



## Dr. Edmund Furcinito

January 2, 1920 - December 26, 2016

Dr. Edmund Furcinito, nearly 97 years of age, passed away on Monday, December 26, 2016 in the dignity of his home with his family by his side. Dr. Furcinito was born in Syracuse, New York on January 2, 1920, son of Samuel and Anne (Cutrone) Furcinito. He was married for 52 years to Anita Halstead until her passing in June, 1999. Dr. Furcinito graduated from Utica Free Academy, Syracuse University, and Syracuse University College of Medicine. He interned at Syracuse University Medical Center. He furthered his training in Obstetrics and Gynecology at Columbia Hospital for Women in Washington, DC and later at Bellevue Hospital in NYC. He entered the Navy and became Associate Chief of Obstetrics at Portsmouth Naval Hospital in Virginia. It was here that he met and married his wife, a U.S. Navy Nurse, on February 16, 1947. After release from the Navy, they returned to Utica, NY where they raised their five children. He opened his private medical practice specializing in Obstetrics and Gynecology until his retirement in 1982. He was Chief of Obstetrics at St. Elizabeth's Hospital for many years and in conjunction with the hospital, he founded the first Women's Prenatal Clinic in central New York to care for indigent women. His children always marveled how he could still remember to his last days the names of his patients when he met them in the community. He always spoke fondly of his nursing staff and continued to enjoy their impromptu visits.

Dr. Furcinito was a Diplomat of the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology and a Fellow of the American College of Surgery. In 1982, he was

the recipient of the “Golden Apple Award” for outstanding physician and teacher for St. Elizabeth Hospital and for Family Practice Residents. He was also honored with the “Excelsior Award” from the St. Elizabeth’s Foundation for his dedication to quality healthcare. Dr. Furcinito was a member of Historic Old St. John’s Church, the Knights of Columbus, YMCA, and Cedar Lake Club. He enjoyed bowling and golf. One of his most memorable moments was when he and his son both scored holes in one in the same week on different golf courses. An accomplishment that he cherished was being a member of the Syracuse University Bowling team which won the intercollegiate championship in 1941. Dr. Furcinito was inducted into the Utica Bowling Hall of Fame. Another great passion of his was his love of dogs. There was always a dog or two in his home. Serving as loyal companions over the years were Teddy, Joey, Ben, Benny, Joe, Jasper, Molly, Josie, and Tobey. Edmund’s life was profoundly influenced by his Catholic faith and his deep devotion to Saint Anne.

Dr. Furcinito is survived by his five children and their spouses, Anne Marie Cuomo (John) of Richmond, VA, Mary Lourdes Rosato (Sam) of Vestal, NY, Catherine Serkin (Arnold) of Rancho Palos Verdes, CA, Christine Furcinito of Liverpool, NY, and Edmund Furcinito (Barbara) of Utica, NY; his eleven grandchildren, Bryon (Meredith) Cuomo, Jonathan (Carrie) Cuomo, Paul Cuomo, Alyssa (Kevin) Hogan, Kristin (Keith) Eberle, Michael (Aimee) Rosato, Nicole (Fernando) Buchner, Jessica (Jason) Ramierez, Jason (Abby) Withee, Edmund Furcinito, and Eva Furcinito. Also surviving are his twelve great-grandchildren, Paul, James, Benjamin, Nicholas, Joseph, Mia, Michael, Chloe, Stella, Nora, Joseph, Makena and Maddox; and his numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and their families. Additionally, he leaves his beloved friend, Albert Mazloom and the Manca family. He was predeceased by his sisters, Rose Wargo and Irma Caloia. Our family would like to express our love and gratitude to Samija Bektesvic for the special care and friendship given to our dad over the last years of his life; and extend our appreciation to Jasmina Halelovic for her care and support of dad over the past year.

In keeping with Edmund's wishes, there will be no public visitation. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Dr. Furcinito's funeral service and Celebration of Life which will commence on Monday morning at 10:00 at Historic Old St. John's Church where his Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. John Buehler with Military Honors conferred by the United States Navy. The family will receive visitors at the conclusion of Mass. Expressions of sympathy in the form of donations may be made to Historic Old St. John's Church, in lieu of flowers; envelopes will be available at the church. Interment will take place in St. Agnes Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Agnes Cemetery

601 Arthur Street  
Utica, NY

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

JAN 2. 10:00 AM (ET)

Historic Old St. John's Church  
240 Bleecker Street  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 724-6159  
<https://www.historicoldstjohnschurch.com/>

# Tribute Wall

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“ My name is Tony Sahioun, I was born and raised in Utica, N.Y. Dr. Furcinito was my moms doctor, and I had gotten to know the doctor through Ed, his son from our younger days growing on Holland Ave. The doctor attempted to train me to groom their huge sheep dog, and it was comical because the dog would be still for grooming for the doctor, but not for me. He wasn't mean or skiddish. Just didn't want to be groomed by a young kid. He was a very soft spoken person and we got along great. I wish him rest and peace. To the family, my sincere condolences. God Bless .

*Respectfully*

*Tony Sahioun*

*U.S. Navy (Retired)*

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**Tony SAhioun** - January 02, 2017 at 07:29 AM

TM

“ Dr. Furcinito delivered my son in 1976. Being only 25 myself I was so scared because I was to need a c-section. When I asked him what that entailed he told me to just relax and trust in him....well, I did trust in him and my baby was born healthy and beautiful! That night at the end of his rounds he stopped into my room, pulled up a chair and sat by my bed. We talked and he told me how blessed I was to have such a wonderful healthy baby.....that touched my heart! Dr. Furcinito was a gentle man and a wonderful gentleman. Rest in peace to the best baby doctor this entire area ever had.

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**Theresa Myers** - January 01, 2017 at 01:28 PM

DD

“ I am deeply saddened to learn of the passing of my dear friend and colleague. When I first came home to Utica to open my practice of obstetrics and gynecology in 1973, Ed let me use his office until mine was ready. Ed and I delivered babies together, operated together, and virtually lived together night after night in the call room at St. Elizabeth's. Ed was a master of the obstetrical forceps and whenever I had a particularly difficult case, I called Ed to come in and be there in case I needed him. He always came and was a source of inspiration to all the younger physicians. When Ed retired I assumed that role, never forgetting the legacy Ed left. I will never forget him and use many of the cases we did together as I teach the young physicians in training today. Rest in peace Ed.

Anthony N Dardano, MD, FACS, FACOG  
Associate Dean for Academic Affairs  
Charles Schmidt College of Medicine  
Florida Atlantic University  
Boca Raton, FL

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**Dr Anthony Dardano** - December 31, 2016 at 11:37 PM

CM

“ In 1957 my mother's uterus ruptured while pregnant with me....my father got her to the hospital in record time and fortunately Dr Furcinito was working that night. Against all odds he saved both mine and my mother's lives. I was born in St E's ER. Years later I happened to meet him with my mother, who he immediately remembered. He made a point of introducing me to all the people he was with as "the miracle baby" he saved. He told me he even wrote an article about it in some medical journal. I have shared this story with many people over the years. He will always have a special place in my heart, I know it was the hand of God, working through him, that saved my life that night. I am sorry for your loss. You all are in my prayers.

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**Camille Morgan** - December 31, 2016 at 08:36 PM

MA

“ *Dr Furcinito delivered all 3 of my children. Professional, kind and compassionate man. Loved him.*

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**mary andol** - December 31, 2016 at 01:24 PM

TM

“ *Dr. Furcinito delivered 3 of my boys always personally loved n respected him a true gentleman. He was kind considerate, always looking out for his patients. Whenever we met mostly at Chanatrys Market he would always ask about my boys. I always wondered how he remembered I had boys. He was brilliant doctor so interested in everything. My deepest sympathy we all lost a great one RIP. ❤️❤️❤️*

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**Tosca Meola** - December 30, 2016 at 06:43 PM

JS

“ *Doctor Furcinito will always be fondly remembered by me. Not only was he my doctor back in 1951, he became my friend. He went through my difficult pregnancy with me, making special house calls. It was our miracle. That beautiful angel went to be with the lord at the age of 5. Regards, Vincenzella Servadio*

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**Jeanine Servadio** - December 30, 2016 at 06:36 PM

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“ *TO THE FAMILY OF DR. FURCINITO, I AM SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. HE WAS A GOOD DOCTOR, AND I AM GRATEFUL FOR HIM, FOR MANY YEARS AGO HE HELPED DELIVER ME. MAY GOD GRANT PEACE AND GOOD WILL TO ALL OF YOU. FIORA GRANDINETTA WILSON*

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**FIORA WILSON** - December 30, 2016 at 10:32 AM

JH

“ Dear Dr.Ed, this wonderful past year with you has been the most memorable, loving and caring year. I will never forget all of our great memories, like the ones when I would tell you about my test and you would pray to Saint Anne, and Saint Anne will ALWAYS answers your prayers because I always passed my tests! Dr.Ed, thank you for teaching me from right to wrong, for showing me how to make your poached eggs and much more. You will always have a special place in my heart. I loved you then and I will always love you. Rest In Peace my angel

Jasmina Halilovic - December 30, 2016 at 09:40 AM

SS

Prayers are with you and family at this time, sorry for your loss.

Sandy Salem - December 30, 2016 at 11:17 AM

SA

With heartfelt sympathy, I offer my condolences to the family of Dr. Furcinito, a renowned Doctor who, with God's guiding hand, delivered two generations of babies into our family. A Doctor of profound moral character, intelligence and competence he has left this community with cherished memories of his deep compassion for the sanctity of life for which we will always be grateful.

God bless Dr., you have gained the reward of eternal life with St. Anne and all the angels and saints.

Sue Arcuri - December 31, 2016 at 12:41 PM

BO

I will never forget you . You delivered all 5 of my children. I remember when the exam would be over, you would ask me for a cigarette. We would sit in the office and talk. You were the best. See you again someday. My prayers are with your family. Emily Lee

Bookalada - December 31, 2016 at 07:09 PM

AS

*Our prayers and thoughts are with your family.*

*Angelo Santucci*

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**angelo santucci** - January 01, 2017 at 05:03 AM

BP

*Deepest condolences and prayers to the family at this time. May the Lord bless and protect his soul.*

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**Beth Pedulla** - January 01, 2017 at 03:12 PM

SB

*The last few years I was honored to take care of dc Ed Furcinito. With the time I learned what you like and what do you not love. So it was a good team work. You will give direction and I would follow them. You were man with the class. Great tireless worker, honest, smart, religious and strong man until the last minute. You were my motivation and inspiration. When ever I thought I can't do this I would see you at front of my eyes doing your daily exercises. And that pushed me .I would say to myself. "If dc Ed can do it ,so can I."*

*With the time you became as a father to me and my best friend. I remember when I just to take you to the doctor app. or shoopping people would recognize you and stop to say hello. I heard nothing but the best about the doctor who delivered almost entire Utica children. Doctor with the big heart. I respect you and admire you so much.*

*Dr Ed! Thank you for everything you teach me. I will never forget you. I love you and I will miss you so much.*

*In my heart you have and will have a special place always and forever. Rest in peace my dear Dc Ed. I know you are in the better place now.*

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**Samija B.** - January 01, 2017 at 11:28 PM

LT

*Dr Furcinito delivered all 7 of my siblings. He always thought he delivered me too, but I was born in Europe. I never told him different. He always enjoyed telling the story how he delivered all 8 of us when I would run into him. He also delivered my firstborn. He never forgot me or my mother. He has left so many in this area with cherished memories of a job well done. Thank you and RIP Doctor. Deepest condolences to all his family.*

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**Lee Tomaino** - January 02, 2017 at 01:13 AM