



Mr. Lawrence D. "Larry" Manca

January 2, 1925 - October 23, 2014

Mr. Lawrence D. "Larry" Manca, age 89, passed away on Thursday, October 23, 2014 in the comfort of his home with his loving family by his side.

Born in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania on January 2, 1925, Lawrence was the son of the late Sebastian and Mary (Pape) Manca. He was a graduate of T.R. Proctor High School/Class of 1944. He continued his education at Ithaca College earning his Bachelor of Arts degree in Physical Education. On August 13, 1949 Larry was married to the former Mildred "Millie" Simons with whom he shared 35 cherished years, and to that marriage came the blessing of two daughters. His beloved Millie passed away on June 9, 1985. In his youth, as a member of the Boy's Club, he became an accomplished boxer and his most memorable spar was with the late Carmen Basilio, boxing champion of the world in the 1950s!

A machinist by trade, Larry was employed initially at the Chicago Pneumatic Tool Company for 19 years where he was also the Union Steward for Local Lodge #645 of the I.A.M. He was a strong union leader who fought to protect workers' rights. Mr. Manca was then elected as Business Representative for District 157 of the I.A.M. Lastly he was promoted to Directing Business Representative, a position achieved after much dedication. Larry upheld the democratic philosophy of fighting for the underdog and giving all Americans the chance to live out their dreams and to achieve their God-given potential. All in all, it was his integrity and his knowledge of justice that always prevailed. He was active in many labor agencies including the State Council of

Machinists, the NY Central Federation of Labor, and CNY Labor Agency. He retired from the workforce on May 19, 1990.

Larry possessed an innate ability to be a compassionate leader whether in the work place or through his numerous civic and social involvements. He was the kind of man who advocated for justice, genuinely offered a helping hand, and could communicate with top advisors as well as the men and women he represented. Larry met life's challenges with humor and always left others with a smile on their face. He was a "silent giver" and his altruism never needed recognition. He had a great wit and was a handy man at heart, able to configure and construct anything.

Larry's social and civic participation was wide-ranging. He was very community-minded and devoted himself to local organizations. He demonstrated outstanding leadership as President of the Boys & Girls Club, Director of the United Way and volunteered his time and talents with the Visiting Nurses Association, the National Council on Alcoholism, Meals on Wheels, YMCA, the Private Industry Council, the former Sons of Italy Lodge #2054, and the Loyal Order of Moose Lodge. Throughout the years, he enjoyed spending time with family and friends at "the River" where many memories were made at his summer home in the Thousand Islands. Larry held sacred his strong sense of spirituality and practiced his Catholic faith as a parishioner of St. Peter's Church.

Larry is survived by his daughters, Diane Manca Williams, formerly of Liverpool, NY and currently of Massachusetts, and Sandra Manca of Chittenango, NY; and his 20-year companion and fiancée, Patricia A. Zegarelli. His extended family includes his sister-in-law, Viola Lane of Dryden, NY; and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his brother, Frank Manca; and his beloved canine friend, Daisy.

The family would like to thank all those who made Larry's life rich and fulfilling. A special thanks to John Schafer for all the laughs, and to Terry Murphy, the devoted son he never had.

Visitation will be held Monday from 2:00-4:00 and 5:30-8:00 at the Eannace

Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of the Hammond Ave. For those wishing to do so, please consider a memorial donation in Larry's honor to the Boys & Girls Club of Utica; envelopes will be available at the funeral home or donations may be directed to 210 Memorial Parkway, Utica, NY 13501. Larry's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Tuesday morning at 10:30 from the funeral home and at 11:30 at St. Peter's Church, N. Utica, where his Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. Tom Durant. Committal Prayers and Interment will take place graveside in Calvary Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

2407 Oneida Street
Utica, NY

Previous Events

Funeral Service

OCT 28. 11:30 AM (ET)

St. Peter's Church
422 Coventry Ave.
Utica, NY 13502

Tribute Wall

LO

“ Dear Sandy and Diane,
I'm so sorry for the passing of your beloved
and cherished father. I know he was a special
loving and outstanding father and person.
May each beautiful memory of your father's
love, be a place you return to for strength, for comfort, and for
peace.
With Deepest Sympathy,
Lynne O'Neil



Lynne O'Neil - November 10, 2014 at 07:22 PM

JB

“ Sandy and Diane, I was so sorry to hear about Uncle Larry. So
much time has passed since we last saw each other, but I have
such loving memories of your family. Please know you are in our
thoughts and prayers. Love Jeanne Simons Bell

Jeanne Simons Bell - October 30, 2014 at 09:53 AM

CP

“ Sandy, I am very sorry to read that your Dad
passed away. I have fond memories of your
parents' hospitality both at your home and at
Thousand Islands. My thoughts and prayers
are with you and your sister. Cathy
(Scicchitano) Preacher



Cathy Preacher - October 29, 2014 at 02:16 PM



“ *Diane, Sandy: Just heard of your Dad's passing. Sounds like he was a pillar of the community that led a good life.*
Mark Kelsey

Mark Kelsey - October 27, 2014 at 04:29 PM



“ *Diane and Sandy,*
So sorry to hear of your father's passing. Take comfort in the thought that many friends are thinking of you.
Linda and Tom Demetrick

Linda Demetrick - October 27, 2014 at 01:26 PM



“ *I'm so sorry to hear about your loss Diane. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Susan Lataille - October 27, 2014 at 12:13 PM



“ *Diane, sorry to hear of the loss of your Dad. My thoughts are with you and your family.*

Joanne Yaworsky

Joanne Yaworsky - October 27, 2014 at 10:06 AM

MS

“ *Much love, Paul and Colleen Skapura purchased the Multicolor Bright Sympathy Basket for the family of Mr. Lawrence D. "Larry" Manca.*



Much love, Paul and Colleen Skapura - October 27, 2014 at 08:41 AM



“ *Multicolor Bright Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Lawrence D. "Larry" Manca.*



October 26, 2014 at 07:32 PM

SB

“ *Dear Sandy,*

We were sad to read of the death of your father. One thing we both said, almost in unison: "Sandy was so devoted to him". You have been a wonderful, loving daughter to your father, and our wish is for you to take peace in that as you go through the grieving process. With our prayers and thoughts, Susan and Jon Brenizer

Susan Hartman Brenizer - October 26, 2014 at 11:07 AM



“ *Classic Fireside Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Lawrence D. "Larry" Manca.*



October 26, 2014 at 05:27 AM