

Paul M. Guerra

October 1, 1927 - December 9, 2008

Mr. Paul M. Guerra, age 81, of Utica, passed away on Tuesday, December 9, 2008 in the comfort of his home with his loving family by his side after a courageous battle with Glioblastoma.

Born in Syracuse, New York on October 1, 1927, Paul was the son of the late Enrico and Rose (Bianco) Guerra. He attended Syracuse schools, graduating from North High School in 1945. He married the former Marygrace Zangrilli, a close and loving marriage of 47 years that was filled with much love and happiness.

After receiving his Masters in English Education at Oneonta State University, Paul began his teaching career at Delhi Academy, Delhi, NY, then went on to Dabney Lancaster Community College in Clifton Forge, Virginia, and completed his career at M.V.C.C. in Utica where he retired in 1989. He also worked with his wife for many years at the business they founded, Maria's Pasta Shop. Paul loved to cook and entertain, and he and his wife hosted and enjoyed many holidays and parties for their extended family and friends. He was a loving husband, father, uncle, brother, and grandfather, and never missed one of his children's school plays, activities, or sporting events. During his retirement, he enjoyed the company of many friends and family with his weekly coffee group with Tony, Jo, John and Anne, the 'cousins lunch club', and many Sunday breakfasts with Don and Kate. Devoted to his grandchildren, he loved to spend time with them and attend their school functions, soccer games, and music recitals. He was an avid reader,

especially books about history and politics, and also enjoyed crossword puzzles, watching the NY Yankees, daily walks with his ever-faithful canine companion, Max, and many family trips to Maine.

Paul was a communicant of Historic Old St. John's Church in Utica, and a faithful supporter of the Food Pantry and Parish Center. He and the family appreciated the visits he received over the past few months from Deacon Bill Dischiavo, Father John Buehler, and Msgr. John Flanagan.

Paul is survived by his wife, Marygrace; his daughters, Maria Guerra of Utica, Drs. Anne and John Sveen of Camillus, NY, Paula and Christopher Farley of St. Paul, Minnesota; and his grandchildren, Sarah and Mia Sveen, and Eliza Farley and Roman Farley. He is also survived by two sisters, Mrs. Theresa Nixon, Las Cruces, NM, and Mrs. Mary Mancuso, Queens, NY; a brother, Joseph and Martha Guerra, Geneva, NY; and in-laws, Barbara Zangrilli of Whitesboro, and Anthony and Josephine Zangrilli of New Hartford, who were a constant source of support for him and the family during this time. He leaves many cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends, being blessed with so many who offered much-appreciated kindness and prayers over the past few months. He was predeceased by his in-laws, Luigi and Angelina Zangrilli, John and Philomena Zangrilli, Anne and Alfred Pardi, Raymond and Palma Zangrilli, Albert Zangrilli, Harold Nixon, and John Mancuso.

The family extends sincere gratitude to Dr. Clifford Soultz, Dr. Thomas Coyle and Karen Litwak of Upstate Oncology and Hematology, Dr. Gilbert Lawrence and his staff at Faxton Regional Cancer Center, Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc., especially Navaz, Sally and Heidi, and caregiver, Traci.

Visitation will be held Saturday morning from 10:00-12:00 noon at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. 932 South St. corner of Hammond Ave. In lieu of flowers, please consider memorial donations to the Food Pantry at Historic Old St. John's Church, 240 Bleeker St., Utica, NY 13501 or to Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc., 4277 Middle Settlement Road, New Hartford, NY 13413. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Paul's funeral service will commence on Saturday afternoon at 12:00 noon from the funeral home and at

1:00 at Historic Old St. John's Church where his Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated.

"Grieve not, nor speak of me with tears, but laugh and talk of me as if I were beside you there" ~ Isla Paschal Richardson

We love you, Dad.

Tribute Wall



“ To the Guerra Family,

We are extremely sorry for your loss. We apologize we were unable to attend the services. I remember Mr. Guerra fondly from our school days and enjoying lunch at your house. Your entire family is held in high regard and your home was always one of happiness and friendship. Please accept our condolences and we wish you comfort in the days to come.

Love Les and Kristen (Lindacher) Woodcock##imported-begin##Les and Kristen (Lindacher) Woodcock##imported-end##

December 18, 2008 at 07:34 PM



“ Mrs Guerra & Family, I am sorry to hear of the passing of Mr Guerra. I truly enjoyed the many home visits with Mr Guerra. He was a kind and funny man. My deepest sympathy to you and your family. Lori##imported-begin##Lori Falange(VNA)##imported-end##

December 13, 2008 at 11:13 AM



“ To the Guerra family - I have always felt fortunate that the lives of our families became connected through Paula. Deep friendships send out living roots that draw people together across geography, circumstance, and life experience. May you find comfort in your memories and know how your family has blessed all of us who know you. You are held in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Sincerely,

Kristy's mom, Ann (Kenyon) Maher##imported-begin##Ann (Kenyon) Maher##imported-end##

December 13, 2008 at 08:36 AM



“ Aunt Geepie, Maria, Anne & Paula - Our deepest sympathy to all of you in the passing of Uncle Paul. He was such a loving and caring man. He touched the lives of all who knew him & I'm honored to say that I am one of those people. May God Bless you all during this time. Love, Patrick, Rhonda, Aryanna & Ahlanna##imported-begin##Rhonda Zangrilli-Russell##imported-end##

December 12, 2008 at 05:48 PM



“ It was with great sadness that I read of Mr. Guerra's passing. Although I only met him during a couple of home visits, I admired his wit and intellect, and his demeanor which was that of a true gentleman. Your family was one that impressed me, very kind, supporting and loving. My thoughts are with you all, may happy memories bless you as you grieve.##imported-begin##Jason Gerling##imported-end##

December 12, 2008 at 05:22 PM



“ *What a wonderful man God has with him now in Paul Guerra. We will miss him, and we are praying for Mary, Maria, Anne, and Paula and their families at this sad time. God Bless you.##imported-begin##Mary Jo & Barry Copeland##imported-end##*

December 12, 2008 at 03:40 PM



“ *Our loving thoughts are with you. We will all miss our favorite Uncle. Thank you for so many happy Christmas memories.*

Angela, Joe, Caitlin and Anna##imported-begin##Angela Corrigan##imported-end##

December 12, 2008 at 02:46 PM



“ *Paula, Mrs. Guerra, Mary, Anne, and family:*

We are so sorry to hear of Mr. Guerra's passing. We know the past few months have been difficult for all and our thoughts and prayers are with you. We have very fond memories of Mr. Guerra. Peter and I were just talking about him the other night, how much we enjoyed his company and how enthusiastic and happy he was at our wedding party. I echo my brother Anthony's sentiments - my whole family loved him, especially my mother and father. We will miss him greatly. Although we are separated physically by distance, we are there for you in spirit. May he rest in peace. Much love, Ana, Peter and Nela in San Francisco, CA##imported-begin##Ana Validzic, Peter Sutherland, and Nela Sutherland##imported-end##

December 12, 2008 at 12:11 PM



“ *mrs. guerra, paula & family: so sorry to hear of the passing of mr. guerra. when i seen his picture it reminded me of what a kind man he was. our prayers are with you.##imported-begin##ray yacco & maria(yacco}rosado##imported-end##*

December 12, 2008 at 10:33 AM



“ *We are truly sorry for your loss of such a wonderful human being. He was a kind, gentle man and always had a gracious smile throughout his ordeal. May it comfort you and yours to know that he is resting with the angels. Our deepest sympathy.##imported-begin##Betty DiNardo & Family##imported-end##*

December 11, 2008 at 08:29 PM



“ Dear Guerra Family:

On behalf of my family, we wanted to express our sympathy for your lose. Mr. Guerra was a great man with even a bigger heart. My wife, Kristy, and my sister, Ana, went to college with Paula and they have found memories of him during their visits. He always was gracious and fed them well... even offering drinks to make the occasions even merrier. I, Anthony, remember how happy he was around family and friends. He was truly a joyful spirit who enjoyed talking about politics and history. My daughter, Grace, even recalls the few times she met him and how he loved to share his cookies. We will miss him and hope that the entire Guerra family knows that we are here for them.

Our prayers and love,

Anthony, Kristy and Grace Validzic

9 Norway Maple Drive

Geneva, New York 14456###imported-begin##Anthony Validzic,

Kristy Kenyon and Grace Validzic###imported-end##

December 11, 2008 at 06:51 PM



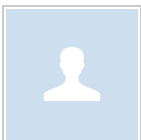
“ *Marygrace,
Peace in the Lord! Just read of Paul's being called home to God.
May he know God's peace and joy forever. Know that you and
family are very much in my prayer.
Together and solo you both have been such a great blessing in so
many different ways on those who have shared the journey of life
with you.
I thank you for that.
I am sure Paul will enjoy the holyday season in his new place, I pray
the same for you and family.
Love & Peace.
Bob Kloster###imported-begin###Bob Kloster###imported-end##*

December 11, 2008 at 02:24 PM



“ *To Paul Guerra's wife and children:
I remember Mr. Guerra growing up in East Utica. I am not surprised
that he was a wonderful father and grandfather, he was a wonderful,
kind and loving man back than.
Please accept my sincere apologies. Be comforted in knowing that
he is now without pain and with the Lord.###imported-begin###Donna
Pedone Merhib###imported-end##*

December 11, 2008 at 10:18 AM



“ *Mrs. Guerra and family, So very sorry for your loss. I worked with
Paul at MVCC for many years. He was such a wonderful man and
gentleman. May your memories comfort you###imported-
begin###Annette Guido###imported-end##*

December 11, 2008 at 09:27 AM



“ Guerra Family: I am so grateful to have been able to take care of your dad. I will deeply miss him and all of the funny faces he would make. You are all such a loving and caring family and I am glad to have been apart of it. My deepest sympathy to all of you. Paul , may you rest in peace.##imported-begin##Traci Dreimiller##imported-end##

December 11, 2008 at 08:17 AM



“ Mr Guerra was one of my "regulars" at the Lab. I am so very saddened to hear of his passing. He was a very kind, gentle and friendly man. I pray that God comforts those who loved him so dearly. I also will miss him terribly. With Heartfelt Sympathy, Barbara##imported-begin##Barbara Jaskolka (Marian Medical Lab)##imported-end##

December 10, 2008 at 07:50 PM



“ Mr. G, you will be forever in our hearts. Thank you for all the love and kindness; and for always welcoming our visits with a smile and a big plate of food! You filled our lives with so much joy. Rest in peace.

Sue, Bob, Matthew & Alex##imported-begin##Suzanne Hajec Roos##imported-end##

December 10, 2008 at 07:34 PM



“ Uncle Paul - your warm heart and great humor will be sadly missed. Our prayers are with you.
Love Kelly##imported-begin##Kelly Boden##imported-end##

December 10, 2008 at 09:33 AM



“ You are in our thoughts and prayers.
Antionietta and Jerry##imported-begin##Antionietta
Abruzzese##imported-end##

December 10, 2008 at 07:40 AM



“ Our deepest sympathy to your family.
Carol and Phil Scampone##imported-begin##Philip
Scampone##imported-end##

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