



Mr. Frank A. Scarano

June 20, 1924 - February 21, 2024

UTICA – Mr. Frank A. Scarano, age 99, went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, February 21, 2024.

Born in Utica on June 20, 1924, Frank was the son of the late Vitantonio and Barbara (Conte) Scarano. He graduated as Valedictorian of the Oriskany High School Class of 1942. He then furthered his studies in conjunction with his military duties in the Army Air Corps. He received his education and training at the University of Minnesota as part of the Air Cadet Officer training. He then attended Navigation School in Texas where he graduated as a 2nd Lieutenant and went on to serve as a navigator on a B-24 bomber during World War II. He worked for the family at The Charlotte Restaurant in Utica upon his discharge.

On September 15, 1946, Frank wed Mary Fresina. Together, they shared a union based on mutual love, devotion, and care for one another. Upon their marriage, the couple lived in Scituate, MA, where Frank owned and operated his own photography studio, specializing in weddings and portraits. He was also a talented lobster chef! The couple moved to Utica in 1950 where they have since resided.

Frank began his work locally as a cookware salesman for Central Stainless Steel Co. He then accepted a position with the General Electric Co. at their

French Rd. location as an electronics technician. Ever one with a thirst for learning and a brilliant mind, he continued his higher education, earning his Bachelor's Degree in Physics from Syracuse University. In 1964, he gained a position at Rome Air Development Center as a Research Engineer specializing in cartography, imaging, and photogrammetry, a position at which he earned numerous awards and accolades in the Intelligence and Reconnaissance Division, retiring in 1985. Not one to stay idle, in his retirement years he continued to offer his expertise as a consultant for several Department of Defense Contractors in the Utica-Rome area.

Frank and his wife Mary were members of the Sons of Italy Lodge #2054, serving as historian, treasurer, and secretary. He was also a member of the American Legion and served as Chairman of the Utica Columbus Day Parade and the Good Old Summertime Parade for many years.

A completely selfless husband, father, and grandfather, he was first and foremost family oriented. He always made his loved ones his main focus. Some of his most cherished memories were of family gatherings, especially "meatball Sundays." He was fond of music, dancing, and loved to share his wonderful sense of humor.

Frank enjoyed boating, and you could often find him driving his moped around town. He loved travelling and collecting rocks and minerals which he sold to local hobby shops. He also enjoyed the art of photography, which he kept alive when he returned to Utica from Massachusetts. He founded a dance group called "The Short People," volunteering to entertain residents of local nursing homes.

Frank is survived by his beloved wife, Mary; his children Barbara Roser (the late Gordon Roser), Gina and Darryl Marks, Christine Conte and her husband Nick Kowalchuk, and Carl A. Scarano; his grandchildren, Derek and Beth

Marks, Angela and Gootie Aurigema; Gianna and Colin Crooks, and Alessandra Conte; great-grandchildren, Joseph Aurigema, Nina Aurigema; and Nathaniel Marks. He was predeceased by his brother and sister-in-law, Leonard and June Scarano; and his infant sister, Maria Grazia Scarano. He leaves to cherish his memory nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and many cousins. Frank was additionally predeceased by his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Carl and Grace (Silipo) Fresina; in-laws, John and Linda Fresina, Barbara and Lee Allen, and Carla and George W. Gates, IV; and his best friend and best man, Jack Salamone.

The Scarano family wishes to extend their gratitude to the staff at the Katherine Luther Residential Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center for their care and compassion.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, March 3, 2024 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. A Final Blessing will commence at 4:00 p.m. at the funeral home with Military Honors conferred. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 3. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.
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Tribute Wall

SB

“ I lived next door to the family growing up on Arnold Ave. His daughter's were my best friends. Lots and lots of good times and memories. Oten think of that family. They always had the most delicious Italian food and although I was not Italian I sure did enjoy a plate of leftovers. After high school we all kind of parted ways. I spent 27 more years in the Army and we never had much contact. But the family was truly a part of my growing up and I owe a lot to Frank and Mary Scarano for letting me be a part of their family during my childhood into adulthood. Very sorry to hear about his passing. Shelley Perkins Brinker.

Shelley Perkins Brinker - November 03, 2025 at 09:59 PM

TF

“ Peace & prayers.



Tim & Colleen Moylan Family - March 06, 2024 at 01:00 PM

CG

“ Mary, Carl and family,
We are so very sorry for your loss. What a long and wonderful life. I still have many pictures of their days at the Sons of Italy with my mother and father (Tangie and George) and Lenny and June and the rest of the gang. May he rest in peace.
Fondly, Candee (Rezey) and Joe Gazzal

Candace Gazzal - March 02, 2024 at 07:52 AM

LF

“ Love, Colleen & the Quigley-Miles family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Frank A. Scarano.

Love, Colleen & the Quigley-Miles family - March 01, 2024 at 06:29 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Mr. Frank A. Scarano.



March 01, 2024 at 06:29 PM

GF

“ Garry and Donnarae Togni and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Frank A. Scarano.

Garry and Donnarae Togni and family - March 01, 2024 at 02:26 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mr. Frank A. Scarano.



March 01, 2024 at 02:26 PM

BC

“ Carl,
So sorry for the loss of your Dad.
Sending you are heartfelt condolences
Pat & Brenda Castelli



Brenda Castelli - February 29, 2024 at 08:09 PM

TC

“ Tina C. purchased the Memory Becomes a Treasure Tribute Blanket for the family of Mr. Frank A. Scarano.



Tina C. - February 28, 2024 at 08:18 PM

FF

“ From Jimmy Gerace and family purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Mr. Frank A. Scarano.



From Jimmy Gerace and family - February 27, 2024 at 09:58 PM

SA

“ Gina, Daryl and family. We are sorry for the loss of your Dad. He was a very interesting and accomplished man. He certainly will be missed. May God Bless you and your family. Sam and Anne Arcuri

Sam Arcuri - February 27, 2024 at 01:33 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Mr. Frank A. Scarano.



February 27, 2024 at 08:47 AM



“ I loved my cousin Frank. He always had a warm hug and a smile on his face whenever he saw me. I always felt welcome. I loved watching him dance with my aunt Francis at every wedding and every party. He was full of joy, he was a kind man, and I will miss him deeply.

yvonne conte - February 27, 2024 at 08:42 AM



“ I remember as a little girl going to my aunt and uncles house always getting hugs and kisses, having wonderful meals and I was 'the baby' of the family at some point! I've always felt proud of my family. I love you all and feel your loss!...Mishy

Michelle Fresina - February 26, 2024 at 10:45 PM



“ From the Fresina Family! planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Frank A. Scarano.

From the Fresina Family! - February 26, 2024 at 09:40 PM

FF

“ From the Fresina Family! purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Mr. Frank A. Scarano.



From the Fresina Family! - February 26, 2024 at 09:40 PM

TC

“ Frank and my father were half brothers and my father passed away before a reunion between my father, Leonard and Frank could take place. After my father passed away I wrote a letter to Frank and he called me when he received it. We spoke for over an hour and it was as if I had known him my whole life. A couple months later my family including my mother, Mary and most of my siblings and their families came from Ohio to meet Frank and Leonard and some of their families. We were all so happy to meet our uncles, aunts and cousins. My mother reunited with my father in September and now my father is also reunited with both of his brothers. My condolences to Aunt Mary and all my Scarano cousins.

Tina Talerico Cassell

Tina Cassell - February 26, 2024 at 07:49 PM

LM

Although it didn't happen often enough, seeing Frank and talking to him was the closest I felt to being around my own dad, Carmen, who we lost way too early. They were so much alike ❤️. Rest in peace Uncle Frank. Love to Aunt Mary and all of the entire Scarano Family.

Lisa Talerico May

Lisa May - February 27, 2024 at 08:30 PM

PB

Frank was a very intelligent man, so caring about everyone! He took my wedding pictures in 1974! I have many many memories of him - how excited he got when he found out he could sync his hearing device with his cell phone...he ran around testing it! And another time when he jumped off my pontoon boat and started swimming away...we were all afraid but he made it back just fine! And of course, meatball Sundays on his birthday/father's day. He will be missed by so many but left us all with such fond memories...Frank you were one of a kind! Love and peace to all the Scaranos.

Paula Behm

Paula Behm - February 28, 2024 at 07:15 PM