

## Mr. Nicholas L. DeFuria

October 26, 1930 - May 4, 2016

Mr. Nicholas L. DeFuria, age 85, a native Utican, went home to be with the Lord as he passed away on Wednesday, May 4, 2016 in the comfort of his home, just as he had wished. At the time of his passing, he was surrounded by his loved ones who had cared for him with devotion.

Born in New York Mills on October 26, 1930, Nicholas was the youngest of three sons born to the late Louis and Cora (Coriale) DeFuria. Raised and educated locally, he graduated from T.R. Proctor High School and attended Utica College. Nicholas was a proud U.S. Army veteran having served during the Korean Conflict. He retired from government service after working 34 years as a Civil Engineering Technician at Griffiss Air Force Base. He learned from his mother and father what real love was because it was so evident in their marriage. Nick was also blessed with real love when he married the former Lucretia Sibilio with whom he shared 62 years. She was the kindest, gentlest, most considerate human being he had ever known. Together, they lived through some serious medical problems, but they learned what real faith was and sustained each other through prayer. They saw their love transcend with the births of their three beautiful daughters and had the joy of watching them grow from children, to teenagers, to accomplished adults, each blessed with a marriage to a wonderful man. And because of this he knew what real wealth was. He practiced his Catholic faith as a parishioner of St. Peter's Church.

Nick is survived by his wife Lucretia; his daughters and sons-in-law, Lisa and

Alfred K. Rocci, and Susan and Thomas Luker; and Don Marshall. Always close to his heart was the memory of his eldest daughter, Karen DeFuria Marshall, who passed away on October 1, 2011, a wonderful, loving person and loyal friend to all who knew her. He leaves his grandchildren, Noahjon, and Nicholas Marshall, and Amanda and Dennis Harrington; Marissa Rocci-Armstrong and her husband David, and Matthew and Megan (Brown) Rocci; his cherished great-grandchildren, Alexander, and Nicholas Armstrong; and Calvin, and Nina Harrington; and his brother and sister-in-law, Salvatore and Carolyn DeFuria of AZ. He will also live on in the hearts of his beloved nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and cousins. Nick was blessed with many longtime friends as well as those who he has met in more recent years, all who were dear to his heart. He was predeceased by his brother and sister-in-law, Anthony J. "Chic" and Anne DeFuria.

The family would like to give a special "thank you" to his niece, Cathy for her care and cookies; to all his friends whose compassion, support, and prayers meant so much to him; deepest and most sincere gratitude to Dr. Alicia DeTraglia, Dr. William Ryan, Dr. Jim Bramley, and the doctors at the St. Elizabeth Medical Center hospitalist service, the ICU, and the 2E staff and nursing supervisors for the care, compassion, support, and concern they showed Nick and his family throughout his illness. A special thank you to Fr. Joe Salerno for his anointing and blessings.

Visitation will be held Monday from 4:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Nicholas' funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Tuesday 12:00 noon from the funeral home and at 1:00 at the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes where his Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. Joseph Salerno with Committal Prayers and Military Honors conferred. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 9. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.  
932 South Street  
corner of Hammond Ave.  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 724-6714  
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# Tribute Wall

JF

“ *Lucretia, Lisa & Susan, I was so sorry to hear of your loss. I saw a mass being said for Nick at Saint Mary of Mt. Carmel church In the bulletin. He was such a wonderful man. Always with a smile on his face. I think of your family often remembering living next door to you on west street for 7 years. May god be with all of you.*  
*Joanne Felitto*

joanne felitto - May 31, 2016 at 04:21 PM

LK

“ *My heart is breaking over the news....we all share in the sadness of his loss, what a wonderful, sweet gentle man...he will always be remembered as the classy gentleman that he was.*

*Sending you my love and heartfelt condolences.*

*Laura Kushner*



Laura Kushner - May 09, 2016 at 02:05 PM

JP

“ *Joanne Polivka lit a candle in memory of Mr. Nicholas L. DeFuria*



Joanne Polivka - May 09, 2016 at 08:41 AM



“ *Christine Fenton Lawrence lit a candle in memory of Mr. Nicholas L. DeFuria*



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**Christine Fenton Lawrence** - May 09, 2016 at 06:48 AM



“ *Dear Lisa and Family,  
My prayer filled thoughts are with you. May God's love and strength sustain you all during this very difficult time. Much love, Christine "Chrissy" & Danny Lawrence*

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**Christine Fenton Lawrence** - May 09, 2016 at 06:48 AM

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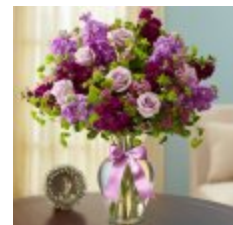
“ *Lucrieta, Lisa, and Susan  
I was so very saddened to hear of nick's passing . I know what a wonderful husband and father he was, and I can imagine he was a proud grandfather. Along with my childhood memories of which I have many my thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this very difficult time.*

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**michelle torchia** - May 08, 2016 at 11:07 AM

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“ *Bethany Rickard purchased the Shades of Purple for the family of Mr. Nicholas L. DeFuria.*



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**Bethany Rickard** - May 08, 2016 at 09:06 AM



“ *Sympathy Arrangement In Basket (Large) - Multicolor Bright Mixed Flowers was purchased for the family of Mr. Nicholas L. DeFuria.*



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May 06, 2016 at 05:08 PM