



## Nick A. Spina

December 4, 1927 - November 26, 2008

Mr. Nick A. Spina, age 80, of Utica, passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, November 26, 2008 at the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center with his loving family by his side.

Born in Utica on December 4, 1927, Nick was the son of the late Anthony and Jennie (Guarino) Spina. He was raised and educated locally. A proud veteran of World War II, he served his country in the U.S. Army. On September 29, 1956 he married the former Alice H. Sayles; the couple shared a very loving and devoted union.

A meat cutter by trade, Nick was, at one time, under the employ of Acme Markets as a department manager, and he lastly worked at Great American Supermarkets. A very caring husband, he truly enjoyed his relationship with his wife of 52 years. He held an unyielding love for his family, as they were the most important part of his life, and his greatest joy was being in their company. Nick took pride in cooking for his family, and he also pursued gardening and woodworking during his spare time. He was a generous man who freely shared whenever someone was in need of advice or help of any kind. He was a member and advocate of the United Food and Commercial Workers International Union, and he was an avid and lifelong Yankees fan. He was a communicant of St. Agnes Church.

Nick is survived by his wife, Alice; his daughter, Jennifer A. Spina of Rochester; his sons and daughters-in-law, Tony and Ginece Spina of Nazareth, PA, Richard S., Sr. and Diane Spina of Utica, and Nick A. (USAF)

and Patty Spina of Beale Air Force Base, CA; his grandchildren, Natalie E. Spina, Andrew J. Spina, Richard S., Jr. and Andrea Spina, Kymberly M. Spina, Caitlyn Spina, and Nicholas A. Spina III; and his great-grandchildren, Marissa R. Spina, and Alyssa M. Spina. Survivors also include his sister and brother-in-law, Frances C. and Rudolph T. DeTore of Utica; his in-laws, Thomas and Barbara Sayles, and Mary Ellen Amarose, all of Utica, Sally and Terry Fike of Rome, NY, and Katherine and Albert Evans of Utica; his nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and cousins. He was predeceased by his brother and sister-in-law, Joseph M. and Josephine Spina.

The family is grateful to the doctors, nurses, and staff of the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center for their excellent care and compassion.

In keeping with the family's wishes, there will be no public visitation. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Nick's Mass of Christian Burial which will be celebrated with military honors on Saturday morning at 11:00 at St. Agnes Church. The family will receive visitors at the conclusion of the service. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

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

# Tribute Wall



“ Dear Jen,  
I'm sorry for your loss. A Dad is a special person that shapes our lives. I know he must have been a tremendous person just knowing the person you are. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers.  
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“ Jen and Family,  
  
Please accept my most heartfelt sympathies for your loss of your father. Jen, I know how close you were with your father my thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time.  
  
Although it's difficult today to see beyond the sorrow,  
May looking back in memory help comfort you  
tomorrow.###imported-begin###Michelle Scheik###imported-end##

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December 01, 2008 at 08:49 AM



“ Jen and family,  
Our hearts and prayers go out to you and your family. Through your father's obituary we can easily see the love he had for his family, life, faith and country. Please take comfort in this heartfelt time in knowing you completed his life and gave him many loving memories and much happiness.  
With love,  
Pat and Bill Witt  
Rochester###imported-begin###Pat and Bill Witt###imported-end##

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November 29, 2008 at 12:17 PM



“ I'll always remember the happy days parties were at Uncle Nicks house with him grilling sausage patties and serving bottles of ice cold Nehi Orange soda, always making sure the kids had enough to eat. Those were wonderful days Uncle Nick that I'll never forget.###imported-begin###Laurie Cox (De Tore)###imported-end##

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November 28, 2008 at 09:22 AM



“ It is so hard for me to say good by to my Uncle Nick. He welcomed everyone with open arms, had an infectious laugh and always a twinkle in his eyes.  
I would ask him time and time again to tell me about his sweet potato-coffee story, a war time saga for the ages, and he never tired of sharing this laugh with me.  
I admire and cherish the powerful and everlasting bond that he shared with his sister, my mother.  
All of us who have had the honor to know my uncle are better people for it. We will shed many tears for Uncle Nick, but not on this day. Today we celebrate a wonderful man and his wonderful life.###imported-begin###Janice Catalano (De Tore)###imported-end##

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