



Mr. Edward M. "Fast Eddie" Cichello

February 1, 1937 - November 23, 2023

UTICA - Mr. Edward M. "Fast Eddie" Cichello, age 86, reunited with his devoted wife in heaven on Thanksgiving Day, his favorite holiday, November 23, 2023 with his loving family by his side.

Born in Utica on February 1, 1937, Edward was the son of the late Michael and Ann (Fairbrother) Cichello. He attended Roscoe Conkling Elementary School and was a graduate of T.R. Proctor High School/Class of 1957. On August 18, 1962 he married the former Marie J. Alberico with whom he shared nearly 55 years in a loving union prior to her passing on August 13, 2017.

Ed was employed at the Utica Cutlery as a grinder polisher. To better provide for his family, he also held a position as a bartender and waiter at Twin Ponds, where he was proud of his work and service to the patrons. He often was referred to as "one of the best." Eddie maintained an old-school mentality and the art of storytelling. He was a hoot, and his Eddie"isms" will always be recalled, like "When you buy something, buy the good stuff." He was good in the kitchen, even becoming a bit famous for his meatballs. He loved Thanksgiving and all the fixings, especially "his stuffing". Eddie enjoyed daily coffee and conversation with his friends, frequenting all of the local area coffee shops and diners.

In his youth, Eddie was a natural athlete; he vaulted off the diving board with

precision, participated in Proctor High School cross-country events, and earned many competitive awards including the New York Shield and the Proctor "P." In his younger years, Eddie played MUNY League softball for team Color Craft Interiors. The Central Valley Softball Association had just honored him for his 40 years of service as an umpire for the softball league. In his later years, he found the time to referee soccer. He also enjoyed his bowling and golfing leagues with his buddies. On a \$50.00 dare, Eddie ran to Sylvan Beach, followed by his friends in a car to make sure he met the challenge... which he did! But above all else, the love of his life was his wife, and the blessing of his daughters and grandchildren of whom he was so proud. He was a parishioner of St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish where he served as an Usher.

Eddie is survived by his daughters and sons-in-law, Gina and Tom Pfisterer, and Chrissy and Chuck Heath; his grandchildren, Dr. Elena Marie Pfisterer, DVM, Thomas Pfisterer, and Dominick Pfisterer; and in-laws, Elaine and Michael L. Elefante, and Wavel Cichello. Eddie was predeceased by his brother, Joseph R. "Sonny" Cichello. He found a great love and friendship with Philomena Amodio who had a wonderful influence on Eddie's wellbeing and happiness. Eddie leaves behind many cherished friendships, especially mentioning Danny Wilczek, and Hank Wilczek, who shared a camaraderie with him for over 30 years. His memory will also be cherished by many nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was additionally predeceased by his infant daughter whom he never forgot, his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Dick and Connie Alberico, and his lifelong friend, Phil Torracco.

The family is grateful to Dr. Bradley Sklar and Dr. Fred Talarico for their medical care and compassion.

Eddie's family will honor and commemorate his life at a private time. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Edward's Mass of Christian Burial

and Celebration of Life, which will commence on Tuesday, December 5, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish, 648 Jay St. There will be an opportunity to greet the family at the conclusion of Mass. In lieu of floral offerings, memorial contributions in Eddie's honor may be made to the Abraham House online at www.theabrahamhouse.org/donate or to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital online at www.stjude.org/donate; envelopes will also be available at the service. Entombment will take place in Resurrection Chapel Mausoleum at Holy Trinity Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Chapel Mausoleum

Champlin Ave.
Utica, NY 13501

Tribute Wall

JF

“ He was the best . A perfect gentlemen
Jackie Faga

Jackie Faga - December 03, 2023 at 06:23 AM

SP

“ Santo & Sandra Paniccia purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mr. Edward M. "Fast Eddie" Cichello.



Santo & Sandra Paniccia - November 30, 2023 at 04:45 PM

D;

“ Gina , Tom and family. So sorry about your dad, he had a great personality and we had fun times when ever we were at your grandparents or visiting Titsie Angie and Uncle Joe. Again sorry for you loss honey I am Titsie Vi's granddaughter

Darlene Trombetta ;King - November 29, 2023 at 11:24 PM

ML

“ Gina and Chrissy, So sorry for your loss. I had the pleasure of meeting your Dad a few years ago. He was always kind and very respectful. I enjoyed his company. He will be missed.

Maria LaPolla - November 29, 2023 at 09:41 PM

AF

“ I practically grew up on the front porch on the eagle street. So sorry for your loss Gina fabulous famous man I can't say any bad about him ever in The 50+ years that I have known him Gods speed Eddie

Anthony Faccioli - November 29, 2023 at 06:14 PM

CG

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. We will miss Eddie yelling over the fence for Ralph and then having beers together. Rest in peace. Ralph and Chris Graziano

Christine Wrate Graziano - November 28, 2023 at 03:16 PM

WS

“ Wayne An Barbara Swisloski lit a candle in memory of Mr. Edward M. "Fast Eddie" Cichello



Wayne an Barbara Swisloski - November 28, 2023 at 02:43 PM

WS

“ Gina an Tommy..condolences to you an family on the loss of your dad..Ed an my husband Wayne golfed on the Tuesday league..for yrs..Shared a few laughs an delicious meatballs with him..RIP Ed....Wayne an Barbara Swisloski

Wayne an Barbara Swisloski - November 28, 2023 at 02:42 PM

GD

“ Gene Durrigan Jr.and wife Marlene. I met Eddie as a shy 19 year old out of American Legend baseball. He took me in as a father figure and just let me play. We had a ball. Always won much more than lost. We always stayed in touch and picked up right where we left off. So many laughs. Marie was so kind to me as were his daughters Gina and Chrissy. I will forever cherish the memories. GOD BLESS EDDIE.

Gene Durrigan - November 28, 2023 at 10:09 AM

WD

Very nice gene

Wayne dylis - November 28, 2023 at 10:58 AM

CH

Gene, Thank you for your kind words & sentiments. He always looked back on those years fondly.

Chrissy Heath - November 28, 2023 at 08:52 PM

LF

“ My late husband John (1/19/22) and Eddie were great friends. Now they are together playing sports etc . I was fortunate to have met your dad a great man!
Very sorry for your loss 🙏

linda fusaro - November 28, 2023 at 08:44 AM

WD

“ Gina ,chrissy, and family so sorry on seeing the passing of chooch. Was a great friend, nothing but great memories of him and the family he will be missed, but he's with your amazing mother now ,we loved that guy like we did with the whole family. Ed fly high my friend till we meet again. Rip ed,Wayne and Michele dylis

Wayne and Michele dylis - November 27, 2023 at 06:29 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mr. Edward M. "Fast Eddie" Cichello.*



November 27, 2023 at 02:32 PM



“ *Gina, Chrissy and all of the family, my deepest condolences. I meet your Dad many years ago in my early 20's. He was a close friend of my brother Jerry, they hung around together and played ball together. Your Dad never forgot that friendship and a few years back gave me a picture of them. He was always a lot of fun, and so graciously wanted to have people over to his house for his great meatballs, to have a meal or just to offer coffee, soda. I feel so bad but he's home now, no more pain. He will definitely be remembered by all who knew him. Good bless your family.*

Lois Hoyle - November 27, 2023 at 12:42 PM