

Please accept our deepest sympathy for your loss.

*The memory of the times with your Dad
will always remain in your heart and see
you through this difficult time.*

*Love Ingrid & Sandy##imported-begin##Ingrid & Sandy
Kraeger##imported-end##*

July 18, 2008 at 03:40 PM



“ *Dr. Rubino performed our staff physicals for several years and he
was always very compassionate and gave us gentle advice to
improve our health. He also cared for "Lucy" , one of our residents
and we were always very impressed by his sincere concern for her.
He was a one of a kind physician who other physicians should strive
to emulate. My sincere sympathy to his family and to his office staff.*

*Nancy Lawrence, Administrator of the former Swancott
Home##imported-begin##Nancy Lawrence##imported-end##*

July 18, 2008 at 09:36 AM



“ I learned of Dr. Rubino's caring character through my mom. He was my mom's physician for many years. A relationship in which my mom had great confidence. When I became my mom's caretaker, he not only remained her very trusted physician, but became my trusted "advisor". I am very grateful, not only for his guidance, but for the respect bestowed upon my mom.

Thank you from the family of Angeline DeFazio##imported-begin##Mary Ellen D'Amico##imported-end##

July 17, 2008 at 01:26 PM



“ Judy, I'd like to offer you and your family my sincere condolences on the loss of your father. He was a fine man and will be missed.##imported-begin##Ron Battista##imported-end##

July 17, 2008 at 11:42 AM



“ Dr. Rubino had a heart of gold and a great sense of humor. He was well respected by his patients, his peers, and his family. My only regret is that I didn't get to meet him until recently. My heart and prayers go out to Mary Jane and the Rubino family. He is gone, but will not be forgotten.##imported-begin##Pete Maneen##imported-end##

July 17, 2008 at 12:10 AM



“ Dear Patti, MaryJane and Judy:
Ralph and I wish to extend to you our deepest sympathy on the loss of your father. He was a wonderful man and great doctor. He helped us over the years when we lived in Utica. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.
All our love, your cousins Rose and Ralph Jackson###imported-begin###Rose & Ralph Jackson###imported-end##

July 16, 2008 at 08:23 PM



“ MY SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY (HIS DAUGHTERS) OF DOCTOR RUBINO HE WAS TRULY A WONDERFUL MAN AND A DOCTOR THAT WAS TRULY LOVED BY ALL .
I WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER HOW KIND AND PERSONABLE HE WAS
HE TREATED THE WHOLE FAMILY, AND WAS NOT ONLY A DOCTOR BUT A GOOD FRIEND, TO ALL.
WE HAVE BEEN BLESSED FOR HAVING KNOWN HIM
MAY HE REST IN PEACE.###imported-begin###MARLENE HOBAICA & FAMILY###imported-end##

July 16, 2008 at 07:20 PM



“ Dear Dad,

Thanks for all you have done for us and the rest of the family. Your witty humor and encouragement to keep persevering in life will always be remembered. You will be sadly missed until we join you in the next life.

With Love,

Daughter Patricia

Son-in-Law Michael##imported-begin##Patricia and Michael Russo##imported-end##

July 16, 2008 at 06:32 PM



“ *With Sincere Sympathy in the loss of a great doctor and a wonderful friend to all his patients.*

Many Blessings from Heaven,

The Frank Guzzardo Family##imported-begin##Mary Guzzardo Annese##imported-end##

July 16, 2008 at 06:16 PM



“ In loving memory of Sam & my thoughts and prayers for the Rubino family. Sam was a kind, compassionate person. One of Sam's many gifts was he always took the time to listen and "be" with you. We shared many warm moments when he came over for home-cooked breakfast at my house. Our friendship easily transformed to a loving romance over the past eight years. It was meant to be. I am grateful that I had Sam in my life.

He was a one-in-a-million kind of person. My life won't be the same without him. Sam will be a part of my heart always. Lovingly, Emily Testa

July 16, 2008 at 03:43 PM



“ I send my deepest condolences to the family.

Dr. Rubino was a truly great man and an even Greater doctor.

Thank You for everything.

July 16, 2008 at 12:53 PM



“ We shall miss you! You were a great physician and a true friend!

Harold W. Baum, M.D.

July 16, 2008 at 11:49 AM



“ Many fond memories of learning experiences at St. Luke's (Allen-Calder Wing and Medical Records)

Jean Belfiore Reynolds

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