



## Mr. Nicholas A. "Nick" Zegarelli

May 3, 1931 - March 12, 2012

Mr. Nicholas A. "Nick" Zegarelli, age 80, of Utica, loving husband, father, and entrepreneur, passed away in the privacy of his home on March 12, 2012 with his loving family by his side, after suffering a stroke in October.

Nicholas was born on May 3, 1931 in Ausonia, Italy, the only son of the late Michele "Michael" and Maria (Castelli) Zegarelli. At the age of six, he immigrated to the United States and Utica where he received his primary and secondary education. He also attended Mohawk Valley Community College. A proud veteran, he honorably served his country in the United States Air Force for 4 years where he achieved the rank of Cadet. On April 26, 1954 he married the former Thelma Kemper with whom he shared 57 loving years, with many of those years focused on their growing family.

Nick was a licensed plumber, and the owner and operator of James Street Plumbing. A master at woodworking and cabinetry he also established Utica Cabinets, Inc. A naturally self guided and driven man, both of his business endeavors were made successful with the help of his sons who he taught the value of a hard days work. But Nick's constant focus was on raising his children. It was important to him that all of them had an education and he made sure they all received college degrees. He was also a devoted grandfather who gave constant advice and lent his grandchildren an understanding ear when they needed one. He was also very personable and would speak to anyone... and they listened! He was an honest man who was knowledgeable and wise. Nick also had a passion for working with his hands

and enjoyed drawing and oil painting, especially landscapes and outdoor scenes. He took special pride in gardening and tending to his roses. His love of the outdoors kept him close to his family through hunting and endless stories of his adventures. He was a die-hard NY Yankees fan who never missed a game, as much as he may have wanted to call it a night, at times. He was a parishioner of Historic Old St. John's Church.

Besides his wife, Thelma, Nick leaves six sons and three daughters: Michael Zegarelli of Utica, Ronald and Cynthia (Stevener) Zegarelli of Oriskany, Richard Zegarelli of Rome, Marie and James Goodman of Marcy, Jacqueline Wuest and companion Frank Custodero of New Hartford, Cynthia Zegarelli of Utica, John and Joanne (Kalwara) Zegarelli of Whitesboro, Brian and Jane (Orbinati) Zegarelli of CA, and Mark Zegarelli of Utica; his 16 cherished grandchildren whom he adored: Michael, Tricia, Nicholas, Eric, Jessica, Jonathan, Christopher, Kathryn, Patrick, David, Jacob, Janine, Samuel, Rachel, Olivia, and Luke. He also leaves many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, in-laws, and a brother-in-law, Mario L. Totaro. He was predeceased by his sister, Vincenza Totaro, and son-in-law, D. Michael Wuest.

The family wishes to thank D & T Transport for their dependable services during Nick's illness.

Nick's family will honor and commemorate his life in a private gathering. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend his funeral service and Celebration of Life which will commence on Thursday morning at 10:00 at Our Lady of the Rosary Church where his Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. Felix Colosimo. The family will receive visitors at the conclusion of Mass. For those wishing to express an act of kindness in lieu of flowers they may make a donation to The Center for Dementia Research; envelopes will be available at the service.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave.



# Previous Events

## Service

MAR 15. 10:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church  
1736 Burrstone Road  
New Hartford, NY 13413

# Tribute Wall

MS

“ Michele Simmen lit a candle in memory of Mr. Nicholas A. "Nick" Zegarelli



Michele Simmen - March 20, 2012 at 08:05 PM

MS

Jacqui and Family  
I was very sorry to hear of you Dad's passing. Know that he and you, his loved ones, are in my prayers. God bless  
Michele Simmen

Michele Simmen - March 20, 2012 at 08:08 PM

TP

“ To Rick and the family so sorry for your loss had some enjoyable times with your dad , you and your brothers he is one man you will always remember. He'll be in my prayers

Thomas L. Petronio - March 19, 2012 at 08:45 AM

AZ

“ Your dad was a gentlman, I'm sorry for your loss  
Al Zito

Al Zito - March 17, 2012 at 03:58 AM

KL

“ Ricky, Ron, John & Family, So sorry to read about your dad passing. "Nick" was a man of many "Ideas". Thoughts & Prayers to all, Kevin & Michele Laffey, Charlotte, NC

Kevin Laffey - March 15, 2012 at 07:50 PM

SR

“ Michael, Little Z and family....I was so very sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. The write up was a wonderful tribute to a man that has obviously meant so much to so many....he will live on in your mind and heart forever.....thoughts and prayers for you and yours,  
Stef Rauscher

Stephanie Rauscher - March 14, 2012 at 08:54 PM

DD

“ Dear Thelma and family, Marge and I are saddened by your loss and extend our deepest sympathy to you Thelma and all the Zegarelli family.  
Dr & Mrs Anthony Dardano  
Boca Raton, FL

Dr & Mrs Anthony Dardano - March 14, 2012 at 08:24 PM

CI

“ Cathy Inman lit a candle in memory of Mr. Nicholas A. "Nick" Zegarelli



Cathy Inman - March 14, 2012 at 06:00 PM

CI

mark and family ,,so sorry for your loss...

Cathy Inman - March 14, 2012 at 06:01 PM

MB

“ *Michael V. Brigano lit a candle in memory of Mr. Nicholas A. "Nick" Zegarelli*



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**Michael V. Brigano** - March 14, 2012 at 04:03 PM

JC

“ *Joann Campbell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Nicholas A. "Nick" Zegarelli*



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**Joann Campbell** - March 14, 2012 at 04:02 PM

JC

*Jackie, Marie, John (Joanne) My heartfelt sympathy to all of you as well as to your mom, siblings and families as you grieve the loss of your dad. May the love and support of family and friends comfort and sustain you during this difficult time.*

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**Joann Campbell** - March 14, 2012 at 04:07 PM

PS

“ Through the past fifteen years, I have been blessed by knowing Mr. Z. The stories of his early life will always remain deep in my heart. The greatest pleasure I experienced is on holidays and gatherings when he sat back and observed his wife and children with such joy and pride in his sparkling blue eyes. He was certainly at his best during these times . To raise such great group of children with his beautiful wife at this side, exemplifies a life well spent. The grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Zegarelli are another generation growing with love and respect of each other and knowing the true meaning of love of family.

*Mr.Z., I'll still make my trip to 'George's Greenhouse' to buy your favorite 'beef steak tomatoes'. I know they just won't grow as beautifully without your magic touch. With great respect, and love..... I shall always remember you*

*Pattie*

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**Patricia F. Scalise** - March 14, 2012 at 02:39 PM

MP

“ Mike Proite lit a candle in memory of Mr. Nicholas A. "Nick" Zegarelli



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**Mike Proite** - March 14, 2012 at 09:45 AM

MP

*"On the loss of Nick, who leaves his mark on this world with a wonderful family .He could command respect with just a look in his eye. He believed in hard work and family values. He embodied 'old school'. And there are not many like him still around now. My deepest condolences to Thelma (Mom), John, and all Nick's Sons and Daughters -including those who were blessed to be a part of his family through marriage-Nick's grandkids and all who are now sadden by his passing."*

Mike Proite - March 14, 2012 at 09:46 AM

FC

*"Mark & family, my thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time."*

Felicia Colosimo - March 14, 2012 at 06:35 AM

ST

*"CINDY THE THINGS THAT COUNT THE MOST IN LIFE ARE NOT THE THINGS YOU CAN TOUCH OR HOLD. IT'S WHAT YOU CHERISH IN YOU HEART THAT COUNT THE MOST. MY PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY SANDY TEDESCO"*



Sandy Tedesco - March 13, 2012 at 09:14 PM

ST

*"Sandy Tedesco lit a candle in memory of Mr. Nicholas A. "Nick" Zegarelli"*



Sandy Tedesco - March 13, 2012 at 09:00 PM

LC

“ *Lori Coppola lit a candle in memory of Mr. Nicholas A. "Nick" Zegarelli*



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**Lori Coppola** - March 13, 2012 at 07:21 PM

LC

“ *I am so sorry to hear about Nicky passing away, he was such a wonderful man, husband, father, grandfather, and family man. I know his family meant so much to him and that was his world. Everytime I had run into him he spoke so highly of his family. I am so sorry for all of your loss. My prayers are with you and your family. With all our Love, The Coppola Family (Janet, Frank, Lori and Mark)*

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**Lori Coppola** - March 13, 2012 at 07:20 PM

RJ

“ *I am deeply saddened by the passing of Mr. Zig. I offer my deepest condolences to the entire family. "big Nick" and his family are a huge part of my childhood. I will remember him fondly. Nick and the entire Zegarelli Family are in my prayers. Rest in Peace Mr. Zig, I will miss you! With respect and love, sincerely Richard Wishart jr.*



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**Richard Wishart Jr.** - March 13, 2012 at 06:08 PM

TD

“ Terrie Dailey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Nicholas A. "Nick" Zegarelli



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**Terrie Dailey** - March 13, 2012 at 11:09 AM

TD

*Marie and family, Sincere condolences in the loss of your father. You are in my prayers.*

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**Terrie Dailey** - March 13, 2012 at 11:10 AM

TT

“ Tammy Thrasher lit a candle in memory of Mr. Nicholas A. "Nick" Zegarelli



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**Tammy Thrasher** - March 13, 2012 at 10:23 AM

SS

“ *I am very sorry to hear about the loss of your father and my unoffical Pop in my life.I will miss him very much, and the times that came over to the house to visit. Prayers are with you and the family, especially to Grandma, Love to you all. Sandy Salem*

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**Sandy Salem** - March 13, 2012 at 08:54 AM