



## Mr. Philip F. Arcuri, Sr., Ret./UPD

July 11, 1926 - April 25, 2020

UTICA - Mr. Philip F. Arcuri, Sr., Ret./UPD, age 93, passed away on Saturday, April 25, 2020 with his son and grandson by his side. His beloved wife Theresa and son Louie were waiting for him at the gates of heaven with open arms.

Born in Utica on July 11, 1926, Philip was the son of the late Joseph and Agata (Cardamone) Arcuri. He was a graduate of T.R. Proctor High School Class of 1945. A patriotic member of the Greatest Generation and veteran of the United States Marine Corp, he honorably served his country during World War II. On September 17, 1949 he married the former Theresa Valente with whom he shared 51 years as true and trusting partners. Together they built a happy home and family life which was a blessing to their children and the generations that followed. He was a hard worker and a good provider, and part of his heart went with Theresa when she passed on August 31, 2001. Phil loved and cherished his beloved to the day of his passing.

A patriot who served his country, Phil also dedicated his life to protect and serve his community when he was appointed to the Utica Police Department in 1952. He worked as a Patrolman for 37 years. He was true to his brothers, his badge, and the citizens of Utica. He retired from the force in 1989. Phil was past president of the John E. Creedon Police Benevolent Association (PBA) for 17 consecutive years and also served as Deputy Commissioner of Public Safety under the Pawling Administration.

As patriarch of his family, Philip was a true gentleman in all aspects and his

family aspired to emulate his ethics and values. He had an amazing personality and a proclivity to adapt to any situation that arose. He spent quality time with his wife and children and focused on the important things that mattered in life. He respectfully stood by his kids throughout all the phases of their lives, adjusted to worldly changes, and found a way to make everything ok. When his grandchildren and great-grandchildren came into his life, his spirit was uplifted. He loved when they sat with grandpa and was amused by their personalities. They reminded him of the memories of his own children and the immense joy he had when they were young. Phil carried on his Italian family traditions, especially Sunday dinner when his wife cooked the sauce, he prepared his famous bracirole, and everyone listened to the Italian-American music hour on the radio. It made for a perfect day and perpetual memories.

He was a good, fair-minded man, and the wisdom he accrued in serving his country and his city shined through and was reflected in the stories he recounted that resonated through the years. There was power in Phil's word, and gentleness in his heart. He helped so many people, advocating for their wellbeing and helping them stay on the straight and narrow. Because of his war injuries, Phil was placed in a Boston Hospital to recuperate. He acquired a love for Boston and made family trips traversing the backroads to the fabulous city and taking in the sites and scents of Little Italy. He honored Italian feasts and religious celebrations and made Sunday pilgrimages to his favorite shrine at Auriesville. Phil was a charter member of the Northeastern Police Conference, serving as its first Secretary/Treasurer. He held three different offices in the Police Conference of New York, Inc. and also served as Vice President of the New York State Federation of Police, Inc. He was also an honorary member of the Utica Fire Fighters Association/Local #32 and an honorary member of the Association of Retired Professional Police and Fire Fighters of Upstate New York.

Philip was a faithful parishioner of St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish. He held the Lord close to his heart, prayed petitions for the well being

of all, and blessed his family daily. He loved life and enjoyed and embraced it to the fullest. He achieved peace of mind through his work as a peacemaker, and was grateful for the many blessings the Lord granted him.

Philip is survived by his children and their spouses, Linda and Norman Doucette, Phyllis Ross (and the memory of his predeceased son-in-law, Donald Ross), and Philip F. Jr. and Carolyn Arcuri. Never forgotten and always in his heart was the memory of his son, Louis R. "Louie" Arcuri who preceded him on January 4, 2015. He will be remembered by his daughter-in-law, Donata Arcuri. He also leaves his adored grandchildren, Larissa Sullivan, Samantha and Rick Elder; Julie and Kenny Clarke, Melissa and Ilmar Hogan; Philipo Blake Arcuri and Alex, and Isabella Taylor "Bella" Arcuri. He was overjoyed to know that his son and wife were expecting a child in October, who will join brothers Dylan, and Aiden. He is also survived by his great-grandchildren, Corey, and Makayia; Terri, and Kenny; Bailey, and Amelia; and Liam, and the anticipation of his sister Nora in August; nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews; special and longtime friends, Anthony and Marie Cucinotta; neighbors, the Cemer family who could never do enough for Phil; and Ben with whom he shared a lifetime of friendship. He was predeceased by his brothers and sister-in-law, Pasquale "Pat" and Mary Arcuri, John and MaryLouise Arcuri, and Dominick Joseph "Dick" and Olga Arcuri; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Louis and Violet Valente; and in-laws, Antoinette "Lolly" and Edward Vidoni.

The family extends sincere appreciation to Dr. Richard Sullivan of the Veterans Affairs Rome Clinic; the staff of the Syracuse Veterans Administration, the Grand Rehabilitation and Nursing of Ilion; and Rev. James Cesta who blessed and visited Phil at his home.

Expressions of sympathy in the form of donations may be directed to St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish, 648 Jay Street, Utica, NY 13501, or online at <http://www.mountcarmelblessedsacrament.com>.

Due to current health concerns and in keeping with federal and state

regulations, services will be held intimately with immediate family only. During these isolated times in our lives, we ask that you please share a memory with Philip's family on this tribute page.

"Semper Fi"

# Tribute Wall

MR

“ Thinking of you, Phil. Rest easy. You are missed



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Mary Ann R - June 15, 2023 at 07:27 PM

MR

“ In my thoughts today, Phil. Rest Easy....



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Mary Ann R - September 03, 2022 at 04:29 PM

MR

“ Thinking of you, Phil....you are so missed



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Mary Ann R - July 20, 2022 at 08:32 PM

MR

“ Thinking of you, Phil...rest easy...you are so missed.



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Mary Ann R - July 02, 2022 at 05:59 PM

MR

“ Thinking of you, Phil. Truly missed

Mary Ann R - June 15, 2022 at 06:51 PM

MA

“ Rest easy, Phil, two years since you went to Heaven. You are so missed.



Mary AnnR` - April 25, 2022 at 03:26 PM

MA

“ Thinking of you, Phil, this Easter season. Rest easy, you are missed.

Mary Ann - April 18, 2022 at 06:12 PM

MR

“ Thinking of you, Phil. Rest easy. You are missed



Mary Ann R - December 21, 2021 at 07:42 PM

MR

“ Rest easy, Phil....Think of you often....



Mary Ann R - October 23, 2021 at 04:30 PM

MR

“ Thinking of you, Phil...Rest In Peace



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Mary Ann R - October 06, 2021 at 06:26 PM

MR

“ Thinking f you, Phil. Rest easy. You are so missed



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Mary Ann R - September 14, 2021 at 03:05 PM

MR

“ Thinking of you today, Phil. Rest easy....you are missed

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Mary Ann R - September 08, 2021 at 08:41 PM

MR

“ Sitting her thinking of you, Phil. Rest easy.  
You are so missed



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Mary Ann R - August 22, 2021 at 07:32 PM

MA

“ Thinking of you, Phil. You are so missed.



Mary Ann - July 16, 2021 at 08:37 AM

MA

“ Happy Heavenly Father's Day, Phil. You are so missed. Rest easy, Phil



Mary Ann - June 20, 2021 at 11:11 AM

MA

“ Thinking of you, today, Phil...Rest Easy



Mary Ann - June 02, 2021 at 01:36 PM

MR

“ Sitting here thinking of you, Phil...Rest Easy. You are so missed.



Mary Ann R - May 02, 2021 at 02:10 PM

MA

“ One year, in Heaven, Phil.. and not a day went by that you were not missed. You will always be missed. Rest easy, Phil.



Mary Ann - April 25, 2021 at 06:02 PM

MA

“ Thinking of you, today, Phil...rest easy...you are missed

Mary Ann - April 05, 2021 at 11:14 AM

MR

“ Thinking of you, today, Phil, and the happy memories of the last few Easters with you and the family. Rest easy, Phil. Happy Easter in Heaven. You are so missed.



Mary Ann R - April 04, 2021 at 11:47 AM

MA

“ Thinking of you, Phil. Rest easy. You are missed!



Mary Ann - March 28, 2021 at 04:53 PM

MA

“ Thinking about you, today,  
Phil....Bittersweet....Rest In Peace, Phil....you  
are missed



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**Mary Ann** - March 17, 2021 at 07:49 PM

MA

“ Thinking of you, Phil...you are so missed



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**MARY ANN** - March 15, 2021 at 01:33 PM

MA

“ In my thoughts today, Phil. Rest easy, Phil. You  
are so missed.



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**Mary Ann** - February 26, 2021 at 05:36 PM

MA

“ Sitting her thinking of you, Phil. Rest Easy



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**Mary Ann** - February 16, 2021 at 06:07 PM

MR

“ Thinking of you today, Phil. Rest Easy <3



Mary Ann R - February 11, 2021 at 11:31 AM

MR

“ Miss you, Phil...Rest easy..



Mary Ann R - January 16, 2021 at 06:35 PM

MR

“ Sitting here and you are in my thoughts. Rest easy, Phil... You are missed.



MaryAnn R - January 12, 2021 at 09:42 PM

MR

“ Missing you, Phil, this New Years Day...Rest Easy....Not the same without you



Mary Ann R - January 01, 2021 at 04:04 PM

MA

“ *Phil, Missing you today on Christmas...Rest easy, Phil..you are so missed.*

Mary Ann - December 25, 2020 at 03:18 PM

MA

“ *Sitting here and thinking of you, Phil. Rest Easy,*



Mary Ann - December 07, 2020 at 02:06 PM

MR

“ *Just thinking of you, today, Phil...Rest easy. You are so missed.*



Mary Ann R - October 01, 2020 at 11:31 AM

MA

“ *Sitting here thinking of you, Phil. Rest easy,*



Mary Ann - September 14, 2020 at 08:19 PM

MR

“ *Just sitting here thinking of you. You are so missed. Rest easy, Phil*



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**MaryAnn R** - August 20, 2020 at 08:26 PM

MR

“ *Thinking of you, today, Phil....<3*



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**Mary Ann R** - August 11, 2020 at 11:35 AM

MR

“ *Thinking of you, Phil...Missing you. Rest easy.*



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**MaryAnn R** - August 06, 2020 at 05:41 PM

MU

“ *To the Arcuri family; so sorry to hear of Phil's passing. He was a true gentleman in every way. From my first day as a rookie on the Utica Police Dept, he treated me and everyone else like a gentleman and an equal. I'm very sorry for your loss.*

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**Mike Graham, Retd. UPD** - June 26, 2020 at 03:10 PM

PU

“ So very sorry for the loss of Phil, he was a favorite cousin of my Mother, Teresa Bevivino. I always remember them smiling. Paula Urbanke

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**Paula Urbanke** - May 05, 2020 at 09:23 PM

GO

“ So sorry to hear of the loss of Mr Arcuri such a great guy and lived a great life. Rest in peace in Mr. Arcuri



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**gary ollerenshaw** - May 03, 2020 at 07:26 PM

SZ

“ Mr. Arcuri was always a pleasure to be with. I deeply enjoyed his visits to his neighbor, my aunt, Anna Mezzanini, when I happened to be in town. My aunt and my mom doted on him as we drank coffee or ate lunch. During one of my visits I slid on ice while pulling into my aunt's driveway, my front bumper hitting the curb and necessitating body work. Mr. Arcuri happened to stop by and recommended Meola's. In fact, he rode with me and introduced me to his friends there. May he rest in peace in the Light and Love of our Lord.

*Stan Ziobro*

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**Stanley Ziobro** - May 03, 2020 at 05:49 PM

EL

“ To the Arcuri family,

*I am so sorry to hear about Mr Arcuri. I have fond memories of him, especially growing up with Louie. He was a great guy and true gentleman. My prayers are with him and all of you. God bless.*

*Sincerely,  
Ed Lasek*

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**ED LASEK** - May 03, 2020 at 05:22 PM

JT

“ So sad to read of Phil's passing. We enjoyed lots laughs back in the day when I was with the OD and he was PBA president negotiating all those contracts. Our paths had not crossed for many years, but I will always remember him as a straight shooter, who always had a ready smile.

*I hope the pain of his passing will ebb soon. I know you will all miss him.*

*Joe Tierno  
Melbourne Beach Fl.*

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**Joe Tierno** - May 03, 2020 at 02:37 PM

SC

“ Mr Arcuri sat behind my wife and I at St. Mary Mt Carmel Church at the Saturday 4:30 Mass. He would love to tease my wife about her golf game. We would talk about the old days on Mary St. That’s when I found out he knew my parents when they were all young. When he could no longer attend Mass I would call him or he would call me every so often. When I tried calling him the last couple weeks with no answer I was afraid something was wrong. Phil will always be in our prayers. When we start getting back to church I know we will always be looking for him sitting in the last seat behind us. God Bless you Phil and may you Rest In Peace.

steve & betty calenzo - May 03, 2020 at 01:20 PM



“ Rest in peace now my friend.  
You will always be remembered.  
God Bless You.

Barbara (Salerno) Ziezio & Family



Barbara Ziezio - May 03, 2020 at 01:02 PM

DT

“ To a wonderful and kind gentleman with whom I had the privilege of knowing. I loved our lunches and enjoyed our many conversations. Rest In Peace my dear friend. Doreen Melchiorre St Thomas

Doreen St. Thomas - May 02, 2020 at 11:22 PM

FW

“ To Phil's Family, It has been a long time. I knew that you were a very medically compromised man; but the times we met, at our church, St. Mary of Mt. Carmel, you always brought a smile to my face. We would spend so much time talking about years ago, and remembering all of our families. You were a blessing to your family and friends; always with a kind word to share. My parents Pasquale and Julia always knew that you would be able to shoulder so many burdens. And because of your good will and prayers, every life you touched, gained some of your knowledge, and spiritual strength. You will always have that last seat to watch over everyone. May Jesus and His loving Mother Mary, bring peace and strength to your family. I pray that your soul is with Our Lord, and please give a hug to Patsy and Julia for me. With rest and love.  
Fiora Grandinetta Wilson



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**Fiorinda Grandinetta Wilson** - May 02, 2020 at 03:29 PM

CS

“ Always have had the highest respect and appreciation for Phil's support of all Policeman and their families. Charles W Sears Retired Sgt UPD

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**Charles Sears** - May 02, 2020 at 11:10 AM

DA

“ To the best father in law ever. I will miss our talks and your advice and most of all just you. I know your at piece now with the love of your life and my Louie. Rest In Peace until I see you again. Love you Donata



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**Donata Arcuri** - May 01, 2020 at 11:03 AM

GT

“ *Mr Arcuri...I will always be grateful to you and your wife for making me feel like part of your family..... You will truly be missed...Rest in Peace*

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**Gail Trivieri** - April 30, 2020 at 04:30 PM

JC

“ *We are truly saddened to learn of the passing of Mr. Arcuri. We met him through his son Louie, and knew immediately what a great man he was. Everyone who had the privilege of knowing Mr. Arcuri always felt the same. Louie's friends were always welcomed into the Arcuri home, we felt like part of the family each time we visited. Mr. Arcuri will be truly missed. God Bless, Rest In Peace.*

*Jimmy and Pam Casamento*

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**James Casamento** - April 29, 2020 at 01:01 PM

NP

“ *To the Arcuri family:  
I had the honor to work with Phil for over 30 years as a member of UPD, he always put his men first as union president, he was kind hearted especially in times of hardships with police members. All who knew Phil enjoyed his company and many stories, he was proud of his family and his religion, Rest In Peace Phil, you had a wonderful run on this earth.*

*Nick Parrotta, Naples ,Florida*

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**Nick Parrotta** - April 29, 2020 at 11:22 AM

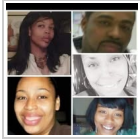


“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Philip F. Arcuri, Sr., Ret./UPD.*



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April 29, 2020 at 10:16 AM



“ *To the Arcuri family my deepest condolences. Phil. You were a good cop and a good friend. I remember when you took Bill Phillips and I to Albany. I lost my job and you helped me. Thanks for all you did. I'll never forget you or your kindness. Rest in peace. ♡❤*  
*Jim Winston Sr. Retired U.P.D.*



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**Dawn Winston** - April 28, 2020 at 09:43 PM



“ *A life well lived ..I was honored to know him and so amazed at his kindness and loving ways ...a true gentleman...someone that you will never forget..*

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**kathy mussi** - April 28, 2020 at 08:10 PM



“ *Mr. Arcuri you will be remembered so fondly because of my long friendship with Linda. You were a special man Rest In Peace.*

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**Patti Sullivan** - April 28, 2020 at 08:08 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Mr. Philip F. Arcuri, Sr., Ret./UPD.*



April 28, 2020 at 02:58 PM



“ *My deepest condolences go out to the family. He was a beautiful person. I was lucky to share many great memories with him and his family. May he RIP for all eternity.*

**Michelle Gulla** - April 28, 2020 at 01:43 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Philip F. Arcuri, Sr., Ret./UPD.*



April 28, 2020 at 01:22 PM



“ *Poppy you were one of a kind and a true gentleman. I will forever cherish every and all my memories of you and nonnie. I will greatly miss you, more than you will know. I love you. Continue to watch over all of us as you always did.*  
*Love always*  
*Miglet*

**melissa Hogan** - April 28, 2020 at 01:11 PM

MS

“ To the Arcuri family, We are so sorry for your loss and of a great man. You were truly blessed with two great parents. We are sending prayers and Deepest Sympathy. Maryrose & Jim Schiavetta & Roz Mazza.

Maryrose Schiavetta - April 28, 2020 at 01:06 PM

TB

Phil was a true inspiration to me growing up. He was a great mentor and friend to everyone he knew. He truly left this a better place than he found it. I'll never forget Phil

Tony Brindisi - April 29, 2020 at 11:35 AM

PE

I was so sad to read about Phil's passing. Every weekend he would sit in his pew in the back of church and take time to talk to me about my family and ask about me. He was always so concerned about others- a true gentle man in every sense of those words! Often I would meet him in the parking lot of Mt. Carmel Blessed Sacrament where he would arrive sometimes an hour or more early to begin his prayer and meditations while sitting in the silence of the empty lot. I will never forget his tender smile and the many ways he would affirm my work at our parish. Phil was truly an outstanding man- spiritually gifted and an exemplary Christian disciple. May he rest in the joy and peace that he earned from his long, beautiful, selfless life- Peter Elacqua, Director of Music at Mt. Carmel- Blessed Sacrament parish.

Peter Elacqua - May 02, 2020 at 10:02 AM

NS

On behalf of the family of J. Lewis Kelly, I write to express our condolences to the Arcuri family. My father had the deepest respect for Mr. Arcuri both personally and professionally as they worked many years together securing the safety of Utica's citizens. I wish you peace.  
Nancy Kelly Sharkey  
Bow, NH

Nancy J Sharkey - May 03, 2020 at 06:22 PM