



Mr. Giuliano R. DeSantis, Sr.

August 27, 1947 - May 12, 2025

UTICA – Mr. Giuliano R. DeSantis, Sr., age 77, passed away unexpectedly on Monday, May 12, 2025, in the comfort and dignity of his home.

Born in Priverno, Italy, on August 27, 1947, Giuliano was the son of the late Arduino and Carolina (Toti) DeSantis. As a young boy, he relocated with his family to the United States and settled in Utica, where he had since resided. He was a proud U.S. Army veteran who served as a drill sergeant.

At one time, Giuliano was wed to the former Toni Welker, and from that union came the blessing of their three children, Giuliano Jr, Paul, and Marcella. Later, he married the former Thalia Conte, and together they welcomed their son, Antonio, into their family.

Giuliano shared a close bond with his sister, Nancy, who passed away in 2004. His family would like to acknowledge how important she was to him. There are many stories of Nancy taking him under her wing as a second mother. Giuliano became a well-known and beloved figure in the Utica community. Many people will remember his outgoing personality behind the meat counter at Chanatry's Supermarket located on Albany Street. In his role as a meat cutter, he formed many long-standing friendships with those he served. Later, he worked in asbestos removal until his retirement.

Selfless and generous of heart, Giuliano was always willing to give of himself. Whatever someone needed, if he had it, he would share it. Loving toward all, he never met a stranger! His friends will never forget his cheerful way of answering the phone with his signature, “Yello!”

Giuliano was a proud member of the UFCW, Local One. Few things excited him more than the thrill of horse racing. He could often be found at Vernon Downs or OTB, cheering on his favorite horse. His love of sports didn't end at the track—he was also an avid fan of New York's own Knicks, Yankees, and Giants. In addition, he had a special fondness for Chevy Corvettes.

Giuliano is survived by his children, Giuliano DeSantis, Jr., Paul DeSantis and Cathleen Yanco, Marcella DeSantis, and Antonio DeSantis; grandchildren, Giana, Dominic, Gianfranco, Giovanni, and Michael Anthony; and siblings and their spouses, Fresia “Christina” Placanica (the late Nicola “Nick” Placanica), Silvio DeSantis (the late Vittoria DeSantis), and Antonio and Rosalie DeSantis. He fondly remembered his siblings and their loves who preceded him, infant boy, Duilio, Maria and Mariano DeSantis, Angelina “Angela” and Armando Toti, Nancy and Francis L. “Butch” Chandler, Anetta “Anna” DeSantis, and Guiseppina “Pina” and Angelo Cacciotti. He further leaves to cherish his memory many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great nephews, cousins; and lifelong friends, Freddy Greer, Rocco and Suzanne DiPierro, Gary “Ducky” Talerico, and Larry Hammill.

The family would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to Giuliano's nephew, Antonio DeSantis, Jr., for always being there for him over the past year and for lovingly looking out for his uncle.

In keeping with Giuliano's wishes, there will be no public services. His family will honor and commemorate his life privately.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave.

Tribute Wall

FG

“ Jules is definitely one of a kind and his embodied wanderlust and camaraderie is going to be missed.
There was never a dull moment with Jules and I will miss the good times that Rock and I enjoy with you.
Rest in peace my friend.

Fred Greer - May 23, 2025 at 08:57 PM

AD

“ DeSantis Family, So sorry for your loss. Giuliano always met me with a smile

Anthony & Liz Decarolis - May 16, 2025 at 09:36 PM

NF

“ DeSantis Family Members,
Giuliano was indeed a unique, complicated person, with plenty of ups and downs in his life time. Indeed he was loyal friend and Loved all members of his Large Family, Funny and he loved to Party and be the center of Attention, he could give advise, but when given advise to his problems he would smile and never take that advise and did it his Way. Rest In Peace Julie's

Nick Parrotta, Naples Florida - May 16, 2025 at 10:43 AM

GT

“ Jules Godbless you my brother rip my good friend lifelong buddy

gary talerico - May 15, 2025 at 04:46 PM

PC

“ Julianao was my first friend that I made when I was transfered to conkling school in the fifth grade. He was loyal, generous, and protective of his classmates. Juliano will always have a place in my heart as a great friend, may he rest in peace and God Bless his Soul.

Peter Cerminaro - May 15, 2025 at 02:54 PM

CD

“ My Deepest Condolences to all. I had so many memories years ago w Jules . Great times . I am so sorry to hear this. May Gods Peace be with you all . Cathy Drew-Egan

cathy drew-egan - May 15, 2025 at 02:20 PM

MB

“ I will never forget the good times we had & how good you were to me . Rest in peace, until we meet again my friend. Mark Bruzzese

Mark Bruzzese - May 14, 2025 at 10:43 PM

LP

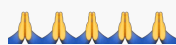
“ I worked at chanantrys when guiliano was there. He didn't make you feel like you were beneath him. I remember his smile. While not actually related he and the rest of the DeSantis family made me feel like family and for that I am eternally grateful. I am so sorry for your loss. As they say gone but not forgotten. Though some may no longer be with us physically they live within us through memories and stories and blood. Rest easy guiliano.

Lenamarie Parrotta - May 14, 2025 at 04:24 PM

GR

To my family there...Can you buy some flowers for me? I don't know how to pay from Italy...or a beautiful rose. Thank you all 💔

Grace Rossetti - May 14, 2025 at 07:15 PM



May rest in peace dear uncle Giuliano 💔

Grazia Rossetti - May 14, 2025 at 07:17 PM

JD

"Ma Jewel Lee on"... I spelled this phonetically, but if you sound it out, and understand it, you are one who goes way back with him. I'm meeting you at the CP, with Bobby T and his GTO! We could never beat your 396 Chevelle. Those were the past good old days, my friend, so long.

Doti

John R. Doti - May 15, 2025 at 07:21 AM