



Mr. Louis J. Panzino

February 8, 1915 - January 31, 2016

Mr. Louis J. Panzino, age 100, of Utica, passed away on Sunday January 31, 2016 at The Pines at Utica Center.

Born in Utica on February 8, 1915, Louis was the son of the late Rocco and Rosa (Rotundo) Panzino. He was a graduate of Utica Free Academy, and also attended Notre Dame University.

Louis worked for the New York Central Railroad as a Brake Man for many years, until his retirement. He was a truly charming man with a great delivery in conveying compliments. A patriarch to the ones he loved, he was the sole caregiver for his parents, and he did it with love. He also tended to his sister and remained by her side until her passing. He adored his only nephew and his family, and he took an interest in his great-niece and great nephew, and their children. He loved them as his own. Holidays were special times he shared with his loved ones.

Louis enjoyed golf, swimming, and handicapping horses. At one time, his nephew and niece bred horses, an activity that drew Uncle Louis to the barn and to the world of breeding beautiful equines. Louis also had a passion for music, especially the sounds and songs of the Big Band Era. He was a centenarian who witnessed 100 years of history and progress in things he loved. He saw and “heard” everything from the very beginning of films in the “silent era” to “talking pictures”, to IMAX cinema, to 3D movies. An avid sportsman, Louis favored the New York Yankees and the New York Giants. During his lifetime, he saw the Bronx Bombers play baseball at their first

home, the Polo Grounds, and their last, the new Yankee Stadium. He knew the likes of Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig, Joe DiMaggio, and Mickey Mantle; Reggie Jackson and Thurman Munson; Derek Jeter and Alex Rodriguez; and all the other great players in between. He lived to see the Yankees win 27 World Series Championships.

Louis is survived by his nephew and niece, Nicholas A., Jr. and Mary Jane Zaino of Bloomfield, NY; his great-niece and great-nephew, Gina Marie Zaino-Brown, Nicholas A. Zaino III and his wife Melissa; and his great-great-nephews, Robert Louis Brown; and Alexander David Brown. He was predeceased by his sisters and brother-in-law, Nancy Panzino, and Antoinette and Nicholas A. Zaino, Sr.

The family extends sincere thanks to the staff of The Pines at Utica, especially the 4th floor personnel who cared for Louis with love.

Visitation will be held Saturday afternoon from 3:00-5:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc, 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. In lieu of floral offerings, expressions of sympathy in the form of donations may be made to the East Bloomfield Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 246, East Bloomfield, NY 14443; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Louis' funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Saturday at 5:00 at the funeral home immediately upon conclusion of visitation with Sister Betty Giarrusso, CSJ officiating the ceremony. Entombment will take place in Calvary Cemetery in the family's private Mausoleum at the convenience of the family.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 6. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.
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Funeral Service

FEB 6. 5:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *My condolences Nick, Maryjane and family. Lou and I along with other caregivers became just good friends. I will always remember the tough outside with the soft big heart and that is why I chose the virtual gift of the teddy bear with a big heart. My memories of his 100th birthday party will remain with me along with his smile and genuine appreciation. Lou will forever hold a place in my heart. Rest in peace my friend and thank you for your wisdom, knowledge, and good times we shared. You are loved.*

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“ *Brenda Cook sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Louis J. Panzino*



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