



Mr. Paul D. Marci

May 27, 1947 - February 21, 2025

UTICA/GREENWICH – Mr. Paul D. Marci, age 77, passed away on Friday, February 21, 2025. A native of Utica, Paul most recently resided in Greenwich, where he was cared for by his niece and nephews who provided him with much attention.

Paul was born to the late Nicholas J. and Elvira (Zegarelli) Marci on May 27, 1947. He was a member of the T.R. Proctor High School/Class of 1965 and furthered his studies, graduating from Utica College of Syracuse University.

For many years, he was a humble, hard-working member of the staff of East Utica's iconic Ventura's Restaurant, which is known to generations of guests as a mainstay in the community. The restaurant was not just a place to enjoy a great meal, it was a place where memories were made and Paul's conscientious nature was part of what made it so special.

More than anything, Paul relished the time he spent with family members and those he loved most. He counted his time with them as the most important of his life, and his family reciprocated the feeling. His loved ones retain the memories of Sunday mornings at Paul's home when they would wake to the smell of his famous fried meatballs.

Paul also enjoyed the peace and tranquility of fly fishing with his brother, his

niece, and nephews. He could also often be found on the fairways, golfing and spending time taking in the beauty of nature ~ yet, Paul was known to be a bit competitive at the sport. He was an ardent fan of the New York Yankees and a devoted follower of the New York Giants.

Paul – and indeed many generations – looked forward to the annual family gatherings where love and good times abounded. The most notable being the Memorial Day get togethers at Uncle Moe’s, and parties in Paul’s backyard. You would be hard pressed to find other events that had more entertainment, good food, laughter, and lightheartedness.

When residing in Utica, Paul was a weekly communicant at St. Anthony and St. Agnes Church. Attending Mass grounded him and uplifted his soul ~ it was a sacred time for him to reflect and pray.

Above all, Paul will be remembered for his humor, boundless kindness, and thoughtful actions.

Paul is survived by his brother, Joseph “Corky” Marci (the late Kathryn Marci). He cherished the memories of his brother and sister-in-law who preceded him, Nicholas “Chuck” and Lillian Marci. His loss is also felt by his nieces and nephews, Nick and Brenda Marci, John and Michelle Marci, Shari Marci and Randy Squires, Maria and Leelan Bieker, Nicole and Jason Orr, Jeannine and Vincent Pugliese, Joseph “Joey” Marci, and Dawn and Adam Spaulding; several great-nieces, great-nephews, and cousins who were closely knit; and a host of dear friendships forged throughout his life.

A Graveside Service will be held at the convenience of the family.

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