



## Mr. Patrick A. "Pat" Marino

January 6, 1954 - November 8, 2021

UTICA/SCHUYLER - Mr. Patrick A. "Pat" Marino, age 67, passed away unexpectedly on Monday, November 8, 2021. He is now reunited and was welcomed into heaven by his beloved dad, Anthony, and sister, Antoinette. Born and raised in Utica, Pat was brought into this world by his parents Vita R. (Casullo) Marino and the late Anthony F. Marino on January 6, 1954. Pat was educated first at Conkling Elementary School, and then graduated from T.R. Proctor High School/Class of 1972.

Pat was a hard-working man with a heart of gold. He was blessed to spend his life working alongside his best friend, his father, with whom Pat operated the generational family business, Marino's Lunch which was located on Baggs Square in downtown Utica, originally founded by his grandfather, Vincenzo. Then, in 1980, the pair acquired Mr. Nostalgia Restaurant and expanded their family business. There, Pat and his father made numerous memorable friendships.

Pat appreciated the simple things in life, and incorporated this mindset into this business. Work was not tough labor to him – it was his life. He and his dad were fair businessmen, and to them, customers always came first. The duo was known for treating Friday as a sacred day; after all, Friday was fish-fry day! Pat was a man steeped in these special traditions, which he shared with all whom he encountered. He was a man of routine, and a work ethic that couldn't be shaken; he was equally responsible, organized, and precise in his work.

Pat brought this same level of care and attention to his family, to whom he was particularly devoted. He was both a dedicated son and loving brother, who held his sister Grace in a special place in his heart. There was nothing Pat wouldn't do to assist Grace in her needs, providing for her physical health and serving as a steadfast emotional support. Pat and his sister Vita were a team in caring for their Mom and sister because they both believed in the mantra that family came first, and they truly cared for each other dearly. Driven by his desire to provide for life's simple pleasures, Pat worked hard so as to enjoy activities like camping during his time off. His friends Dave Evans and Lisa Colicci-Leone shared annual 4th of July and Labor Day weekend adventures with Pat, when wonderful memories were made and a sacred time was spent at Alexandria Bay. Pat's favored additional activities included frequently riding his Harley Davidson motorcycles, but was always back by 5 for dinner. Pat owned several classic cars and was quite meticulous in their care. He would show them off at Dave's Diner. However, his collection wasn't limited to classics, but included a few Corvettes. His appreciation for these stylish autos served him well, as Pat not only delighted in taking rides in them, but also relished sharing his passion for them with other members of the Mohawk Valley Corvette Club, Inc., by which he gained many good friends. This NASCAR fan was known for traveling down to Millville, NJ annually to frequent N.J. Motorsports Park. Pat had a "man" for everything, and others would turn to him and rely on his good judgment for references. Pat was "old school," a "man's man" who was family and friends-oriented and proud of his Italian heritage. He possessed an exceptional love for his family history, and served as their unofficial "historian." Pat was moreover a gifted storyteller. He could make even the most stoic person laugh with his jokes from past years and his animated portrayals of old stories. He knew laughter is good for the soul.

A true Italian, Pat highly valued family togetherness around a good dinner. He insisted on everyone being present for Sunday meals, and loved upholding those traditions. He particularly cared about holidays, and understood them to

be a special time. Pat was even famous for his Christmas Eve contribution: linguine and clam sauce – which was by far, the best dish of the night. Unfortunately, this dynamic shifted after the loss of family members. Yet Pat continued to try and keep things as normal and enjoyable as possible. He always helped to pull the family together and make things right in tough times. Pat was filled with faith, and trusted in the Lord. He lived knowing in his heart that the Lord would call him home when he was ready.

Pat is survived by his cherished mother, Vita; and his sisters, Grace Ann Marino, and Vita DelBuono and fiancé Steve Altieri. Pat held close to his heart the memory of his sister Antoinette Marie (Marino) Gaetano, who passed on May 7, 2005. Pat also leaves behind his brother-in-law, Arthur L. “Art” Gaetano. He will be fondly remembered by his nieces and nephews, Annette Gaetano and her fiancé Gus Bullock; Paul DelBuono, and Anthony DelBuono; as well as his great-nieces and great-nephews, Amyah, and Gino; and Grayson. Pat will live on in the hearts of his many beloved cousins, especially Rosemarie Pastorella, who had become such a large part of their lives and was so gracious with her love. Pat was blessed with numerous dear friends who graced his life, particularly Pat and Brenda Castelli. He was predeceased by his paternal grandparents, Vincenzo and Antoinette (Danzo) Marino; his maternal grandparents, Pasquale and Grace (Festa) Casullo; and his various aunts and uncles, especially his Aunt Rosie and Aunt Terry, who always held a special place in his heart.

Visitation will be held Monday morning, November 15, 2021, from 10-11 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. In lieu of floral offerings, the Marino family will gratefully accept memorial contributions made in Pat’s honor to Upstate Cerebral Palsy online at <https://www.upstatecp.org/ways-to-give/donate>; or to Resource Center for Independent Living, online at <https://www.rcil.com/ways-to-give/online-donation-form>; envelopes will also be available at the funeral home. Patrick’s Funeral Service and Celebration of Life will be held on Monday at 12:00 noon at Mary Mother

of our Savior Parish, Church of Our Lady of Lourdes, 2222 Genesee St., Utica where his Mass of Christian Burial will be offered. Entombment will take place in Calvary Mausoleum at the convenience of the family.

# Cemetery Details

## Calvary Mausoleum

2407 Oneida Street  
Utica, Ny

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 15. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.  
932 South Street  
corner of Hammond Ave.  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 724-6714  
eannacefh@roadrunner.com

## Funeral Service

NOV 15. 12:00 PM (ET)

Mary, Mother of Our Savior Parish, Lourdes Campus  
2222 Genesee St.  
Utica, NY 13502  
<https://www.motherofoursavior.org/CatholicChurch.php>

# Tribute Wall

CA

“ *Happy Birthday Walyo. We miss you and talk about you all the time. Celebrate your birthday with our Mikey. Love you both Pat & Brenda*

Castelli - January 06, 2025 at 09:52 PM

VI

“ *Tomorrow is your Birthday! Not a day goes by that I'm not thinking of you! I'm going to miss not bringing you a cake on Sunday... miss you so much* ❤️

Vita - January 05, 2022 at 09:52 PM

VI

“ *1 month and 3 days, my heart will be forever broken , I miss you so much*



Vita - December 11, 2021 at 08:01 PM

VD

“ *Vita DelBuono lit a candle in memory of Mr. Patrick A. "Pat" Marino*



Vita DelBuono - November 20, 2021 at 10:24 PM

MK

“ *Missing You More Than You'll Ever Know lit a candle in memory of Mr. Patrick A. "Pat" Marino*



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**Missing you more than you'll ever know** - November 17, 2021 at 01:45 PM

PC

“ *We are still in disbelief of the passing of our wonderful friend Walyo. So many fond and funny memories we will treasure. Going for coffee, to Dave's Diner car cruise, car races in New Jersey, Sunday nights at The Leather Bottle. Always a good time. Like you use to say Patsy "When they blow out the candles the party's over" Your party has just begun! Rest in peace friend until we meet again .....*  
*Pat & Brenda Castelli*



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**Pat & Brenda Castelli** - November 15, 2021 at 12:53 AM

JG

“ *Our deepest condolences to Aunt Vita , Vita and Grace. I have many treasured memories of my childhood growing up with my cousin Pat. Had a great time seeing Pat this summer as he took a ride out on his Harley to visit. We had a drink at the Men's Club and shared some old stories. No one could tell a story better than Pat. I am so grateful for the Marino heirloom beans he brought us this summer. We will think of Pat fondly every year when we plant and enjoy the beans. Will miss you my dear cousin. Rest in peace Pat. Until we meet again.*  
*Jim and Kathy Gambino*

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**James Gambino** - November 14, 2021 at 05:10 PM

LD

“ Love, Mary and Dallas purchased the [Memorial Trees](https://www.eannacefuneralhome.com/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) for the family of Mr. Patrick A. "Pat" Marino.

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**Love, Mary and Dallas** - November 14, 2021 at 11:41 AM

DG

“ *Pat was one of my favorite cousins!*  
*Growing up together in Utica, I have many fond memories of the mischief Pat, myself and my brother Jim would get into when we visited the cousins on Kossuth Ave. Although it has been many years, I still smile when I think about the trouble we'd get in for climbing the apple tree and throwing apples at whoever happened to be standing nearby. Once we even hit Uncle Corky in the head! I always enjoyed reliving those memories during visits to Utica. Sitting around the dining room table at Aunt Vita's, nibbling on a plate of Christmas cookies she insisted we eat, and listening to stories from when we were children was always a highlight, even for my wife and daughters. Pat had a gift for storytelling. And somehow those stories seemed to improve with each telling.*  
*I'll miss you Pat. May you rest in peace.*  
*Your cousin,*  
*Dean*

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**Dean Gambino** - November 13, 2021 at 01:20 PM

LG

“ Dear Family

*I was Pat's Barber for many many years. I always looked forward to him coming in because we reminisced about the old motorcycle days, hillclimbs the old UTK, and John Cisarelli's motor cycle shop on Genesee St. I know He loved His Family and friends. I have heard that very few people go directly to Heaven, In Pats case this will not be so. I am sure Pat is in heaven today, with his dad and sister talking over old times. and sharing in God's Love.*

*God Bless*

*Leo Gilman*

*Union Station Barber Shop*

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**Leo E Gilman** - November 13, 2021 at 08:20 AM

RN

“ So very sorry for the passing of Pat...I was a Mr. Nostalgia weekend girl with always a bunch of friends... Pat & Tony were always so good to us. I pray for his family at this difficult time..and know he is an Angel to watch over his family... Never let go of memories... RIP Pat...💙💙



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**Renee Nelson** - November 12, 2021 at 09:14 AM

JS

“ To the Marino family, I offer my sincere condolences. I had many friendly times with Pat and Tony. They were both fine gentlemen.

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**John Scala** - November 12, 2021 at 08:27 AM

NG

“ No one will ever replace your gift of story telling and knowledge of family history. Every visit back to Utica had to include a Sunday visit to Aunt Vita’s for delicious dinner and hilarious stories from Pat. You will be truly missed. Rest in peace dear cousin.



Natalie Gambino - November 11, 2021 at 12:07 PM

L(

“ My heartfelt sympathy goes out to Pat’s beloved mom, sister’s Vita and Gracie and all of Pat’s extended family and friends. My the love of God guide you and give you strength during this most difficult time. Rest in Peace, Pat.

Laurice (Reese) - November 11, 2021 at 08:33 AM

SA

“ My condolence's to Pat's mother, sister Vita and all family members. Pat was a great guy and rode motorcycle with Pat and his dad Tony. He will be missed at car shows with his corvette's. Rest In Piece..

Scander Astafan

Scander Astafan - November 11, 2021 at 07:58 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Patrick A. "Pat" Marino.



November 11, 2021 at 01:09 AM

LS

“*Fly with angels my friend. You had a heart of gold. I'll miss seeing you and chatting about family and places we traveled to.*



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**Lorrie Sullivan** - November 10, 2021 at 07:10 PM



“*Rest in Peace Pat! We will miss seeing you at the car shows. I will be forever grateful for how you opened Nostalgia up to Southern Haze...and will always miss those Awesome Fish Fries! May the Lord welcome you with open arms.*



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**Anne Laterza Waters** - November 10, 2021 at 06:34 PM

JL

“*Oh Pat.. My old friend, I will forever cherish our hunting and camping trips, and countless nights in the restaurant telling stories of the old days, no matter the mood your jokes would always make me laugh. I will hold all the memories and fun we had thru the years close to my heart, may God rest your soul my friend, until we meet again...*  
*Joe Lazer...*

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**joe laterza** - November 10, 2021 at 05:19 PM