



Honorable Louis F. "Louie" Papa

July 1, 1956 - April 27, 2013

Honorable Louis F. "Louie" Papa, age 56, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, April 27, 2013 at the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center with the support of his loving wife, parents, and family by his side.

Born in Utica on July 1, 1956, Louis was the son of Angelo C., Sr. and Clara (Bendino) Papa. Raised and educated locally, he was a graduate of T.R. Proctor High School. He continued his academic studies, graduating from the SUNY Institute of Technology at Utica/Rome and attending the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute where he earned an MBA degree. A highly motivated professional, Louis attained his Juris Doctorate from Syracuse University College of Law. On June 25, 2005 he married the former Deborah Lynn Davis with whom he shared a beautiful relationship.

Louis currently served as a New York State judge appointed to the NY State Workers' Compensation Board. He concurrently offered his expertise in the area of Estate Planning, Probate, and Tax Law. A proud equestrian, Louie enjoyed the excitement of owning racehorses and met the multitude of responsibilities that rides with this privilege. He was a proud member of the USTA (United States Trotting Association). Louie loved traveling with his family to special places and sharing memorable experiences. He most especially enjoyed trips to Disney World. He delighted in sharing a fine cigar with his father and brother under the grapevine, and he looked forward to his traditional Thursday lunch meeting with his father, brother, and cousin, Peter. He was a great fan of the Green Bay Packers and the New York Yankees. He

loved fishing, smelting, and making his own fishing jigs. Louie held in high regard the spirit of community and comradery he shared with his fellow Law professionals. He was a member of the New York State Bar Association, the Syracuse University Alumni Association, and a parishioner of St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church.

Louis is survived by his wife, Deborah "Lynn"; his parents, Angelo C., Sr. and Clara; and his brother and "lifelong partner," Angelo E. Papa, Jr. and Susan Todora of Utica. Also left to mourn his passing are his step-sons and their spouses, Thomas and Melissa Grinnell of Blossvale, Garrett and Michelle Grinnell of Camden, Matthew Grinnell and fiancée Katie Stevenson of Rome, and Caleb Grinnell/US Navy currently stationed in Hawaii; and his step-grandchildren, Gage, Madison; Garrett II, and Gabryll. He will be missed by his uncles and aunts, Louis F. and Nancy Papa, Eleanor and Robert "Bob" Leone, Betty Bendino, Alice Bendino, Donna Bendino, and Lynn's aunt Romaine who he held dear to his heart; his cherished nephew, Angelo "A.J." Papa III and A.J.'s mother Cyndi Papa; his goddaughter, Anne Elizabeth Moore; a host of cousins; and his in-laws, Carol and Thomas Buck, Audrey and Theodore Lince, Bethanne and Timothy Hertweck, and Timothy and Wendy Davis. His canine companions, Minka, Bandit, Snoopy, Gus, and Bear, who he adored as his 'children', will long for their best friend. Louis was predeceased by his aunt, Marie E. Bendino; his uncles, Nicholas F. Bendino, Joseph L. and Clara Papa as well as Joseph's 2nd wife, Margaret Papa; Edward Papa, Dominick "Red" and Gladys Papa, Josephine "Red" and John Donato, Gloria and Edward Schrader, Lucy V. and Peter A. Duniec Sr., Philomena C. "Phil" and Samuel W. Garfola; and his cousins, Theresa Schmitter, John Donato, and Edward Schrader.

The family extends sincere thanks to Dr. Scott Brehaut, Dr. Joe Booth, the Emergency staff at the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center, the caring, compassionate staff of the Critical Care Unit; and Dr. Ahmad Mian, Dr. Charles Eldredge, Dr. Ira Tisch, Dr. Ashish Regulagadda, and the Dialysis Unit doctors and staff for their loving support.

Visitation will be held Tuesday from 4:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Louis' funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Wednesday morning at 9:30 from the funeral home and at 10:30 at St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church where his Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. Mark Kaminski. Interment will take place graveside at Calvary Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 30. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.
932 South Street
corner of Hammond Ave.
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 724-6714
eannacefh@roadrunner.com
<https://www.eannacefuneralhome.com>

Service

MAY 1. 9:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Eannace Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Honorable Louis F. "Louie" Papa



Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. - April 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ Another anniversary without you. Missing you so. All my love always



Deborah Davis-Papa - June 25, 2024 at 05:28 PM

DD

“ Continue to miss you more everyday...Love is never forgotten..Until we are together again..I love you so much



Deborah Davis-Papa - April 23, 2020 at 09:30 AM

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“ *Deborah Davis-Papa lit a candle in memory of Honorable Louis F. "Louie" Papa*



Deborah Davis-Papa - October 08, 2017 at 07:39 AM

DD

“ *Another Easter without you...my rock...always in my thoughts, prayers and memories...looking so forward to the day we are together again*



Deborah Davis-Papa - March 26, 2016 at 11:17 PM

SK

“ *Louie tomorrow is Fourth of July and you will be missed. Everyone is still shocked and surprised on how fast you died. You were too young. When we were kids we enjoyed seeing fireworks and having a few of our own. We had so much fun as kids. We all love and miss you. The Family and Susan.*



Susan Klucznik - July 03, 2014 at 01:05 PM

DD

“ Last year before Easter we colored eggs with our grandsons...we celebrated Easter with the family and went out to the gazebo and you enjoyed a cigar...a few days later you were taken from us...your body was gone from us...but we will love you forever...the tears will never stop until we are with you once again...you are always in my heart, in our hearts, so many of us...I love you...Lynn

Deborah L Davis-Papa - April 20, 2014 at 04:19 AM

SK

“ Louie we all still miss you more and more each day. What a tragedy that we all did not expect. Our hearts are all broken and our tears flowing. You were the best. We love you so much. Your family

Susan Klucznik - February 03, 2014 at 03:50 PM

DD

“ Missing you so much on this special Christmas. My first without you. I love you and miss you everyday. Tears continue to flow for you. I know I will be with you again someday. That is what helps keep me going. I love you today and will always...Rest in Peace my love....Lynn



Deborah Davis-Papa - December 25, 2013 at 10:19 PM

SK

“ Our hearts are still broken hearted. We miss you dear cousin. You will always be in our thoughts and prayers. No one will ever replace you. Love Susan and family.



Susan Klucznik - July 14, 2013 at 08:36 PM

DD

“ Today would have been Lou's and my 8th wedding anniversary... Today I think of you sweetie with nothing but beautiful memories of our 13 years together...From that first date on Oct 29th and the second date on Oct 31st, and so many dates thereafter. We became so close and learned a great love and admiration for one another. Today I sit and think of you so fondly with no regrets. I sit with God in my heart knowing we will someday be together once again in God's home we call Heaven. I love you today, Louie, as much as the day we became man and wife...Such a beautiful day was our wedding day. So many times you called it the happiest day of your life, and it was definitely a great, fun, happy, awesome and so wonderful party reception at Dibbles with Helga...What special memories I have of you my love and no one can ever take those memories from me nor those who were present for that very special day. Married by the Hon. John Gannon and his wife also present...Our families and friends...these memories will never escape my heart. I love you today as I did then and always will my beautiful love...I will be teary today, partly out of sadness at your loss, but also tears of joy for God letting me share my love with you and you with me...for knowing such a love sometimes only happens once in a lifetime. I will be teary but know babe, I understand We will be together again with Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in His most Glorious and promised land called Heaven...Rest in Peace my love for it will come to be.....All my love yesterday, today and always....your beautiful, gorgeous Lynn.... ? ? ?




Deborah Davis-Papa - June 25, 2013 at 04:03 AM

DD

“ We miss you so much honey...Just thinking of you every moment and being selfish...I love you so much and will always honor your memory in everything I do...To the love of my life...Lynn




Deborah Davis-Papa - June 04, 2013 at 08:26 AM

 Christine Klucznik

“ Christine Klucznik lit a candle in memory of Honorable Louis F. "Louie" Papa



Christine Klucznik - May 05, 2013 at 02:13 AM

 Christine Klucznik

To Lynn and the Papa family,

Please accept my most heartfelt sympathies for your loss. My thoughts will be with you all during this difficult time. I will always remember Louie's wonderful smile and good-natured spirit. May he rest in peace.

Love, Christine

Christine Klucznik - May 05, 2013 at 02:28 AM

CS

“ Central Florida Kidney Center Staff lit a candle in memory of Honorable Louis F. "Louie" Papa



Central Florida Kidney Center Staff - May 03, 2013 at 03:07 PM

SU

“ Louie , You were the best of the best. You had a heart of gold. You were not at a lost for words. Very kind and always ready to help others. We have so many memories growing up. Always good times. Say hello to Eddie for me. You will be missed Until I we meet again. Love Susan

Susan - May 01, 2013 at 03:39 PM

JO

“ When our Lord goes into his garden, He picks only the most beautiful roses. This is so true because he took Louie, the most beautiful rose of all. Rest in peace my dear cousin, you will truly be missed. I love you, until were together again, your cousin,Joanne-Papa-Warner



Joanne-Papa-Warner - May 01, 2013 at 01:23 AM

CV

“ Lou, I remember when you and Lynn first started dating, you guys made such a nice couple. So sorry to hear of your passing, may you rest in peace. Carmella Viserto



Carmella Viserto - April 30, 2013 at 08:52 PM

DD

Thank you Carmella...so happy you remember...some of our first dates were in the Crouse cafeteria...i remember he and I walking over for their fish dinner one Friday night and grabbing an "oreo cookie" coffee from the coffee vendor and enjoying together outside while he had a cigar...he was a once in a lifetime love

Deborah Davis-Papa - May 06, 2013 at 02:40 AM

SG

“ Going to miss you cuz..... Every time I would come into town or when you would visit Florida you would say " Come on over Butch I miss you making us laugh" How I am going to miss hearing though words.... Rest in peace my dear cousin until we meet again and than I will continue making you laugh..... Love you, Cousin Sam (Butch) Garfola



Sam Garfola - April 30, 2013 at 04:35 PM



“ Thinking of you and your family during this time, Lynn.



Terri Gill LeMay - April 30, 2013 at 01:17 PM

DD

Thank you Terri...you were there from the very start of Lou's and my time together...the first phone calls...our first Halloween and Christmas...things will never be the same without him but I will always cherish my wonderful memories and have him in my heart and soul

Deborah Davis-Papa - May 06, 2013 at 02:43 AM

BR

“ Lynn, Ang, Claire & Ang. Jr.,
So sorry to hear about Louie. Our hearts go out to you. Praying to give you the strength to get through these hard times. The Richards

Berna Richards - April 30, 2013 at 10:04 AM

DD

We loved coming to Del. and visiting with you and Brian and watching and visiting the horses...Brian was a sweetie too...we have some wonderful memories, don't we?

Deborah Davis-Papa - May 06, 2013 at 02:44 AM

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Deborah Davis-Papa - April 30, 2013 at 04:08 AM

DD

“*Louie was a once in a lifetime Companion and Love. He brought me from the dust and was able to remind me I was worth something through his constant kind words, telling me I was "beautiful" and "gorgeous", words I had never really heard before and he said so many times how fate brought us together, we just got along so lovingly well. I became his new fishing buddy and he introduced me into the most beautiful family you could be accepted into. He loved my children and their children, my parents and my family. We both had a love for dogs and even rescued them from abusive owners. He gave to everyone he came into contact with, through intellectual conversation, fast footed wit (which you could never top)...and he showed me how to love and honor our parents and stay by their side and support them as much as any son ever could. He was the best son and did not ever leave his family even after marriage. I was only an addition to his loving family and then he and I continued to honor them. He spoke with his Dad, mother and brother numerous times a day on the phone. He hated dialysis but we were able to do it in the comfort of our home and he was one test away from meeting the kidney transplant team in Albany for our second meeting and was sure his brother Angelo would be a match. He was looking forward to getting off that "damn machine" so he could use the time for his fishing, travel and more family time. His hours on the machine were always so very restless because he just could not remain still for very long when he had so many other things he wanted to do. All our holiday were spent with his Dad, Mom, Angelo, AJ, Aunt Marie, Aunt Betty, Uncle Bob, Aunt Eleanor and cousin Robbie when he could make it back home. The Papa home was lit like Trinkaus Manor and the gaudier the better for Louie...The flowers were always put on family graves and if Lou did not help to physically put them there he would make sure his Dad and Angelo did. Louis loved to tease the ones he loved and the more you were teased the more he thought of you...poor me and poor cousin Annette. I believe that God called Louis home in the sudden manner he did because he needs Lous brilliant mind to help fix the fiscal crisis or*



end political corruption. Our Lord has a plan unknown to us all and we can not fathom how gloriously he is divined at this time among his loving family that left us in this earthly form. I believe also the Lord took him from us instead of us before him because Lou would never be able to handle losing his parents in the future.

Lou was a divine and glorious man as many of us have spoken and come to realize. We know one another here on earth, but until we lose each other and reflect on how much we really truly meant to one another here on this earth we can not totally understand our love for that each other until it is taken away from our physical life. But Praise God He has been called to Heaven because Lou was suffering more then we knew and he suffers no more...he is only just beginning and waiting for us to be with him.

*God Bless you my love, and God bless us all...Until we are together again with our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ we will miss you...and honor you and you will always be with us....I love you so much
Lynn*

Deborah Davis-Papa - April 30, 2013 at 03:51 AM

CM

“ *Cheryl Murphy lit a candle in memory of Honorable Louis F. "Louie" Papa*



Cheryl Murphy - April 29, 2013 at 09:19 PM

CM

You will be missed Cousin Louie. So hard to believe you are gone. My heart and prayers are with Lynn and the Papa family during this time. I know I'll see you again, Love Cheryl (Zaglaniczny) Murphy

Cheryl Murphy - April 29, 2013 at 09:23 PM



“ Peaceful Wishes was purchased for the family of Honorable Louis F. "Louie" Papa.



April 29, 2013 at 08:53 PM



“ To the Papa family,
Please accept my sincere condolences on Lou's passing. I first met him many years ago when we were both conciliators at the Board attending a training seminar in Albany. Since that time we would usually see each other at the annual adjudication training held in Rochester. He was a great individual who will certainly be missed. Hopefully, it is of some consolation to you to know that the thoughts and prayers of many are with you at this time.
John Walsh

John Walsh - April 29, 2013 at 05:48 PM



“ Lynn, Angelo, Mr. & Mrs. Papa,

It is with my deepest sympathy that I have learned of the passing of Louie my school classmate and friend. May God bless all of you at this difficult time and know others share in your loss. May family and friends be comforting to you in your time and grief. I was proud to know Louie and my sincere condolences to all of you.

*Rick Polera
Beavercreek, Ohio*

Rick Polera - April 29, 2013 at 04:52 PM

JC

“ Dear Papa Family,
My heartfelt prayers are with all of you during this sad and difficult time. I will always warmly remember the wonderful laughs we had around the kitchen table at my parents house whenever Louie visited. Hugs to all of you <3
Joann Cavo Campbell

Joann Campbell - April 29, 2013 at 04:49 PM

LG

“ Linda Gatlin purchased the Simply Lily for the family of Honorable Louis F. "Louie" Papa.



Linda Gatlin - April 29, 2013 at 03:31 PM

BS

“ Beverly Schrader lit a candle in memory of Honorable Louis F. "Louie" Papa



beverly schrader - April 29, 2013 at 10:59 AM

BS

Angelo & Clara, Am so very sorry to learn of your son's passing. There is no greater loss than to lose a child no matter what the age. My prayers are with you and his wife.

beverly schrader - April 29, 2013 at 11:01 AM

DD

Thank you so much Beverly

Deborah Davis-Papa - May 06, 2013 at 02:47 AM

TH

“ I am so sorry that this happened to Louie, It is a shocker to say the least. I send my sympathy to all of you along with thoughts and prayers. Theresa Marie Garafalo Hoffman

Theresa Marie Garafalo Hoffman - April 28, 2013 at 10:43 PM

CP

“ More like my brother instead of my cousin. I will miss you "Pappy". Rest in peace Lou..very sad day for me knowing you are gone.

Carmen Papa

Carmen Papa - April 28, 2013 at 07:06 PM

DD

He loved you so much and still does

Deborah Davis-Papa - May 06, 2013 at 02:48 AM

LK

“ Lisa Kalil-DiGiuseppe lit a candle in memory of Honorable Louis F. "Louie" Papa



Lisa Kalil-DiGiuseppe - April 28, 2013 at 03:42 PM

AP

“ "I love You"
Your cousin, Angelina Papa



angelina papa - April 28, 2013 at 10:00 AM

JP

“ We're so sorry to hear of the passing of your son Louie. Know our thoughts an prayers are with you and your family. The joe and France's papa family...joe..Dave....Deloris...Carolyn....Ann...and nick.

Joseph Papa - April 27, 2013 at 10:45 PM

SM

Angelo and Family. I did not know your brother, but I know he will be missed. My the good lord give you comfort during this most difficult time. Steven L. Minasi

Steven Minasi - April 28, 2013 at 07:10 PM

TS

To my old Friend, Angelo---I was so sorry to read about the passing of your brother. My thoughts & prayers are with you..

Tauni Stone-O'Toole - April 29, 2013 at 09:13 AM

LG

My Dear Friend, Angelo, it makes my heart ache to know the sorrow you feel for the loss of your brother! May you get strength from The Lord in knowing Louis is with him. He will live in your heart so he will always be with you. Matthew 5:4 Blessed are those that mourn, for they shall be comforted. May you be comforted in knowing that death does not win, for Louis Lives. He has just changed his place to his eternal home and will greet you when it is time for your homecoming. My prayers with you and your family.

Linda Gatlin

Linda Gatlin - April 29, 2013 at 02:20 PM

AM

Our hearts and prayers go out to the Papa family. R.I.P. Your Honor. You will be missed.

A. Mian and the staff at MV Nephrology

Ahmad Mian - May 01, 2013 at 08:15 PM