



## Mr. Leonard "Lenny" Kallaur

May 29, 1948 - October 21, 2025

UTICA – Mr. Leonard “Lenny” Kallaur, age 77, a beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, and uncle, passed away with his loving family by his side, on Tuesday, October 21, 2025.

Born on May 29, 1948, in Melkendorf, Bavaria, Germany, Leonard was the beloved son of the late Leonid and Leonila (Sokolowski) Kallaur. When Lenny was a baby, his family relocated to the United States and settled in the Utica area. He graduated T. R. Proctor High School in 1966, then went on to attend Holy Trinity Seminary in Jordanville, NY, Mohawk Valley Community College, and lastly Utica College, earning his bachelor's degree in 1991.

Over his professional career, Lenny worked for various manufacturing companies. Starting his career with Chicago Pneumatic, then Bendix Corp. (Lucas Aerospace), Library Bureau, Mele Manufacturing, and Ethan Allen Furniture in Boonville as an industrial engineer – a position in which he truly excelled and loved. When jobs in his profession no longer became available, he obtained employment with Securitas Security and St. Elizabeth’s Hospital as a pharmacy transporter.

The cornerstone of Lenny’s life was his deep faith. He was a devout parishioner St. John of Kronstadt Russian Orthodox Church in Utica, selflessly giving of time, talents, and heartfelt love. Among his many services, he acted

as an altar server and bell ringer until just a few years ago.

From his first marriage to his former wife Galina, Lenny was blessed abundantly with three children. On February 22, 1987, he married the former Barbara Rivecca, who from that point on never left his side. Their hearts and minds were truly united as one.

Lenny's life revolved around his family, God, and the church. He was a devoted father and grandfather. He possessed a great sense of humor, loved both church music, classical music, and Andrea Bocelli. FM Channel 89.5 was a constant and Lenny was familiar with the request line.

Lenny is survived by his wife, Barbara; three children and their spouses, Tatiana and Frank Ferrone, Subdeacon Alexander and Marina Kallaur, and the Very Reverend Eugene and Katherine Kallaur; ten grandchildren; and siblings and their spouses, Eugene and Gail Kallaur, Tamara DeBernardis, the Very Reverend George and Tatiana Kallaur, and Peter and Michelle Kallaur. He held close to his heart the memory of his brother, Igor Kallaur, who tragically passed away in 1972. He is further survived by his in-laws, Nicholas and Marjorie Rivecca, Lori Rivecca, and Allan and Nora Rivecca; and a host of nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins acknowledging the Kalavazoff, Pawlusik, Plonisch, and Trepatschko families.

He was additionally predeceased by his Maternal grandparents of the Sokolowski family, father-in-law and mother-in-law, Nicholas and Dorothy (Brown) Rivecca; grandparents; daughter-in-law, Tatiana (Mitchell) Kallaur; son-in-law, Thomas Hanson; brother-in-law, Ronald DiBernardis; his great-niece Rylie Scott and cousin and best friend Igor Plonisch.

The family would like to extend their gratitude to the Very Rev. Archpriest Michael Taratuchin; Dr. Oleg Dulkan and his staff; Dr. Gregory Rorich and staff,

and the wound clinic in Rome; Dr. Mario Carrillo; VNA; Nurses Samantha, and Klarissa at MVHS Rehabilitation and Nursing Center; and the nurses and doctors from Wynn Hospital, friends and neighbors Ray Hanrahan and his wife Marge, who recently passed, Eileen Fitzgerald-Bord, Sonny Cirasuolo, Georgianne and Pat Lisandrelli, Kim Glenn, and cousin, Steven Brown.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, October 22, 2025, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at St. John of Kronstadt Russian Orthodox Church, 1009 Conkling Ave.

Memorial contributions in Leonard's honor may be made to St. John of Kronstadt Russian Orthodox Church, by mail to 1009 Conkling Ave., Utica, NY 13501; Rocor (Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia) online at [www.fundforassistance.org/donate](http://www.fundforassistance.org/donate) or by mail to P.O. Box 727, Glen Cove, NY 11542; or to a charity of your choice; envelopes will also be available at visitation.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Leonard's funeral service and Rite of Burial, which will commence on Thursday, October 23, 2025, at 11:30 a.m. Interment will take place in Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

May Lenny's memory be eternal. Christ is risen.

This tribute to Lenny's life has been written by his wife, Barbara.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. Olivet Cemetery

Whitesboro, NY

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **22**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

St. John of Kronstadt Russian Orthodox Memorial Church  
1009 Conkling Avenue  
Utica, NY 13501

## Funeral Service

OCT **23**. 11:30 AM (ET)

St. John of Kronstadt Russian Orthodox Memorial Church  
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Utica, NY 13501

# Tribute Wall

AF

“ Lenny has been a devoted listener to Classic FM, and the listener request hour in particular, for years. He loved the Cherubic Hymn from the Russian Orthodox liturgy. I enjoyed speaking with him about it, and he'd often start telling me about his children as well.

*If he called me early on a weekend morning, I knew right away that our Utica transmitter was down. He was always the first to let me know when something was wrong. I'll miss hearing from him.*

*Adam Fine  
Classic FM Host*

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**Adam Fine** - October 29, 2025 at 12:36 PM

CC

“ Miss Barb used to babysit me and my brother and make sure we got off to school safely in the morning. Me and my brother were always entertained by Lenny, who we affectionally referred to as “Superman”.

*He was a kind man who always took time out of his day to interact with us and make us feel welcome in his home (as did Miss Barb).*

*I'm truly sorry for this loss and wish all who knew “Superman” peace and comfort during this difficult time.*

*With love and kind remembrances, Christopher Cardarelli and the entire Cardarelli family*

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**Christopher Cardarelli** - October 24, 2025 at 07:55 PM

JW

“ To the ENTIRE Kallaur Family: I just read Lenny's obituary; oh how I know there is nothing that can be said to help heal your broken hearts. May God grant you all peace at this time and comfort. Sending prayers, hugs and love to you all.  
Jeanne White

Jeanne White - October 23, 2025 at 08:20 PM

JW

also, such a great picture of Lenny! I also sent the link of the obituary to Papa (my step-father Sasha Glinin who went to the Seminary around the same time as Lenny; he was saddened to hear of Lenny's passing.

Jeanne White - October 23, 2025 at 08:28 PM

BF

“ Tamara and family,  
Please accept my sympathy in the passing of your brother. May he go with God.  
Beverly L Floyd

Beverly L Floyd - October 23, 2025 at 05:45 PM

CC

“ My deepest sympathy to the Kallaur Family. I grew up with Igor, Eugene and Leonid. We lived on the same floor as they did on Jay Street before we moved away to Rochester. They were a beautiful family. Will keep in my thoughts and prayers.



Chris Conway - October 22, 2025 at 01:05 PM

TD

Wow, Chris, this goes a long way back! I was the baby sister on Hay St, from which our family moved in 1960.

Tamara Kallaur DeBernardis - October 22, 2025 at 01:47 PM

BM

“ Dear Barb, I am so so sorry to hear about Lenny passing! What a beautiful picture of him. His smile was always precious. Had a lot of good times with u and Lenny. I'll miss him, He was a wonderful person. God Bless u and keep the faith, He's peaceful in a better place. Love, Bonnie

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**Bonnie L Miner** - October 21, 2025 at 08:04 PM