



Henry R. "Hank" DiPerna

April 7, 1936 - January 11, 2014

Mr. Henry R. "Hank" DiPerna, Sr., age 77, passed away on Saturday, January 11, 2014 at the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center with the love and devotion of his family by his side.

Born in Utica on April 7, 1936, Hank was the son of the late Philip F. and Theresa (Giglio) DiPerna. He was a graduate of T.R. Proctor High School. A veteran of the United States Army, Hank honorably served his country stationed in Germany during the Korean Conflict. On August 2, 1956 he married the former Beverly Musa; they loved and relied upon one another throughout their 57-year union.

Hank was employed by the General Electric Company at the Kent Street Plant. He subsequently worked as a foreman at the San-Bro Meat Packing Co., for many years. Hank was a generous, kind-hearted man, the finest of his many attributes. Quiet and soft-spoken, he was a good, trustworthy friend. Blessed with a serene spirit and gentle soul, he was honest and devoted to his family and friends. Hank was a pal and patriarch to his children and grandchildren who won his heart. He played a special part in their lives, avidly supporting their activities and sporting events. Hank worked out at the gym for many years which was one of his daily rituals; another being a timely member of the "joint", where he socialized and spent time with his pals.

Hank is survived by his wife, Bev; his children and their spouses, Hank DiPerna, Jr. and Rhonda Curtis of FL, Melanie DiPerna-Cortese of Liverpool, Jeannine and Joe Johnson of Utica, and Philip and Darlene DiPerna of

Sauquoit; his grandchildren, Joe DiPerna, and Arianna; Jenna Cortese, and Alex Cortese; Joe Johnson, and Michael Johnson; Philip DiPerna Jr., and Jordan DiPerna; and his great-grandchild, Haley Rose, and he was joyfully anticipating the birth of his 2nd great-grandchild. Also left to mourn his passing are his twin brother, Philip J. DiPerna of Utica; his sister and brother-in-law, Lorraine and Mike Yozzo of Baldwinsville; several nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and Aunt Connie. He was blessed with many friends who were dear to his heart, with special mention of the loyalty of Mouse and Patty Olivadoti, and Gazzy Gazzel. He was predeceased by his sister and brother-in-law, Florence D. and Henry Testa, Jr.; his sister-in-law, Shirley A. DiPerna; his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Dominick and Tillie Musa; his godchild, Joey Olivadoti; and his special friend, Tony Rocco. The family is grateful to the staff of the Critical Care Unit at the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center for their outstanding and compassionate care, especially Darlene, Joe, Mary, and Kelly, as well as those of the ICO Unit; and the personnel at the Masonic Care Community of NY – all these wonderful people touched the lives of the DiPerna family in ways that will not be forgotten. It was through Hank's illness that he was supported and remembered by Mary Lourdes Summa and Carissa, Carol and Al Owens and family, Juliette Giovinazzo, Josephine Rocco and family, and Rose Nelson and family.

Visitation will be held Tuesday (today) from 4:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. By family request, please omit floral offerings. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Henry's funeral service and Celebration of Life which will commence on Wednesday morning at 11:00 at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish where his Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. James Cesta.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **14**. 4:00 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

Service

JAN **15**. 11:00 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

GB

“ *Gina Benzo lit a candle in memory of Henry R. "Hank" DiPerna*



gina benzo - January 17, 2014 at 08:36 AM

JF

“ *Melanie and family,
I was saddened to learn of the passing of your Dad, husband,
grandfather, and friend to many. While I did not know Hank, so
many of my own friends did. So much so, that I felt like I really did
know him. Always, ALWAYS, mentioned in the kindest of ways.
What a great testament to to a man and the way he lived his life.
Please find comfort in knowing that you will see him again. Until that
day comes, go forth and live your own life in a way that could only
make him proud of the fine family that he, and your Mom raised.
Speak of him often, think of him every day, and he will be by your
side, forever.
In my thought and prayers, Jeff*

Jeff Franz - January 16, 2014 at 10:54 AM

FO

“ Mrs. DiPerna, Phil and Family,

I am very sorry to hear about the passing of Mr. DiPerna and that I was not able to offer my condolences in person. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time. Mr. DiPerna was a man that I very much respected and whom will be missed by all, but never forgotten... I will always remember his ability to say so much with just a few words and some facial expressions. My memories of him will last forever, truly a fine man who always put his family first. May God bless and guide your family during this time of mourning.

Fran Ollerenshaw - January 15, 2014 at 07:25 PM

PM

“ Jeannine, Joe and Family: Our sincere condolences to you and your family. Our prayers are with you. Frank and Philomena

philomena marrotta - January 15, 2014 at 11:14 AM

JM

“ I am so sorry to hear about Hank. He was such a nice man and I always enjoyed seeing him at the Marr-Logg.

Jeanna Marraffa - January 15, 2014 at 07:42 AM

FG

“ Beverly and Family...My sincere condolences to you on. I knew Hank from the gym at the senior. Very sorry for your loss.

Frank Giruzzi

Frank Giruzzi - January 15, 2014 at 06:53 AM

FH

“ *Beverly and Family,*

My condolences and prayers to you and your family. Hank was a great mentor to me for many years. He will always be remembered. May he rest in peace.

Fred Hnelosub

Fred Hnelosub - January 14, 2014 at 09:09 PM

TA

“ *Tina Ambrose lit a candle in memory of Henry R. "Hank" DiPerna*



tina ambrose - January 14, 2014 at 08:37 PM

TA

Beverly and Family,

Growing up, I fondly remember the times our families shared together with kids the same age, schools and same neighborhood. Our Giglio grandparents showed us the meaning of love, family, and cousins. Hank was very special among them. We send our most sincere sympathy and wish you to know you are all in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

tina ambrose - January 14, 2014 at 08:40 PM

MM

“ *Michelle Franco Mancuso lit a candle in memory of Henry R. "Hank" DiPerna*



Michelle Franco Mancuso - January 14, 2014 at 08:15 PM

MM

Very sorry for you loss; I will always remember his smile.

Michelle Franco Mancuso - January 14, 2014 at 08:17 PM

RC

“ *BEVERLY AND FAMILY; WE ARE VERY SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. TIME PASSES AND WE LOSE TOUCH WITH FRIENDS. BUT WE REMEMBER THE PAST AND PRAY THAT GOD WILL FIND A SPECIAL PLACE FOR HANK IN HEAVEN. BLESS YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.
MARY AND DICK COSTELLO*

richard and mary costello - January 14, 2014 at 01:01 PM

FE

“ *Jeannine & family , I am so sorry for loss of your father.*

*Love,
Felicia Colosimo*

felicia - January 14, 2014 at 11:58 AM

BO

“ *My condolences and prayers to the DiPerna family at this time of loss. Mr. DiPerna was one of the calmest men in our neighborhood back in the day and always had my respect. May he rest in peace in God's Hands.*

Bobby Ollerenshaw - January 14, 2014 at 07:15 AM

MN

“ *Jeannine, Joe and Family*

I am very sorry for your loss. Be comforted to know that he is at peace now and free of pain. Most of all you have a guardian Angel to watch over you. Many prayers....

Michele Nicoletta

Michele Nicoletta - January 14, 2014 at 05:41 AM

DM

“ *Don Marino lit a candle in memory of Henry R. "Hank" DiPerna*



Don Marino - January 13, 2014 at 10:15 PM

RO

“ *Roseann lit a candle in memory of Henry R. "Hank" DiPerna*



roseann - January 13, 2014 at 07:17 PM

RO

*Very sorry for your loss Bev to you and your Family
Roseann Delia*

roseann - January 13, 2014 at 07:26 PM

DS

“ *Beverly and family,
There are no words to say how sorry I am for
your loss of a Great Husband , Father and
Grandfather. May God Bless and console all
of you at this time of sorrow.
Deanna Santino*



Deanna Santino - January 13, 2014 at 06:31 AM