



## Louis Anthony Barile

August 30, 1927 - October 16, 2015

Louis Anthony Barile passed away on Friday, October 16, 2015 at St. Joseph's Hospital in Syracuse.

Born in Utica on August 30, 1927, Louis was the son of Luigi and Adelina (Altieri) Barile, immigrants from Ausonia, Italy. Raised and educated in Utica, he enrolled at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel Grammar School. He was a graduate of T.R. Proctor High School Class of 1945. As a proud veteran, Lou served his country in the United States Army stationed at Fort Dix, New Jersey until his honorable discharge in 1946. Working part time, he enrolled in Utica College of Syracuse University where he earned a B.A. in English. He met and married the love of his life, Janet Panasiewicz, with whom he shared many wonderful years until her passing on January 5, 1999.

In the mid-1940s, Lou worked as a radio personality at WKAL Rome and WIBX Utica. He was spinning vinyl discs when the big band sounds began their transition into the Rock & Roll era. He was instrumental in bringing Bill Haley & His Comets to the Capitol Theatre in Rome (at that time, they were advertised as the first Rock & Roll band in the country.) He also had the opportunity to work with premier performers including Tony Bennett, Vic Damone, the Everly Brothers, Buddy Holly & the Crickets, Fats Domino, and Johnny Mathis. With his talent, he became the voice of the Mohawk Valley at WIBX hosting the daily Lou Barile Show. Listeners will also remember him for his live radio broadcasts from the Stanley Theater.

With his love for literature, Mr. Barile began teaching English at Frankfort High

School in the early '60s. He loved teaching and developed many long lasting friendships with the students there.

Due to Lou's immense popularity as a disc jockey personality, he was asked to enter the political arena. In 1964, he became a full-time servant of the people and was elected City Treasurer. Voters returned him to office for 12 consecutive terms. His philosophy as an elected official was to help people. During his 1970 campaign as Democratic candidate for Assemblyman, he proposed a coalition that would provide bipartisan support for partnership with the New York State Government to improve area highways, colleges, housing, and transportation. In 1989, the offices of the City Treasurer and Comptroller were merged by referendum. Lou won that election in 1989 under the newly-formed position after having been endorsed by Governor Mario Cuomo who stated that, "Lou has earned a reputation for honesty and competence. He has been a public servant of extraordinary dedication." He was also backed by the President of the Mohawk Valley Building and Construction Trades Council who affirmed that, "Lou has long been a staunch supporter of the average working person's goals, and has steadfastly stayed firm in his political and philosophical beliefs." The Utica Professional Fire Fighters Association wrote that Lou, "stands for knowledge, honesty, integrity, and compassion; and he will keep a watchful eye on our precious tax dollars." The United Food and Commercial Workers fired up his campaign for Comptroller by categorizing Lou as a candidate who will "not yield to party pressure, and will make the right decisions on the city's fiscal matters."

In more recent years, Lou was proud of his partnership with his son in the creation of [uticaamradio.org](http://uticaamradio.org) which preserves and honors the history and legacy of the WIBX organization. For over 4 years, along with his son, he offered a Saturday morning Internet Radio Show operating under the name CNY Urban Guy ([www.blogtalkradio.com/cnyurbanguy](http://www.blogtalkradio.com/cnyurbanguy)). Lou loved the Mohawk Valley, especially Utica, and could discuss in great detail the events, programs, and triumphs in his community. Lou dedicated a plaque to the Utica

War Memorial Auditorium commemorating Senator John F. Kennedy's visit on September 29, 1960. Many remember receiving his anniversary and birthday cards. Those that were close to him will remember that his annual Christmas card was the first to arrive at the holiday season and often incorporated the stained glass and altars of local churches.

Lou's daughter has precious memories of the time spent with her father in Italy, especially Ausonia, the town in which his parents were born. A very spiritual and faith-based man, he was deeply devoted to his Christian faith and had the honor of receiving Communion at the Vatican on his birthday.

Lou's hobbies included photography, which he incorporated with his love of local history. Physically active and health-conscious, he walked 5 miles per day year round. Lou was a member of the Nocturnal Adoration Society with perfect attendance for over 50 years; the Comity Club; Knights of Columbus Utica Council #189 Fourth Degree, Order of the Alhambra, Sante Fe Caravan #40; La Banda Rossa (The Red Band); National Railway Historical Society; and Fort Schuyler Post #1290 of the American Legion. In line with his love for his City, he was commended by the Oneida County Historical Society for having bequeathed the Utica Sesquicentennial Plaque as an addition to the Uticana Collection enabling future generations to enjoy archival items from the past.

Louis is survived by his daughter, Monica Cook, Esq., and her husband, Honorable Frank Cook, of New Hartford; his son and daughter-in-law, Louis and Laura Barile of Liverpool; his sister, Lydia Zegarelli of New Hartford; his nieces and nephews, Mary and Christopher Hare, Vincent Zegarelli, and Patrick Zegarelli; his great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, in-laws, and his many special friends, including Donald "Dini" Franco, and his lifelong friend Franny Suppa. He was predeceased by his brother-in-law, Pasquale Zegarelli. Visitation will be held Friday from 4:00-8:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Louis' funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Saturday morning at 10:00 from the

funeral home and at 11:00 at Historic Old St. John's Church where his Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. John Buehler with Military Honors conferred by the United States Army.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **23**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.  
932 South Street  
corner of Hammond Ave.  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 724-6714  
eannacefh@roadrunner.com

# Tribute Wall

DM

“ Donna Merhib lit a candle in memory of Louis Anthony Barile



Donna Merhib - October 28, 2015 at 12:20 AM

AA

“ To all the family of Louis Barile, I know he will be sorely missed by everyone he came in contact with. I will never forget the wedding gift he sent my many many years ago. I know God will welcome him in heaven with open minds. I hope you will think of the good times you shared with this wonderful man and God's light shines upon you and helps to ease your pain. Rest In Peace Lou, Angela Amadeo

Angela Amadeo - October 23, 2015 at 11:52 AM

LD

“ I used to be the Assistant Restaurant Manager at the Sheraton's restaurant during the late 80's and Mr. Barile came in for lunch daily. Always a gentleman, always funny, always friendly. My condolences. Laurie Darman

Lauren Darman - October 23, 2015 at 11:01 AM

SA

“ You will be missed...Rest and be sure to visit all our brothers in Heaven! Salvatore (Sam) Arcuri retired Utica Fire Dept.

Sal Arcuri - October 23, 2015 at 07:31 AM

FF

“ Rest in peace old friend and. Enjoy heaven !

Frank and Jomarie Faccioli - October 23, 2015 at 06:34 AM

SD

“ To the entire Barile family, my deepest condolences on the loss of Louie. I may not have kept in contact with him as I should have, but I will always remember him, as a very funny, and intelligent man, who was able to make friends easily with his broad smile, caring, listening to people, and also his love of music and dancing. I will remember the times at Massouds on saturday nights, when he would dance, and always ask me to play his favorite songs. When I was Sal Alberico, again he was there to enjoy the band, and dance. People like that are hard to forget, and that is why he made such an impression on me. Again. I am so sorry for your loss, and I will remember him fondly.

Sonny Dee.

sonny dee - October 22, 2015 at 11:37 PM

MA

“ Perhaps governor Mario Cuomo said it best "Lou has earned a reputation for honesty and competence. He has been a public servant of extraordinary dedication." He was a gentleman and friend to so many. He will be deeply missed. My sincere condolences to the family.



Michael Allinger - October 22, 2015 at 10:10 PM

JA

“ James & Carol Abiusi lit a candle in memory of Louis Anthony Barile



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**James & Carol Abiusi** - October 22, 2015 at 08:08 PM

TF

“ Our condolences go out to Monica and family, and to Lydia and family..Louie was a great man,,He was a great neighbor to live next to for all the years we been here, Always had a kind word and smile,,He will be sadley missed,,Lou & Terry Frate

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**Terry Frate** - October 22, 2015 at 06:14 PM

WC

“ Rest in peace LAB, it's been a nice 60 or 70 year run amico. Your emails and greeting cards have gone silent but never will be forgotten. You had a God given talent finding time to make you feel happy to be alive. Bill Chanatry

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**William Chanatry** - October 22, 2015 at 04:51 PM

CA

“ Always kind to our family and a true gentleman. I'll miss our visits.

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**Chris Allinger** - October 22, 2015 at 03:07 PM

MA

“ So sorry for your loss Monica and family thoughts and prayers to you and your Family..



Mary Jo Arcuri - October 22, 2015 at 01:46 PM

CC

“ So sorry for your loss. We will miss him at Valley View.



Chris Carollo - October 22, 2015 at 01:07 PM

CZ

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. He used to come to our restaurant for lunch alot. He was the sweetest man. My deepest condolences.



cheryl zammiello - October 22, 2015 at 12:15 PM

DS

“ I only knew Lou for the last few years or so, and he was always a kind, upbeat, gentle man. Thanks, Lou.

Dave Silvers - October 22, 2015 at 11:58 AM



“ *Lou became a dear friend, and gave the best advice. Monica and family I am so sorry for your loss.*



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**Samantha Colosimo-Testa** - October 22, 2015 at 11:10 AM

JM

“ *My deepest sympathy goes out to Lou's family. He was a great man and friend. He loved to visit the Utica Fire Fighters at their stations for conversation and coffee and also went to many fire scenes to lend his support. My prayers and thoughts are with him.*

*Sincerely, Jim Mauthe, retired UFD*

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**Jim Mauthe** - October 22, 2015 at 09:31 AM

FW

“ *TO THE FAMILY OF LOUIS BARILE; HE WAS A VERY GOOD EXAMPLE OF DIGNITY, LOVE AND RESPECT. HE WAS GOOD TO ALL THE CITIZENS OF UTICA. HE RESPECTED HIS POSITION IN LIFE, AND ALWAYS REMEMBERED MY PARENTS AS LIFE AND TIME WENT ON. HE WAS A GENTLEMAN AND A GOOD MAN FOR THE CITY OF UTICA. AS I MATURED, LOU WAS A MAN TO LOOK BACK TO; HIS SMILE NEVER CHANGED AND YOU KNEW THERE COULD NEVER BE ANOTHER LOU BARILE. MY HE NOW REST IN PEACE, HIS LOVE FOR ALL SHALL NOT BE FORGOTTEN.  
FIORA GRANDINETTA WILSON*

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**FLO WILSON** - October 22, 2015 at 07:32 AM

EN

“ *My deepest sympathy goes out to the family. I heard so many nice things and great stories. I'm sure he will be sadly missed but has left so many great memories that will last in your heart forever.*

Eric Neubauer - October 21, 2015 at 12:12 PM

PM

“ *Paul Mangano lit a candle in memory of Louis Anthony Barile*



Paul Mangano - October 21, 2015 at 11:59 AM

LF

“ *Lynette Franco lit a candle in memory of Louis Anthony Barile*



Lynette Franco - October 21, 2015 at 08:37 AM

LL

“ *Lynette (Franco) Lentricchia lit a candle in memory of Louis Anthony Barile*



Lynette (Franco) Lentricchia - October 21, 2015 at 08:36 AM

MB

“ *Monica and Lou, My dearest condolences. MB*



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**MB** - October 21, 2015 at 08:21 AM

RV

“ *Rick & Marylou Vellone lit a candle in memory of Louis Anthony Barile*



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**Rick & Marylou Vellone** - October 21, 2015 at 08:00 AM

KB

“ *Karen Balandis lit a candle in memory of Louis Anthony Barile*



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**karen balandis** - October 21, 2015 at 06:45 AM

SP

“ *To the Barile family. Lou was a true gentleman and well respected. Lou shared many fun times with my Mom and Dad. God be with you and send you his peace. Rest in Peace Mr Barile.*

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**Salvatore Piazza** - October 19, 2015 at 08:12 PM

DO

*Monica and family, Lou was a great person and loved family and Utica. We sat with him and Lydia at Mary Ferraiola's funeral and exchanged emails with him since which made me very happy. A true great guy! RIP Lou!!*

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**Don Oyer** - October 19, 2015 at 10:42 PM

KB

*Dear Fran and family,  
Lou was a terrific guy. He brought much happiness to people. Rest in peace Lou. Karen Balandis*

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**karen balandis** - October 21, 2015 at 06:46 AM

JJ

*Monica:*

*You father was a dear friend. All of our prayers*

*Janice and Samuel L. Russo, Jr.*

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**Janice and Samuel L. Russo, Jr.** - October 21, 2015 at 01:31 PM

SG

*To the Barile Family,  
Lou's fondness, love and support for the UFD was universally known. But also let it be known, that I for one, a long time retired member of the UPD, looked forward to Fridays, decades ago, while in Uniform in Car 22, escorting Lou from the Treasurers Office, City Hall, to a local Bank for his weekly tax deposits.  
His knowledge and love of the Mohawk Valley was unsurpassed. I'll always cherish our friendship, conversations and camaraderie. Oh, and what a great Voice !  
Steve Graham, UPD (ret)*

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**Steve Graham** - October 23, 2015 at 12:22 PM