



Gerald R. Cavoly

March 12, 1939 - July 24, 2025

MARCY – Gerald R. Cavoly, age 86, passed away on Thursday, July 24, 2025, following a courageous battle with Alzheimers.

Born in Utica on March 12, 1939, Jerry was the son of the late Amelio and Marion (Goff) Cavoly. He attended Kernan School and UFA High School, leaving early to help his mother with the family. Later in life, with pride and determination, he earned his GED while his daughters were still in school.

On October 6, 1960, Jerry was united in marriage to Mary Ann Annese. Together, they shared a loving and devoted partnership for 65 years and were blessed with three daughters.

Never one to shy away from hard work, Jerry began shining shoes at just 11 years old and even set up bowling pins at the Polish Community Club. At the age of twenty-one, he designed the blueprints for the house he would help build and live in for over 60 years and was driven by a personal vow that his children would never grow up with the hardships that he had. As an adult, Jerry delivered soda for the 7-UP Company in Marcy and when the plant closed, Jerry moved to deliver soda for the Coca Cola Company for over 25 years, the position from which he retired. His dedication and work ethic earned him multiple awards and recognition from both companies. Jerry was also a member of the Maynard Volunteer Fire Department.

Jerry was a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather, and uncle. Nothing meant more to him than the well-being of his family. His life was marked by unselfish sacrifices to ensure his loved ones were well cared for and never went without. In his spare time, Jerry enjoyed gardening and tinkering, especially building birdhouses and children's Adirondack chairs. Above all, he cherished spending time with his family, grandchildren and in-laws. He was honored to receive the Utica Jaycee's Service Award for Boy Scout Troop 49 with his grandson Richard and fishing together. Jerry was a parishioner of the St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish.

Jerry is survived by his wife, Mary Ann Annese; daughters, Laurie Cavoly and Joe Morosco, Gerri Ann Vagadori (the late Thomas Vagadori) and Lucille Cavoly-Cole and Jonathan Cole. Grandchildren, Julie Ryczek, Richard Ryczek, and brother Donald "Donny" Cavoli (the late Suzanne "Suzie" Cavoli). He is further survived by his in-laws, Tony Gaetano, Diana Cavoli, Marie Cavoly and Rosalie Cavoli.

Jerry fondly remembered his siblings, their spouses and their children who preceded him, Carl and Joann Cavoly, Jeanette and Angelo Scarfino, John "Jack" and Helen Cavoly, Diane M. Gaetano, Joseph E. Cavoli, Robert "Bobby" Cavoly, Barbara and Mike Oatway, Theresa Cox and Richard A. "Dicky" Cavoli. Jerry was also preceded by several loving family members including in-laws, Lucy and Orozio "Ray" Annese, Dominick Annese, Francis (Paulie) Annese, Rosie and Rudy Ciccolella, Ang and Bud Ramberg, Godson Kenneth Cavoly, nephews Donald Cavoli III, Angelo Ritz, Tim Zamillio, John Peaisella and Ricki Testa. We can just hear Jerry's younger brother Dicky "Hey Ger, let's go for coffee, I'll pay" and then tell the waitress "My father will pay".

The family wishes to extend their gratitude and special thank you to the

Maynard Volunteer Fire Department and EMTs for their compassion; Doug McGregor for all his kindness; the doctors, nurses, and staff at Wynn Hospital; the caregivers at The Grand Rehabilitation and Nursing for their attentive care and to the Ciccolella family for their love and support.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, August 19, 2025, from 5:00-7:00 p.m., at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Gerald's Mass of Christian Burial and Celebration of Life, which will commence on Wednesday, August 20, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish, 648 Jay St. Interment will follow in Calvary Cemetery. Please omit flowers.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 19. 5:00 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

Funeral Service

AUG 20. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish
648 Jay Street
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 735-1482
<https://www.mountcarmelblessedsacrament.com/>

Tribute Wall

LL

“ He was a great guy..I would go there to go swimming and he always yelled at me I couldn't bring my Pepsi in his house (jokingly). He will be missed, by all.

Lindsey Liepke - August 20, 2025 at 05:50 PM

LD

“ I was blessed to meet Jerry C. He was the sweetest man. His purposeful life & marriage to his beautiful wife showed that the glow, warmth & light of love? is eternal. And so is the soul. It is imperishable. My sincere Condolances to Mrs Cavoly, their children & grand children. And my sweet friend Laurie
Laurie D'apice

Laurie Dapice - August 19, 2025 at 07:03 PM

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“ I remember as a young child that Uncle Jerry was special because he was my God Father!! I also remember him calling me Cream Puff and bringing my family 7 up.. He will always be in my heart along with all other family members that have passed.. all are loved and missed❤️ Rest in peace Uncle Jerry❤️

Sharon Scarafino Zammiello (niece) - August 01, 2025 at 03:51 PM

DC

“ I was fortunate to have met you and have my children spend time with you while we visited the area, and then moved there for a brief two years. Ken always shared so many warm and funny stories about you with me and the kids. I know you will be missed by many.
Denise, Geena and Kenny Cavoly II.

Denise Cavoly - August 01, 2025 at 02:47 PM

BB

“ Prayers and love to all of "uncle" Gerry's family. Gerry always had a smile on his face and a welcoming embrace. He is missed and will be remembered as a good man. Joyce Burke

Beverly Burke - August 01, 2025 at 10:51 AM

RB

“ I've known him for over 50 yrs. He was always part of the regular crowd at Harold's garage. He was always smiling and could talk up a storm to anyone. I'm sure grandpa Friot was there to greet him. I consider myself lucky to grow up in such a close knit community. God Bless!!

Robin Broedel - August 01, 2025 at 09:21 AM