



## Mr. Harry A. Buck

April 15, 1951 - February 22, 2017

Mr. Harry A. Buck, a proud East Utican, age 65, passed peacefully on Wednesday, February 22, 2017 with his loving family by his side.

Born in Utica on April 15, 1951, Harry was the son of the late Harry J. and Lena M. (Intino) Buck. He graduated from T.R. Proctor High School/Class of 1968 and attended Herkimer County Community College. On October 15, 1994 he married the former Cynthia “Cindy” Nicotera with whom he shared 22 years. They were a unique match for one another and were always together. Harry made her laugh every day.

For nearly 30 years, Harry worked in the local banking industry with Oneida National Bank, and its successors, Norstar, and Fleet Bank, as a loan officer and branch manager. He was also a troubleshooter and was admired and respected at his workplace. He retired in 1995 due to ill health, but was very proud of his banking career and the relationships formed there and customers served there.

Harry was a lovable, crazy guy who was known for his honesty and compassion for others. He was also a party animal who loved to dance like no one was watching. He enjoyed life to the fullest and especially time spent with friends and family. He was a Dewar’s-and-water man and a food aficionado who loved to order the most unique dishes. Harry enjoyed Martial Arts, training in Cane Fu through the American Martial Arts Institute and physical conditioning through Straight Circle Martial Arts. Harry was motivated to keep moving to maintain mobility and manage his pain. He was a member of the

former Sons of Italy Lodge and a supporter of the Stevens-Swan Humane Society. He was a parishioner of St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church and was proud of his Catholic creed. He practiced his faith by viewing televised Mass and reciting the Holy Rosary, acts of faith which provided solace and comfort. He shared a strong bond with his rescue dog, his "baby" Corrie. He enjoyed his long walks with Corrie and Cindy when he was able. Harry had a way of communicating with anyone, with sincerity and ease. He had a magical and entertaining charm, which endeared him to countless friends and family.

Harry is survived by his wife, Cindy; his sister, Maryann Buck; his uncle, Mario Intino of Las Vegas; cousins, including Renee, Denise, Frances, Richard, Raymond, Michael, John and Anthony, Mario Jr., and his Intino cousins; in-laws, Maria Kaiser, and Janet Hallak; his nieces and nephews, Mary Ann and Tom Serwatka, and Anthony and Pamela Hallak; great-nieces, great-nephews; and his wonderful friends, John Capraro, and Mark and Linda Taurisano. He was predeceased by his cousin and godfather, Sam Maggio; his cousin, Michele Miller; his father-in-law, Vito Nicotera; and his brother-in-law, George Hallak.

The family is grateful to Harry's oncologist and staff at the Upstate Cancer Center who provided a support system that was unmatched. Their hospitality and personal touches were amazing and uplifting; and the Special Care and ICU personnel at the St. Elizabeth Medical Center who went above and beyond in their medical efforts.

In keeping with Harry's wishes, there will be no public visitation. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend his Memorial Service and Celebration of Life which will commence on Saturday, March 4th, at 1:00 p.m. at St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church where his Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. Mark Kaminski. The family will receive visitors at the conclusion of Mass. For those wishing to do so, in lieu of flowers, please consider memorial donations in Harry's honor to the Stevens-Swan Humane Society online at <https://stevens-swan.org> or the Upstate Cancer Center/Neck and Throat Department online at <https://www.upstatefoundation.org>; envelopes will be

available at the service. Internment will take place in St. Agnes Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

# Tribute Wall

FP

“ so sorry to hear of harrys passing ...we spent a lot of time together in high school ...every time ive thought or heard of him i would smile ...thank you for all the great memories through the years ...you were a special person

frank palmisano - March 03, 2017 at 06:27 PM



“ Cindy Please accept my deepest sympathy..I hope your happy memories will bring you comfort. Maureen Back

Maureen Back - March 03, 2017 at 05:14 PM

TW

“ So sorry to learn of the passing of Harry. He was a Very Good Friend when we lived in Utica. I will miss him. RIP..my Friend..

Tom Walker - March 02, 2017 at 06:22 AM

DP

“ Cindy I was so sad to hear of Harry's passing. I always enjoyed his sense of humor when Harry was in cane class, he was a very special person. You will be in my thoughts and prayers.

*Dick Pellegrino*

Dick Pellegrino - March 01, 2017 at 10:49 PM

BS

“ Cindy I am thinking of you and how much fun you two nuts had. You always made us laugh with your Harry stories. I know how sad you must be..He is gone too soon .You are in my prayers- love you!

*Barb Sardelli*

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**Barbara Sardelli** - March 01, 2017 at 08:30 PM

WA

“ I met Harry 25 years ago and then I left the area. I returned and saw Harry again through his cousin Ray. I will miss you Harry.

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**Walt** - February 27, 2017 at 08:40 PM

WA

“ We will miss you Harry!

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**Walt** - February 27, 2017 at 08:36 PM

GY

“ I met Harry briefly while interviewing him for a Neck and Throat cancer documentary. First thing he mentioned to me was that he wanted to give back on a cause he believed in. One day he showed up at the hospital with the food he loved but could not afford to eat during treatment. He shared with everyone. Although I spent little time with him I immediately recognized his big heart. I know he will be missed. I send my prayers to Cindy and family.

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**Gaston Yvorra** - February 27, 2017 at 11:55 AM

HL

“ Cindy, We are so sorry to hear of Harry's passing. We fondly remember our neighbors and talk of how friendly Harry was when we moved in. He is at peace. Our thoughts and prayers are with you right now.

*Harry and Lynn Taranto*

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**Harry and Lynn** - February 26, 2017 at 07:24 AM

SR

“ I have lots of memories of Harry all good he use to come to my bar after work with Jim Nictoria and have lots of fun. my husband Johnny would always drive him crazy at the bank he would just shack his head and say sue god bless you. he will be missed.R.I.P my sister passed on Feb 1st so she is with him now and looking down on all of us and telling us it is ok.

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**Susan Rahauiser** - February 25, 2017 at 03:33 PM

JC

“ Cindy, what can I say, I am lost for words. It seems like just yesterday Harry and I would walk to school, go to stores and go to the dances. He loved to dance.

*I only wish, I could have spent more time with him over the years.*

*Love to you with all my heart, J Capraro*

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**John Capraro** - February 25, 2017 at 02:37 PM

TF

“ We will miss our talks with Harry but know now he is finally at peace. We will continue to keep Harry & Cindy and family in our prayers.



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**Tim & Colleen Moylan Family** - February 24, 2017 at 04:25 AM

TS

“ *Thomas J Saladino lit a candle in memory of  
Mr. Harry A. Buck*



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**Thomas J Saladino** - February 23, 2017 at 08:13 PM