



## Mr. Peter Maneen

February 15, 2024

UTICA – Award winning area photographer and pizza connoisseur, Peter Maneen, 72, passed away on Thursday, February 15, 2024, after a long and courageous battle with cancer.

Peter got his start in photography at age 12 in the Catholic Charities' Camera Club, continuing at T.R. Proctor High School's Camera Club. After attending the NYS Institute of Photography and RIT's School of Photography, he established Maneen Studio which he owned and operated for over 50 years, specializing in wedding and portrait photography. Peter not only garnered many awards and recognition for his photography, but he also passed on his knowledge of photography by teaching students both young and old. From Youth Groups to Continuing Education classes, Peter helped many people to experience the joy of photography and go on to win their own awards and recognition.

In addition to pioneering the use of videography for weddings, Peter was a member and longtime officer of The Professional Photographer's Society of New York State and organized the Mohawk Valley Singles Club. Beyond photography, Peter was a man of many talents. A handyman extraordinaire and electrician, there wasn't a three-way switch he couldn't wire. He served in the U.S. Army and even took a turn down the runway as a fashion model. Above all, Peter was a kind person and saw the value in everyone. He loved

to share laughter and joy with all those in his life, whether they were there in passing or present throughout his life. He adored his nephews and cherished every moment with them and his grand-nephews.

Peter grew up in a family where aunts, uncles, and cousins were an extension of parents and siblings. Where the shared history of our grandparents taught us we were one family and to love and care for each other. Where the marriages of siblings and cousins only grew our family, and although there are far too many to name, we are grateful for the prayers and support they offered to Peter.

Peter leaves his sister, Rose Ann and Jim Garry; sister-in-law, Linda Maneen; and nephews, Joe Garry, Jonathan and Lexie Maneen, Paul and Jaclyn Maneen, Michael and Chloe Maneen; and grand-nephews, John, Grady, and Connor. He was predeceased by his parents, Rocco and Josephine, and his brother, John.

He also leaves several special friends including Mary Ules, Gail Brzdenk, Ron Gigliotti, and Nick Boyko; and lifetime best friend, Carmen Pimpinella. Special thanks to long-time beloved partner, Mary Jane Lathwood, your love and support will never be forgotten.

The family would like to thank the professional, caring, and compassionate staff of the office of Dr. Goldberg and Wynn Hospital who went above and beyond to help Peter through his health troubles.

May your remembrance of Peter's quick wit and easy-going smile offer comfort and support through all your days.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Peter's Memorial Mass of Christian Burial and Celebration of Life which will commence on Monday, March 4, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Mary of Mount Carmel/Blessed Sacrament

Parish, 648 Jay St. There will be an opportunity to greet the family prior to Mass beginning at 9:00 a.m. at church. In lieu of flowers and in memory of Peter, please consider how you can brighten someone's day.

# Previous Events

## Reception Line

MAR 4. 9:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary of Mount Carmel / Blessed Sacrament Parish  
648 Jay St  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 735-1482

## Memorial Mass

MAR 4. 10:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

JD

“ *To Pete's family... so sorry for your loss. Please accept my sincere condolences.. Remembering the early days of family times on Jay St. and St. Agnes Ave., times punctuated with stories and laughter.*  
*Cousin, Joyce Cafarelli Duignan*

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**Joyce C Duignan** - February 27, 2024 at 10:50 AM



“ *I'm so sorry Peter suffered with cancer. I've know Pete for 50 years, and used to work for him, shooting the video, while he shot the stills.*



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**Tree Soko** - February 20, 2024 at 01:35 PM



*Theresa M. Sokolowski*

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**Tree Soko** - February 20, 2024 at 01:37 PM



*I'll miss talking, and joking, with him. RIP my friend.*

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**Tree Soko** - February 20, 2024 at 01:41 PM

LS

“ *We wish we had the opportunity to share more in Pete's life: however, his kind nature and sweet personality will always be remembered. Our sincere condolences to his entire family.*  
*Matthew and Loretta Scurato*

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**Loretta Scurato** - February 20, 2024 at 11:14 AM

GM

“ I am so sorry to Pete’s family. I have known him through my husband and our friendship with his brother John and Linda. Pete was our photographer at our wedding. He was a nice man and will be missed

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**Gina Mancini** - February 19, 2024 at 08:07 PM

MU

Well pete. .i cant believe you arent here any more to help solve lifes problems for me!  
I know you are happy n pain free but geez, i miss you a lot! 20 year fridndship.... who knew life would take us down the path it did. My sympathies to all petes family, especially rose ann , his sister. We all lost someone special and my heart goes out to mary jane. Life will never be the same without pete in it! I know you r probably making a garlic pizza in heaven for your family! Miss you already!

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**mary ules** - February 20, 2024 at 12:08 AM

FR

“ Peter was my cousin, in my younger years I saw him more when our family's would get together..Sad that we didn't keep in touch as we should have. I did through Facebook, enjoyed his post of his dinner pizza. Rest easy Peter.

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**Frances Retzloff** - February 19, 2024 at 06:24 PM