



Mr. Leonard L. Pannofino

December 13, 1935 - May 27, 2012

Mr. Leonard L. Pannofino, age 76, of Utica, passed away peacefully on Sunday, May 27, 2012 in the comfort of his home with his loving family by his side.

Born in Utica on December 13, 1935, Leonard was the son of the late Dominick and Lucy (Lecia) Pannofino. He proudly served our country with the U.S. Navy during the Korean War. For over 48 years, he shared a wonderful life with the former Theresa Sanders.

Lenny was a loving, loyal, dedicated husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather who was affectionately referred to as Pape (Poppie). His family was the center of his universe; he treasured them dearly, and reflected upon his life as being blessed and complete. His generous spirit and positive attitude afforded him many wonderful friends, all of whom will miss him greatly.

Lenny is survived by his loving wife, Theresa; his daughter and son-in-law, Dee and Richard Kramer; his son Russ Pannofino and Deb Huey; his adored grandchildren, Krissy and Dave Sampson, James Pannofino, and Tony Kramer; his great-grandchildren, Hannah, and Briella Sampson. Also left to mourn his passing are his nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and in-laws, Gloria Pannofino, Madeline and Bob Flihan, and Kathy Vanno. Lenny was also blessed with many wonderful friendships throughout his life. He was preceded by his sister, Mary Pannofino; his brother, Peter Pannofino; his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Frances and Vincent DiRuzzo;

and his brother-in-law, Joe Vanno.

The family wishes to thank Dr. Naji El Khoury and the physicians of the Central NY Cardiology for their many kindnesses and encouragement. The support and guidance of the personnel of Hospice and Palliative Care, Inc. were of great comfort. Additional gratitude to Father Anthony LaFache and Mons. Francis Willenburg for their prayers and visits.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend his funeral service and Celebration of Life which will be held on Thursday morning at 10:30 at St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church where his Mass of Christian Burial will be offered with military honors. The family will receive visitors at the conclusion of the service. Kindly refrain from floral offerings. Entombment will take place in Calvary Cemetery Mausoleum at the convenience of the family.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Mausoleum

2407 Oneida Street
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 735-2727

Tribute Wall



“ *lit a candle in memory of Mr. Leonard L. Pannofino*



June 08, 2012 at 08:31 AM



Condolences to the Pannofino Family from the Balsamo Family

June 08, 2012 at 08:32 AM



“ *Seven months ago I lost my Daddy. Now I lost my second Dad, my Uncle Len. A big piece of my heart will be missing because of both of them. I know they are together watching over us. Healthy, happy and joking around. I will miss the laughter they gave us all. I've always believed that when someone passes away, a part of their soul stays on earth in the form of a butterfly. Every time I think or speak of that person a different colored butterfly comes to me. Always the same color for each person. I smile and feel comforted by their presence. Yesterday, there was the largest butterfly dancing in front of me that I've ever seen. So vibrant and full of life. Of course I was thinking of you Uncle Len. You chose the perfect one. Because life with you was beautiful, gentle, colorful, special, larger than life and loving. You were not only my Uncle, but my second Dad, my Godfather, My Leonard. I will love and miss you always.*
Your Cinda

Cindy Vanno Landry - June 02, 2012 at 05:57 PM

DK

“ On May 27, 2012 we lost an amazing man, my Dad, Len Pannofino.

Those who knew you will know how hard it is to say goodbye. You have touched countless lives in such a positive way and left a lasting imprint on the hearts of so many!

I'm so thankful to have spent these last few weeks with you. I will never forget the sparkle in your eyes when you were with your grandchildren, and most recently, great grandchildren. I know, and appreciate how much you adored them.

I love you dearly and will miss you always. Thank you Dad for being in my life. Rest peacefully...

Dee Kramer - May 31, 2012 at 12:54 AM

DK

“ 10 files added to the album *New Album Name*



Dee Kramer - May 31, 2012 at 12:52 AM

JC

“ My condolences to all who Lenny left behind. Lenny and I were friends long before he was one of the drivers at my wedding in July, 1962. I will always remember him for his humor and fast wit. He was one of those few people who never had a bad thing to say about anyone. Until we all meet again, my he rest in peace. Joe Caramato Tampa, Fl.

Joseph A. Caramato - May 30, 2012 at 12:53 AM

PC

“ Theresa, Diane & Russ. We have fond memories of Ward St. Knowing that Lenny is at peace is comforting. What a nice guy.....Paul and Pat Callari

Paul and Pat Callari - May 29, 2012 at 08:02 PM

ES

“ Theresa and Family. We are so sorry to hear that Lenny has passed. We will surely miss him. We had so many good times together and many fond memories. He had suffered for so long and is now at peace. It is so difficult to be strong at this time, but with all the love and prayers surrounding you, you know that time will heal. Our love to all of you. Eddie and Sue Spahn

Ed and Sue Spahn - May 29, 2012 at 03:12 PM

MC

“ Theresa, we were so sorry to hear of Lenny's passing. Please know that our love and prayers are with you and your family. I will place him in our prayer book as well as light a special candle for him
Fondly
Maria Pellegrino Coulombe

Maria Coulombe - May 29, 2012 at 02:56 PM

AC

“ We are so sorry for your loss, Lenny was a great guy! Our thoughts and prayers are with you! Andy & Linda Convertino

Andrew Convertino - May 29, 2012 at 12:32 PM

DP

“ Aunt Theresa, Dee, and Russ. Uncle Lenny was truly a great man and a kind man. Along with you Aunt Theresa, Uncle Lenny welcomed me into your lives and family and treated me as part of your family. I will always be grateful for this and will truly miss him. God bless you all and be assured he is looking down upon us and watching out for all of you.

Love, Dale

Dale Pearson - May 29, 2012 at 07:45 AM

LB

“ Has this really happened. What a stand-up male person. I feel so lucky to have had Leonard as a friend and, of course, he remains my near, dear close friend. He is a Man for All Seasons. Everone who knew Leonard knew him as Mr Nice. The world is in desperae need of more and me Leonard Pannofinos and of his unconditional love for humankind. Thank you for your friendship and good will.

Louis Barile - May 29, 2012 at 05:38 AM

MV

“ Aunt Theresa, Dee and Russ, Uncle Lenny was a very special man and held a special place our my hearts. We will always cherish our holidays we spent together and having him saying Grace. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family as your tears of loss and laughter of memories becomes intertwined in the next few days. Cry at your will and embrace your memories, both will strengthen and heal your heart. Love you all. Michele, Tom, Alyssa and Brittany.



Michele Vanno - May 28, 2012 at 07:47 PM

DL

“ I am so sorry to hear of your loss. I will always cherish the times I spent with Mom and Dad at family celebrations in the years that have passed. "Pape" will be missed. With deepest sympathy and love to all. Donna



Donna Lakey - May 28, 2012 at 06:29 PM