



## Mr. Nicholas E. Crescenzo

May 22, 1936 - April 15, 2017

SCHUYLER - Mr. Nicholas E. Crescenzo, age 80, passed away unexpectedly at his home on Saturday, April 15, 2017.

Born in New Hartford on May 22, 1936, Nicholas was the son of the late Peter and Angeline (Argento) Crescenzo. He was raised in Sauquoit on the original family farm and graduated from Sauquoit High School in 1955. On July 10, 1965 he married the former Rose Marie Nunno with whom he shared 48 years prior to her passing on April 8, 2014.

As owner and operator of Crescenzo Farms & Produce Stand, Nick insisted that he “never had a job a day in his life”, a mindset that brought to fruition his passion for farming the fields. His daily life was structured around his tasks in the fields that he fulfilled with enthusiasm and precision. Nick was a great gentleman graced with a positive outlook on life. He felt that it was never too late to do anything — and he just kept going. He was never afraid to take a chance and he never stopped learning. He had an incredible work ethic and his days were filled with work from dawn to dusk.

Nick had a great appreciation for music and art. He was also humble, except when it came to talking about his family, and his heart was filled with pride, especially for his granddaughter. He was a vivid story teller with an audience of three that laughed aloud because they were proud of him; they were his boys and he was their dad. Nick had an aura of easiness about him and he loved to talk, especially when he could help with concerns of family and friends. He made homemade wine and he “let it go wild” while fermenting and

would make a prediction of when it was done. He was protective and proud of his Italian heritage, his boys, and his entire family. He was young at heart. He didn't have a business plan... Nick's plan was to keep going, and he did until his last day. He was a responsible, good man.

Nick always had a desire to become a pilot, and the vision stayed close in his mind. He had a moment of his dream come true when a trusted friend took him on a private flight. He was a member of the Future Farmers of America as a teen and was a SVIC Board Member participating in socializing and sharing his knowledge to help fellow farmers. Nick was impressed by people's compassion, good deeds, and doing things right in life. He felt blessed to be the father of three great sons, each a unique individual. He loved them equally and he taught them to be understanding of others and be happy.

Nick is survived by his sons and daughter-in-law, Peter L. Crescenzo of Schuyler, Vincent N. and Joelle (Terminio) Crescenzo of North Utica, and Stephen John Crescenzo of Waltham, MA; and his beloved granddaughter, Josephine Angeline Crescenzo. Always in his heart was the memory of his daughter, Mary Lourdes Crescenzo, who preceded him. He also leaves his brother and sister-in-law, Dominick L. and Marlene Crescenzo of Chadwicks; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins (a number of them living in Italy), in-laws, Amelia (Nunno) and Robert Johnson, Gino and Beatrice Nunno, and Dori Wroblewski; and his special companion, Bonnie O'Dell, who embraced his life. He was predeceased by his in-laws, Teresa Nunno, Carmen Nunno, Josephine Caldwell, Leonard Nunno Jr., Vittrino "Victor" Nunno, Umberto "Rocky" Nunno, and Lucretia Crouse and their respective spouses.

The family is grateful to the Schuyler Volunteer Fire Department for their immediate response and concern during Nick's untimely passing, as well as their superior service throughout the years; all the special people who worked at the produce stand as well as the patrons who returned each year to purchase produce and share camaraderie. All were special to Nick.

Visitation will be held Friday from 4:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home,

Inc., 932 South St., corner of the Hammond Ave. For those wishing to do so, please consider a memorial donation in Nick's honor to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society online at <http://www.lls.org> or the Schuyler Volunteer Fire Department online at <http://schuylerfirecompany.org>; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Nicholas' funeral service and Celebration of Life which will commence on Saturday morning at 9:00 from the funeral home and at 10:00 at St. Peter's Church where his Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. David Orzel. Interment will take place graveside in Calvary Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Calvary Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**APR 21.** 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

## Funeral Service

**APR 22.** 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Peter's Church  
422 Coventry Ave.  
Utica, NY 13502

# Tribute Wall

PF

“ I would like to express my sympathy and prayers to the family and close friends for their loss. I had the pleasure to work with Nick selling seeds for a few years. The business relationship we had soon developed into a personal connection. Nick was a caring professional who always focused on providing the best products available for his customers. He always spoke highly of all of his family. I will miss his sense of humor, stories, coffee /wine conversations. I thank God for allowing me the opportunity to get to know this great man.

*Respectfully*

*Peter Faas*

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**Peter Faas** - April 23, 2017 at 03:13 PM

GM

“ Nick was a great man; filled with kindness, generosity, and amazing energy. He was true to his family and friends. He will be greatly missed. We are so sorry for your loss. - Greg and Cathy Maziarz

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**Greg Maziarz** - April 22, 2017 at 04:23 PM

RH

“ Nick was such an engaging ,intelligent, and energetic gentlemen ! I was always so impressed hearing him explain his continuous efforts to adapt his farming operations to the continuous and ever changing challenges he faced in marketing his produce and was very touched some years ago when he went out of his way during a trip to Italy to send me a postcard from the little town my grandfather came from. He was a unique person and I will miss seeing his name listed as a local farm provider when I go to Hannaford's  
My sincere codolences to his family and loved ones.

*Bob Hammond*

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**Robert Hammond** - April 22, 2017 at 08:04 AM

CH

“ Camille Hanzalik lit a candle in memory of Mr. Nicholas E. Crescenzo



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**Camille Hanzalik** - April 21, 2017 at 02:10 PM

PS

“ We are sorry we will miss the service etc for Nick, since we are in Penn, our prayers are with you all love Phyllis and Jim Steere  
Neighbors

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**pjhyllis steere** - April 21, 2017 at 11:48 AM

TF

“ *The Calidonna Families purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Mr. Nicholas E. Crescenzo.*



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**The Calidonna Families** - April 21, 2017 at 09:28 AM

SN

“ *Steve, Laurie, Talia, Anthony, Carina Nunno purchased the Lavender & White Sympathy Basket for the family of Mr. Nicholas E. Crescenzo.*



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**Steve, Laurie, Talia, Anthony, Carina Nunno** - April 20, 2017 at 11:27 PM

DN

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Nick was a great kind and gentle man. I will miss him very much.*

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**Dianne Nassar** - April 20, 2017 at 11:20 PM



“ *White Sympathy Baskets was purchased for the family of Mr. Nicholas E. Crescenzo.*



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April 20, 2017 at 08:43 PM

RJ

“ From Bob and Amelia Johnson:  
(Bob)

*Nick, you have always been more than just a brother in law to me. You have been a brother friend and confidant throughout our time knowing each other. I will miss you immensely. Rest In Peace.  
(Mele) Our hotel is always open, even if you left us too early. I will miss you and we shall meet again someday soon.*

Robert Johnson - April 20, 2017 at 07:00 PM

BO

*My dearest Nick , my heart is broken without you . You were such a wonderful human being . We had two wonderful years together my darling . You were so loving , kind and sincere to me . Both our lives were changed forever once we became a couple . No one could ever hold a candle to you . I'll miss you and love you forever dear sweet man . Rest in peace . We'll see each other again in heaven ❤️*

Bonnie O'Dell - May 17, 2017 at 02:53 PM

ED

“ I am so sorry for your loss~~ prayers for healing ❤️  
Beth Donnelly  
Baldwinsville



elizabeth donnelly - April 20, 2017 at 05:02 PM



“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Yellow and White was purchased for the family of Mr. Nicholas E. Crescenzo.



April 20, 2017 at 03:54 PM



“ Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Mr. Nicholas E. Crescenzo.



April 20, 2017 at 02:27 PM



“ Joelle, I know I didn't know your dad-in-law, but from all the wonderful stories you had of him, he sounded as close as a Dad. I am so sorry and am here if you need me. My heart goes out to you, your husband, his brothers and the entire family. Shanna

Shanna Ayers - April 20, 2017 at 01:16 PM



“ Rex and I want to send our condolences to the Nick Crescenzo family and also to Bonnie o'Dell. Our prayers are with you. Candy and Rex VanBuskirk

Candy VanBuskirk - April 20, 2017 at 12:57 PM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Nicholas E. Crescenzo.



April 20, 2017 at 09:46 AM

MH

“ I am so saddened to hear of Nick's passing. Nick was an integral part of the Schuyler farming community and was loved by all, especially my family. I will miss seeing Nick at the local farmers' markets and I will miss seeing his smiling face around town. My prayers are with all of Nick's family at this time. -Mary Beth (Manino) Harrod

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**Mary Beth Harrod** - April 20, 2017 at 07:53 AM

DS

“ I held high respect for Nick, we helped each other many times bouncing farm ideas back at each other. There was many times we prayed together for his wife Rose. He always was trying to do more in one day than most would take two to do. When he came to my place for vegetable plants I would always made him set down and rest and have a cool drink. I'm going to miss his smile and good outlook in life. Good by my friend I know the lord must needed you, always in my memories Dave.

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**David Schader** - April 20, 2017 at 06:24 AM

CE

“ My friend, words will never express how sad i feel. These past few days have been remembering all the times we shared, you were always there though some of the hardest times, with the right words and a shoulder to cry on. I have learned so much from you. If i had to use two words to describe, my best friend it would be Humble and Kind, I am so blessed to have had you in my life, and so many memories, you will forever be in my heart. I can only hope you know how many lifes you touched. "Salute"

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**Chris Eck** - April 20, 2017 at 04:33 AM

RW

“ Peter, Vincent and Stephen. I am so sorry for your loss, Your father was a wonderful man. I met him many years ago at the law office where I work and we had many very nice conversations especially about your mom. I will never forget strawberry season and he would bring us basketsful of strawberries for us to share. He was a very kind and giving man. He is now with his Rose. God Bless You All!!

*Roseanne Wood*

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**Roseanne Wood** - April 19, 2017 at 07:44 PM

MG

“ Nick was a wonderfully giving man. My boyfriend and I had many laughs with him. We are so very sad about his passing. Our very deepest sympathy goes out to his entire family. May he RIP for all eternity.



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**Michelle Gulla** - April 19, 2017 at 07:06 PM

DP

“ I will never forget how kind and loving "uncle Nick" was towards myself and my family. His smile will forever live in my heart. He'd walk next door with a bottle of wine for us quite often and always said we could help ourselves to the crops on the land. My deepest condolences go out to the entire family. He will truly be missed.

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**Danielle Piazza** - April 19, 2017 at 05:06 PM

BC

“ Uncle Nick was one of the nicest people I knew. He was so welcoming, friendly, and always had a smile on his face. I will always remember him for the annual Crescenzo Christmas party, which were some great memories of my childhood. To my extended family, my thoughts and prayers are with you. Rest in Peace Uncle Nick.

Sincerely,  
Bobby Caldwell

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**Bobby Caldwell** - April 19, 2017 at 03:58 PM

CD

“ Nick sold us seed for many years.. always smiling and chatting about his family. When he would stop to take our order or deliver it.. he always came in for supper.. coffee and sweets. He would call us when his peas and strawberries were ready each year! Mark, myself and our daughters Becky and Trish thought the world of him. We are blessed to have known him... he was the best of the best. We will miss him terribly. Love, Mark and Chris Dillenbeck

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**Chris Dillenbeck** - April 19, 2017 at 01:42 PM

NA

“ He was cousin "Nicky C." and I was cousin "Nicky A.", both named after our Grandpa Nicola. Sixty-seven years ago when my mom was sick, and ever since, he has always been like the big brother that I never had. In October, as my wife, Ann, lay dying he sent the following message with a beautiful floral arrangement.

*"To a wonderful person & cousin. May God & all the angels be with you forever."*

*Now, today I send this same message back to my dead cousin "Nicky C.", along with my promise to make a donation in his memory to the Schuyler Volunteer Fire Department.*

*--Nicholas F. Argento*

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**Nicholas F. Argento** - April 19, 2017 at 01:24 PM

RJ

“ To all

*This man, my Uncle Nick ,was so special to me and my family. Yes he was my uncle, but he was so much more as a mentor, a father figure, my boss.... but most of all the most caring person I have ever met.*

*His ability to make you feel good about yourself while telling you just messed some thing up, was amazing. His ability to spend 5 minutes with you and make you feel like it was an hour of good times was uncanny.*

*I sat down and wrote him a letter Monday that is simple to long to share here, It is 3 pages long and could have been 20. The memories are wonderful, the life lessons still being worked on, his laugh will never be forgotten. My heart is broken but having him in my life helps me understand how lucky a person I am.*

*To all my extended family I send my love.*

*To my cousins Peter, Vinnie, and Stephen, you know you are more like my brothers and that is true because of all our parents and all of their children. There is nothing more important than our family and friends and that is why we will all get through this together.*

*Love*

*Rich (Richy) Johnson*

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**Richard Johnson** - April 19, 2017 at 09:09 AM

AB

“ Anthony Bower lit a candle in memory of Mr. Nicholas E. Crescenzo



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**Anthony Bower** - April 19, 2017 at 08:33 AM

AB

“ I worked for Nick During the summer's he was the greatest man I ever knew my condolences to the whole Crescenzo family.  
Sincerely Your's  
Anthony Bower

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**Anthony Bower** - April 19, 2017 at 08:29 AM

CH

“ Camille Hanzalik lit a candle in memory of Mr. Nicholas E. Crescenzo



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**Camille Hanzalik** - April 19, 2017 at 07:55 AM

CH

“ My heart goes out to all of you. We lost the sweetest man that I have ever meant. He will surely be missed by so many. Rest in peace Nick

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**Camille Hanzalik** - April 19, 2017 at 07:54 AM