



## Dr. Francis J. Talarico

December 8, 1930 - January 29, 2013

Dr. Francis J. Talarico, age 82, passed away on Tuesday, January 29, 2013 at the St. Elizabeth Medical Center with the love and support of his family by his side.

Born in Utica on December 8, 1930, Francis was the son of the late Joseph and Congetta (Tomaino) Talarico. He was a graduate of T.R. Proctor High School/Class of 1949. He pursued his undergraduate work at Utica College of Syracuse University graduating in 1953. He then earned his Doctor of Medicine Degree from the University of Bologna, Italy in 1961. Dr. Talarico completed his Internship at St. Clare's Hospital in Schenectady under the Albany Medical College Postgraduate Regional Hospital Program and his Internship at St. Luke's Memorial Hospital in New Hartford. Francis honorably served his country as a Colonel in the US Army Reserve. He was Commander of the 330th Medical Detachment and the 331st General Hospital, both in Utica, and Commander of the 364th General Hospital in Albany. In 1956, in Bologna, he married the former Giorgina Stanzani with whom he shared an extremely special relationship. The blessing of their children and grandchildren kept them vibrant and strong --- and very much in love.

Dr. Talarico set up his first private practice on Kemble Street and his second location at 400 Rutger Street before joining the staff of the St. Elizabeth Medical Center Emergency Department. He was the youngest of five physicians to establish the first area 24-hour emergency service. He then entered a private practice in Washington Mills that spanned 25 years. He

subsequently joined the Sauquoit Community Medicine Center in 1996, retiring in 2000. Dr. Talarico was an outstanding, caring physician who put the needs of his profession before his own. He was a member of the American Medical Association, the American Academy of Family Practitioners, the American College of Emergency Physicians, the American Geriatric Society, the Army Medical Surgeons of the United States, the Reserve Officer Association, the New York State Medical Association, and the Oneida County Medical Association. During his career, he also served as Oneida County Coroner, Town of Frankfort Health Officer, and Consultant to the U.S. Army Health Professional Support Agency in Syracuse. Dr. Talarico was honored by the Italian government and given the state honorary title of "Cavaliere" for his work encouraging many local professionals to study and acquire their education in Italy.

Francis was endowed with great strength of character and determination, attributes vital to his personal and professional life. He was a man of science, yet above that, he was a man of God. Dr. Talarico was a parishioner of St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church.

A supportive patriarch to his loving children, he suffered with them during their trials and supported them in their dreams. In addition to his family, he was an advisor and confidante to many. A lover of great food, he especially adored his wife's culinary skill. He upheld the tradition of gathering as a family which is honored and continued by his children and grandchildren. Dr. Talarico was a voracious reader, and possessed a great sense of curiosity, a trait that can be found in the generations that survive him.

Francis is survived by his devoted wife, Giorgina; his daughter and son-in-law, Rosemarie and Michael Pezzolanella of Frankfort; his sons and daughters-in-law, Francis J. Jr. and Dee Talarico of Frankfort, Kenneth S. and Lorraine Talarico of Rome, and John F. and Betsy Talarico of Fayetteville. Always close to his heart was the memory of his son, Joseph F. Talarico, who preceded him in death on January 10, 2000. He also leaves a loving legacy to his grandchildren and their families, Francis Pezzolanella and Kati Potenski,

Maria Giorgina Pezzolanella; Francis J. Talarico III and Brianne Toussiant, Andrew Talarico, Amanda Talarico; Kenny Talarico, and Gianna Talarico; Sara Talarico, Mia Talarico, and Alex Talarico; and his sisters and brother-in-law, Marie Heistand, and Rose and Kenneth Zacek, all of Utica. His extended family includes his cherished nieces and their families, Debbie and Gary Cusano, Kathy Torbitt, and Natalie Beratta. He also leaves behind many fondly remembered cousins. Francis was blessed with many friendships throughout his life, especially longtime friends Fred and the late Virginia (Pinky) Alsante, and the late Frank Rinaldi.

The family extends heartfelt appreciation to Dr. Fred Talarico, an outstanding physician and loyal colleague, Pat Rosati, Nurse Practitioner, and their staff; the personnel at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Intensive Care Unit, and the Special Care staff for their compassion, respect, and dignity. They often noted that he was "one of their own". Also, while at home, his family was aided by the assistance of Caregivers, especially Sue Delany who provided exceptional care and support.

Visitation will be held Thursday from 4:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Alzheimer's Association. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Dr. Talarico's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Friday afternoon at 12:00 from the funeral home and at 1:00 at St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church where his Mass of Christian Burial will be offered. Entombment will take place in Calvary Cemetery Mausoleum privately and at the convenience of the family.

# Cemetery Details

## Calvary Mausoleum

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**JAN 31.** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.  
932 South Street  
corner of Hammond Ave.  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 724-6714  
eannacefh@roadrunner.com  
<https://www.eannacefuneralhome.com>

## Service

**FEB 1.** 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

JO

“ Dear Babe & Ken, Giorgina & the entire Talarico family,  
I just heard of your loss and could not feel any worse for all of you. Frank truly was a special man who always made time for others. It was so apparent that his family meant the world to him. He always made Ed & I feel welcome. I remember him fondly and am well aware of the hole that he has left in your family. Just honor him by continuing to be the close wonderful family that he so loved. May God Bless All of You.  
Love, Jill Zacek Ose

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**Jill Ose** - February 27, 2013 at 10:58 AM

OR

“ May God comfort you all during this time of loss and sadness. I pray that you are all surrounded by angels and know that the people we love are never gone. We will see them again in the Light.  
With deepest sympathy,  
From One Red and Two White Roses

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**One Red and Two White Roses** - February 15, 2013 at 11:29 PM

KW

“ To The Talerico Family  
We are truly saddened at the passing of Dr. Talerico. Both my wife and I were long time patients. We will keep you in our prayers and thoughts during this most difficult time. May your love of God and one another help you in the healing process.

*Ken and Joyce Williams  
Utica*

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**Ken Williams** - February 09, 2013 at 11:22 AM



“ I was one of his first patients on Kemble St, where I grew up in the 60' s. Talked frequently @ St. E' s while in law enforcement and last., during his rehab about two years ago @ Masonic Home, Saranac wing w/my late mother. Great man & physician. RIP Doctor. Steve Graham.



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**Stephen Graham** - February 06, 2013 at 08:56 AM



“ Sincere condolences to the Talarico family. I had the honor to work with Dr. Talarico as a young ward secretary and volunteer at St. E's many years ago. He was an inspiration to everyone, and certainly in some way helped to point me in the direction of my career. His smile will always be remembered. What an outstanding career he had. RIP, Dr. Talarico.

*Dr. Grace DiFondi-Centola, Ph.D., Macedon, NY*

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**Grace M. Centola** - February 02, 2013 at 04:48 PM



“ Christiana Conway lit a candle in memory of Dr. Francis J. Talarico



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**Christiana Conway** - February 02, 2013 at 01:59 PM

JM

“ Jayme McKenna lit a candle in memory of Dr. Francis J. Talarico



Jayme McKenna - January 31, 2013 at 08:11 PM

CF

To the Talarico family,  
Dr. met my cousin Fedele Pettinato while studying in Bologna, they became great friends. My family shared many special times with Dr T when Fedele visited years ago. I will never forget what an outstanding, compassionate doctor that he was especially to the Italian community.  
RIP  
Connie Gigliotti Forte

Connie Gigliotti Forte - February 01, 2013 at 04:39 AM

LA

To the Talarico Family:  
We are so sincerely sorry for your family's loss. Losing a loved one at any age and under any circumstance is difficult. We will be lifting your family up in our prayers and please know that we are standing by you ready to offer our love and support! We pray that the Lord will comfort your aching hearts and soothe your souls while filling your heart and your mind with wonderful memories of Dr. Talarico. May your hearts eventually smile with thoughts of Dr. Talarico surrounded by the angels at the right hand of the Father. With Love, Your Rome Catholic School Family

LeRyah Arant - February 01, 2013 at 02:12 PM

DE

“ Deanna lit a candle in memory of Dr. Francis J. Talarico



Deanna - January 31, 2013 at 06:41 PM

DL

*To the family of Dr. T.,*

*We were sadden to hear of Dr. T's Passing. He was a true gentleman, in more ways than one. Keeping you all in thought and prayer during this most difficult time and hope that the memories that were created are able to ease the pain that you all are feeling.*

*Respectfully,  
Mike Salvatore & Family*

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**Deanna Lercara** - January 31, 2013 at 06:46 PM

CL

“ *Colleen Kealy Lyness lit a candle in memory of Dr. Francis J. Talarico*



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**Colleen Kealy Lyness** - January 31, 2013 at 06:14 PM

MS

“ *Mark & Vicki Spina lit a candle in memory of Dr. Francis J. Talarico*



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**Mark & Vicki Spina** - January 31, 2013 at 06:08 PM

KH

“ Dear  
Georgia Please accept my sincere sympathy for your loss. I truly  
have fond memories of Dr. Francis and his kindness to our family  
many years ago.

*Kay Hobaica (Eli's wife)*  
*Cocoa Beach Fl.*

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**Kathleen Hobaica** - January 31, 2013 at 12:22 PM

AS

“ Anthony & Lenore Stoio lit a candle in  
memory of Dr. Francis J. Talarico



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**Anthony & Lenore Stoio** - January 31, 2013 at 07:56 AM

MA

“ Mary Guzzardo Annese lit a candle in  
memory of Dr. Francis J. Talarico



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**Mary Guzzardo Annese** - January 31, 2013 at 07:39 AM

VS

“ Georgia, My deepest sympathies for your  
loss. Frank was a very compassionate loving  
doctor. he will be missed by all.



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**Virginia Smaka** - January 31, 2013 at 06:52 AM

AN

“ *Alfonse And Trudy Nitti lit a candle in memory of Dr. Francis J. Talarico*



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**Alfonse and Trudy Nitti** - January 30, 2013 at 09:02 PM

RU

“ *Kind, compassionate, caring, gentle and easy to talk to during working hours or afterhours, whether a patient or a friend, I was blessed to have him in my life. So sorry for your loss. NonnoFrank is ready to see you now.*

*Rosetta*

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**Rosa Usyk** - January 30, 2013 at 09:01 PM

MA

“ Dearest Talarico Families,  
With Sincere Sympathy for the loss of an unforgettable and most respected person I have ever met. Beginning with, Empire Career Center where I worked as a vocational teacher. Dr. Francis Talarico was our physician for some of our programs and he was always kind, compassionate and caring to our students. He also educated them to take good care of themselves. My last visit with him was at, Marian Medical Imaging of St. Elizabeth Medical Center. I worked at the front desk so I always got to give him a hug when he came in for blood work. We always took a few minutes to chat about how Blessed we were in our journey of life. He also told me how he read his bible in a couple different languages, which I thought was amazing. His smile and personality will forever be in my heart. May he rest in the arms of Our Creator, Jesus Christ till we all meet again. With Love, Peace and Comfort, Mary Guzzardo Annese  
Venice, FL

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**Mary Guzzardo Annese** - January 30, 2013 at 09:01 PM

EC

“ To the Talarico Family,  
My Wife Barbara and I were deeply saddened to learn of the loss of Dr. Talarico.  
May He Rest In Peace, The World has lost a Wonderful man.  
Sincerely,  
Barbara & Eric Cappotto

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**Eric C Cappotto** - January 30, 2013 at 06:39 PM

JV

“ So sorry for your loss. Not only was he our family Doctor but also a good friend for many years. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time. Joan and Lisa Velleto

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**Joan and Lisa Velleto** - January 30, 2013 at 05:23 PM

BS

“ Beverly Stoio-Castello lit a candle in memory of Dr. Francis J. Talarico



Beverly Stoio-Castello - January 30, 2013 at 05:18 PM

LS

“ To The Talarico Family, The world lost a special person...but our loss is heavens gain. Dr. Talarico was a wonderful, caring man who will be truly missed. God bless all of you! Love, Leslie and Gaetano

Leslie Spina - January 30, 2013 at 10:31 AM

HB

“ To the Family of Dr. Francis J. Talarico, I am so sorry for your loss. Please know that no matter how long we live it is never as long as our Creator intended. “Everything he has made pretty in its time. Even time indefinite he has put in their heart, that mankind may never find out the work that the [true] God has made from the start to the finish.”~Ecclesiastes 3:11.  
May you find comfort in God's promise at John 5:28, 29.

Herman Braggs - January 30, 2013 at 08:20 AM

FA

“ Franca Armstrong lit a candle in memory of Dr. Francis J. Talarico



Franca Armstrong - January 29, 2013 at 09:44 PM

FA

“ *To the Talarico Family,  
Words can't express my sorrow for your loss. Heaven gained a true  
angel today. Dr. Talarico was a true inspiration in my life and I will  
never forget him, his smile and all that he did for my family. The  
world was a better place because of all the good work that he  
accomplished. My deepest condolences.*  
*Franca Armstrong*

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**Franca Armstrong** - January 29, 2013 at 09:43 PM