



## Mr. Marco V. Piccolino

November 30, 1930 - January 6, 2017

Mr. Marco V. Piccolino, age 86, passed away peacefully on Friday, January 6, 2017 at the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center with the love of his family by his side.

Born in Utica on November 3, 1930, Marco was the son of the late Gaetano and Catherine (Nuccio) Piccolino. He attended St. Mary of Mt. Carmel Grammar School and was a lifelong parishioner. On September 1, 1952, he married the former Palma R. DeSimone with whom he shared a union graced with common values and enduring love for nearly 65 years.

Marco worked for the New York State Department of Transportation (DOT) for 40 years as a heavy equipment operator. He took much pride in his work. Our Dad was a great provider, especially emotionally, and he was always there for his loved ones. Each of his children have special memories of his love and devotion throughout their lives. He was a fair disciplinarian and never interfered with his children's decisions. He was always supportive, caring, and unconditional in his love toward his children, grandchildren and his great-grandchildren. Marco also held a special place in his heart for his many nieces, nephews and the many children he crossed paths with through his coaching. He wanted them to know that he had a true interest in their lives and their endeavors. He shared a reciprocal rapport with them, he opened his heart to them, and they opened their arms to him. Marco was an exceptional athlete and was once scouted by a semi-pro baseball league in the late 1940's. Locally, many would remember Marco's prowess at baseball and

basketball. His love of these sports extended into the community where he coached the Mt. Carmel Grammar School basketball team, leading them to the championship. He also coached Colt Leagues that resulted in his team capturing the 1972 League Championship. He generously gave his time to mentoring young people in sportsmanship, reminding them to take a loss with dignity. He was passionate about sports and ethics, which he passed on to his players. He supported youth sports programs throughout his life and was recognized as 'Booster-of-the-Year', an honor of which he was so proud! Marco made time for the Lord, and instilled in his children his Catholic beliefs. Marco's strong faith in the Lord was evident by his wearing of the Miraculous Medal, which he gifted to his son, grandsons and his great-grandson. Marco is survived by his wife, Palma, his children, Catherine "Cathy" and Dr. Joseph Cardamone of MA; Roseanne and Thomas Gerace of New Hartford, Paula Palmer of Oneida, Gaetano "Guy" Piccolino of Utica, and Mary Picente of VA; his grandchildren, Nicholas, Benjamin and Jenni Cardamone, and Trina Cardamone; Marco Gerace, and Francesca Gerace; Kati Fellows and Sam Platz, Marcella and Nick Malone, and Andrew Palmer; and his great-grandchildren, Marc Fellows, and Chloe` Malone. He also leaves many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and in-laws, Nancy Mancuso, and Jenny and Frank Graziano (his 'blood brother' and lifelong friend who came at the "drop of a hat" if Marco needed him). He was predeceased by his sisters and brothers-in-law, Mary and Lawrence DelMastro, and Rosalie and Joseph F. Puleo; his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Vincent and Rosa DeSimone; and his in-laws, Michelina and Alfred Jurkowski, Vincent DeSimone, Robert Mancuso, and lifelong friend Chuckie Mezza.

The family extends their heartfelt gratitude to Dr. Abin Pachikara, Dr. Atul Butala, the staff of the Faxon-St. Luke's Healthcare Center; Deacon Paul Lehman for his pastoral care and special prayers; family friend, Rocco Tebsherany, who was generous with his time in preparing Marco's home for his comfort; and Michelle Laramé, his Home Health Caregiver who assisted

Marco with his rehabilitation. Guy's sisters are thankful to him for his selfless devotion, sacrifice and care, during their dad's time of need.

The family will honor and commemorate Marco's life at a private time.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Marco's funeral service and Celebration of Life which will commence on Saturday morning, January

14th 2017 at 10:00 at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish

where his Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. James Cesta. The

family will greet visitors in the Salerno Room upon conclusion of Mass.

Expressions of sympathy in the form of donations may be made to St. Jude

Children's Research Hospital. Envelopes will be available at the service.

Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

# Cemetery Details

## Calvary Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

JAN 14. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish  
648 Jay Street  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 735-1482  
<https://www.mountcarmelblessedsacrament.com/>

# Tribute Wall

DB

“ *Mrs. P., Cathy, Roseanne and all Piccolino Family, So very sorry to learn of the passing of your husband/father. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time. Most sincerely.*

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**Diane Russo Battista** - January 14, 2017 at 03:35 PM

JP

“ *Mary and Family. I'm so sorry for your loss*  
*- Jackie Peters*

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**Jackie Peters** - January 13, 2017 at 08:46 AM

EW

“ *To all of the family we are so sorry we are away and will not be there to pay tribute to such a wonderful man. He was the true example of success as shown by the amount of people he loved and loved him in return.*  
*Love & Peace Bob & Liz Wendler*

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**Elizabeth Wendler** - January 12, 2017 at 11:55 AM

DG

“ Aunt Palma and Family-

*I have so many fond memories of us visiting you and Uncle Marco in Utica when my kids Frankie and Delia were young and in NJ for different Graziano celebrations over the years. Uncle Marco had that memorable laugh and he and my father-in-law Frank were always up to some mischief. They never lost their boyhood enthusiasm and affection for each other. Take comfort in his wonderful legacy of your family and all the good memories and God Bless.*

*Mary, Guy, Cathy, Roseann and Paula..My Dad's service was the same day your Dad passed away so I can empathize what you all are going through as well. My 6 siblings take comfort in one another as I know you all will as well. Fondly, DeDe Graziano*

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**Delia "DeDe" Graziano** - January 12, 2017 at 04:53 AM



“ Serene Green™ Bouquet For Sympathy was purchased for the family of Mr. Marco V. Piccolino.



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January 11, 2017 at 08:14 PM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Marco V. Piccolino.



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January 11, 2017 at 04:18 PM

MS

“ *Mrs. P, Guy and family,  
I'm so very sorry for the loss of your father. My prayers are with you  
and I hope your memories bring you some comfort. Fondly, Maria*

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**Maria Nole Sportelli** - January 10, 2017 at 03:30 PM

MS

*Maria (Nole) Sportelli*

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**Maria Nole Sportelli** - January 10, 2017 at 03:30 PM

LT

“ *Leif, Alli, Erika, Alec, & Avery Thompson  
purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue  
and White for the family of Mr. Marco V.  
Piccolino.*



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**Leif, Alli, Erika, Alec, & Avery Thompson** - January 10, 2017  
at 02:35 PM

NA

“ *Dear Cathy & Family, We are so sorry for the  
loss of your dad. Our prayers for your family at  
this sad time.  
Nancy and Jim Hayford*



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**Nancy** - January 10, 2017 at 09:44 AM



“ Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Mr. Marco V. Piccolino.



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January 10, 2017 at 08:23 AM



“ Dear Palma and entire Piccolino Family,  
With heartfelt deepest sympathy. We are so sorry for your loss. Marco was a wonderful man and he will surely be missed.  
Warm regards,  
Dan and Cathy DeSimone  
(son of Dominick and Mirella DeSimone)  
Yardley, PA

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**Catherine DeSimone** - January 10, 2017 at 07:39 AM



“ Mary and Family, I am so sorry to hear about your Dad's passing. We shared so many great memories. He will be truly missed. My prayers are with each and everyone of the Piccolino family. My heart breaks for all of you. May you rest in peace Mr . Pic. Love Always, Debbie Barbero

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**Debbie Barbero** - January 09, 2017 at 05:22 PM



“ White Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Marco V. Piccolino.



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January 09, 2017 at 04:03 PM

Kat  
Smith

“ *To Cathy and family - I am saddened to hear about the demise of your loving father. Please take care of yourself dear. May his soul rest in tranquil.*

*My sincere condolences,  
Kathryn Smith*

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**Kat Smith** - January 09, 2017 at 02:04 PM

LS

“ *Dear Cathy & Family, I am so sorry for your loss. No matter what our age, it is hard to lose a parent. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

*Lynda Shamitz  
Cast-Aways Knitting Group*

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**Lynda Shamitz** - January 09, 2017 at 01:02 PM

PY

“ *Patrick, Amanda, Wyatt, And Brayden Youn lit a candle in memory of Mr. Marco V. Piccolino*



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**Patrick, Amanda, Wyatt, and Brayden Youn** - January 08, 2017 at 04:49 PM

DM

“ *Donna Pedone Merhib lit a candle in memory of Mr. Marco V. Piccolino*



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**Donna Pedone Merhib** - January 08, 2017 at 10:48 AM

PP

“ *Paul & Nadia Puleo lit a candle in memory of Mr. Marco V. Piccolino*



Paul & Nadia Puleo - January 08, 2017 at 07:26 AM

PA

*our thoughts and prayers are with you, love Nadia and Paul*

Paul - January 08, 2017 at 07:27 AM

TB

“ *Guy, sending thoughts and prayers to you and your family. If you need anything, please call.*

Terry Boehlert - January 07, 2017 at 05:59 PM

TB

“ *Terry Boehlert lit a candle in memory of Mr. Marco V. Piccolino*



Terry Boehlert - January 07, 2017 at 05:58 PM

SP

“ So sad to see that Mr. Pic has passed. From all the Mt. Carmel basket ball players from the 70s, may God bless the Piccolino family. I loved seeing that smile. Even the last time I saw him he still said "Get off you're feet Piazza".

*Rest in peace coach*

*Salvatore Piazza*

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**Sal Piazza** - January 07, 2017 at 04:48 PM

DM

*It's been many years but I still remember they big smile. My deepest sympathy to Palma and the entire family. RIP MARCO.*

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**Donna Pedone Merhib** - January 08, 2017 at 10:45 AM

JJ

*I just read a note on FACEBOOK. Joey Sardina wrote a beautiful tribute. I'm very sad to hear the news on Mr. Pic's passing. He was a very dear man to so many of us. He will be sorely missed. I'm very sorry for your loss.*

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**John Piazza Jr.** - January 09, 2017 at 04:48 PM

SB

*to the piccolino family so sorry for the loss of your dad, as we grew up together the days at mt. carmel those days I will never forget. I remember mr. piccolino always at basketball games at mt. carmel and proctor. mary so sorry as we just ran into each other in nov at old school bar you were giving me an update on your dad. mr. pic may you rest in peace.*

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**sal barbero** - January 10, 2017 at 02:02 AM

  
Jennifer  
Winton

*Sending my sympathy and love to Mary and the Piccolino family. Rest in peace, Mr. Pic.*

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**Jennifer Winton** - January 12, 2017 at 04:28 PM