



## Gerald R. "Jerry" Dion, Sr.

September 30, 1943 - September 3, 2013

Mr. Gerald R. "Jerry" Dion, Sr., age 69, passed away on Tuesday, September 3, 2013 at the St. Elizabeth Medical Center with his son Jerry, daughter Maria, and friend Yvette at his side.

Born in Charlotte, Vermont on September 30, 1943, Gerald was the son of the late Armand Dion and Ruth (Lewis) DiBenedetto. Raised and educated locally, he was a graduate of T.R. Proctor High School. On May 15, 1971 he married the former Mary "Marie" Teti who passed away on December 15, 2012.

Jerry held traditional and old-fashioned ideas in high esteem. He was persistent and strong-willed, offering his guidance to friends and acquaintances in many ways. He had accrued a wealth of knowledge from studying law for 35 years, and he was known as the "Your Freedom of Speech" writer. In his spare time, Jerry enjoyed Art and painting renditions of American Indians.

Jerry is survived by his children and their families, Maria and Robert Almond, Gerald "Jerry" Dion Jr., Geraldine Dion, Bernadette Dion, Karen Dion, and Mike Donahue who was like a second son and a sibling to his children; several grandchildren, including Audriana, Krista, Daniella, and Gianna; and two great-grandchildren, Gabriella, and McKenzie. He also leaves his sister, Ruth DiMasse and Mike Ryan; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, special aunt Alice and Rocco Gigliotti; and friends Jack Zogby, and Sue Arcuri. He was predeceased by his brother, Salvatore M. DiBenedetto; and his uncles, Hugh "Cowboy" Lewis Sr., and Willie Lewis who

were beloved father-figures to Jerry.

The family appreciates the kind and compassionate care Jerry received from Fred Thur, Yvette Donahue, the nurses and staff at the St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Dr. Afsar Kahn, Dr. Sudershan Dang, and Dr. Michael Walsh and his staff.

Visitation will be held Saturday from 1:00-3:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Jerry's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Saturday afternoon at 3:00 immediately upon the conclusion of visitation. 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

# Tribute Wall

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“ Thank's for the memories, Jerry..  
You will always have a special place in my heart..  
You and I made 3 Beautiful daughters..  
Love From Your First Wife,  
Karen Lee Dauphin Dion Borghesi..

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**Karen Borghesi** - May 12, 2022 at 01:02 AM

MA

“ Maria, Audriana,Daniella,Gianna lit a candle  
in memory of Gerald R. "Jerry" Dion, Sr.



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**Maria, Audriana,Daniella,Gianna** - September 24, 2014 at 06:35 AM

MD

“ Thanks for all the memories Jerry and for accepting me as part of  
your family for so many years. I appreciate the love you had for your  
family. You will be missed. Jerry and Maria , sorry for your loss. I  
know what both of your parents meant to both of you. I would like to  
thank both of you for treating me like a brother and giving me the  
opportunity to know your dad and mom. My heart goes out to you  
and your families. Sincerely, Mike

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**Mike Donahue** - September 06, 2013 at 07:51 PM

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“ *Bidding farewell to Jerry, who for many years served as a advocate, challenging the criminal justice system with unrelenting courage and tenacity. Preparing motions for indigent defendants proving to his adversaries that he possessed the legal knowledge and expertise which qualified him as an expert in the field of law.*

*To his daughter, Maria, and his son, Jerry Jr., who never left his side during his final days, my deepest and sincere condolences.*

*My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.*

*Sue*

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**Sue Arcuri** - September 05, 2013 at 11:40 PM