



Ralph J. Eannace, Sr., DPM

May 22, 1918 - May 15, 2011

Ralph J. Eannace, Sr., DPM, age 92, of Proctor Boulevard, passed away on Sunday, May 15, 2011 at his home.

He was born in Utica on May 22, 1918, the son of the late Leo and Rosina (Scala) Eannace. He received his early education at Bleecker and Brandegee schools, and then at Utica Free Academy. He enrolled at the Utica Collegiate Center of Syracuse University and earned his Doctorate of Podiatric Medicine in 1945 at what is now the New York College of Podiatric Medicine. As a life-long learner, he was awarded Diplomate status by the American Board of Ambulatory Foot Surgery in 1980 and Diplomate status by the International College of Podiatric Laser Surgery in 1983.

Ralph married Althea Mary Phillips, Attorney at Law, on June 10, 1946 at St. George's Episcopal Church. They joyfully celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary in 2010.

Dr. Eannace is remembered for his distinguished podiatric medicine practice through which he brought the most innovative and advanced approaches and techniques to Upstate New York, for the comfort and care of his thousands of patients. Having been raised in a family that embraces community service and responsibility, he dedicated himself to service for sixteen years on the Utica Board of Education, over twenty-five years on the Board of Trustees and Advisory Boards of the New York College of Podiatric Medicine and its affiliate, Foot Clinics of New York. He served as a Preceptor for the Ohio College of Podiatry. He was an active member of the Cornhill Youth

Association for over twelve years, during which time he sponsored their Little League team. He served as a member of the Vestry and as a Warden of St. George's Episcopal Church. He is also remembered for establishing scholarships at Utica College, the New York College of Podiatric Medicine, and Mohawk Valley Community College.

As a family anchor, friend, podiatric practitioner, and community advocate, he filled his actions with heart, humility, integrity, and humor. He was a gentle and generous humanitarian who has been honored by the American Diabetes Association and the Women's Employment and Resource Center, and was awarded the Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters by the College of Podiatric Medicine. He was a life-long member of the Tau Phi Zeta Fraternity.

Survivors include his beloved wife, Althea; their children, Maryrose Eannace, Lark and Robert Patterson, Robin and Dr. Richard O'Brien, and Ralph Jr. and Laura Eannace; his grandchildren, Tyson E. Lazzaro and his wife Jennifer Newton, Althea E. Lazzaro; Christopher R. Eshleman; Adam E. & Katie A. Ullman, Andrew J. Ullman, Caitlin A. Ullman, Richard Garrett O'Brien; Nicole M. Taylor, Sarah A. Eannace, and Lillian C.R. Eannace; and his great grandson, Clyde E. Taylor, III. He cherished in his heart the memory of his grandson, Daniel L. Eshleman who preceded him in death. Also mourning his passing are his dear sister, Gloria Mary Infusino; several nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and sister-in-law, Virginia Eannace. Ralph was blessed with many dear friends and associates throughout his lifetime. He was predeceased by his brothers and sister-in-law, Carmine V. and Nancy (Pacciarelli) Eannace, and Salvatore J. Eannace, Esq.; his brother-in-law, Vincent R. Infusino, Sr., and his son-in-law, Lewis E. Ullman, Esq.

The Eannace family wishes to express a sincere thank you to all those who provided comfort and care during this transitional journey.

Visitation will be held on Thursday from 3:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. All are respectfully welcome to join the Eannace family for Ralph's Memorial Mass of Christian

Burial which will be held on Friday afternoon at 1:00 at the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes with Rev. Joseph Salerno officiating. In addition, the family will receive visitors at the church at the conclusion of the service. Envelopes will be provided at the funeral home and the church service for contributions in support of established area scholarships.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 19. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.
932 South Street
corner of Hammond Ave.
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 724-6714
eannacefh@roadrunner.com
<https://www.eannacefuneralhome.com>

Tribute Wall



“ Eannace Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ralph J. Eannace, Sr., DPM



Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. - May 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM

CE

“ I was in my mid-teens when Pops (my grandfather) came to stay with my brother and I for the weekend. My parents were away. He always wore a tie, a jacket or both. I dressed like (and was) a slob and spent weekends moping around the house. Pops asked me how I could live like that and I said I didn't feel the need to "dress up" as he did. He said, "I take offense to that" ... I doubt he really took offense. But he was a smart guy and I think he wanted to introduce me to a basic, real part of life, one I was unfamiliar with: Confrontation. So he took time to explain why he dressed as he did, and reminded me that he'd made a life for himself from near-scratch and that dressing appropriately felt right. It was the little steps Pops took to show me respect — for example, by explaining himself calmly but firmly — that earned him my respect. He was a straight shooter and I greatly admired him.

Chris Eshleman - May 26, 2011 at 01:54 AM

WI

“ I am very sorry for your loss. Uncle Doc was always a pleasure to see out and about. He will be missed. Truly, Bill Burns

William Martin Burns III - May 25, 2011 at 06:51 AM

NC

“ The consummate gentleman and Doctor~~~Dr. Eannace.

With sincere sympathy...

The Cocomazzi's



Nicole Cocomazzi - May 20, 2011 at 06:29 PM

ST

“ *Ralph and Family,*

Nancy and I are truly sorry for your loss. Sorry were uable to attend the wake, but our thoughts were with you yesterday (5/19/11). Nancy and I never had the honor of meeting your Father, but I am sure you take after him.

Sam and Nancy Trapanick

Sam and Nancy Trapanick - May 20, 2011 at 01:39 PM

SH

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with your family at this time. I am very sorry for your loss.*

*Shawn Hast
MVCC Adjunct*

Shawn Hast - May 20, 2011 at 09:17 AM

JV

“ Ralph, very sorry for your loss. I think back to the First campaign. We stopped at your Mom and Dads and you did not tell me who they were. We chatted for awhile, then you came back and introduced me. Your Dad said "So, you're the the nice guy from the Prison." We all laughed and Dad & Mom made me feel like Family. I could see then he was very proud of all his children. Your Dad & Mom did a great job raising their children. Our thoughts & prayers are with you all. Joe & Barb Varlaro now retired in Oriskany

Joe Varlaro - May 19, 2011 at 10:25 PM

LT

“ Ralph, Laura and family. I am sorry for your loss. Wishing you a garden of lovely memories where you can find comfort and peace. Thinking of you.
Lynn Tomaino



Lynn Tomaino - May 19, 2011 at 05:53 PM

AI

“ Dear Maryrose & Eannace Family,
My symapthies to you all on the passing of the "Doc"; always the professional, family man, loving husband, good friend and an open heart to others. He provided wonderful medical care to my mother (Frances Izzo-Blando) for many years. It seems our family goes back to his in Benevento, Italy, Little Falls and full circle to Utica. I'm pleased to have known him, and shared a few laughs of our families and life.

Viva Dottore Eannace!

Angelo D. Izzo

San Mateo, California

Angelo D. Izzo - May 19, 2011 at 05:04 PM

EW

“ *Ralph Eannace, Jr. and Family,*

My sympathies on your loss. My late father ,Ed Waszkiewicz, Sr. enjoyed a great friendship for decades with Dr Eannace. He was a fine gentleman.

Ed Butch Waszkiewicz

Ed Butch Waszkiewicz - May 19, 2011 at 03:45 PM

GG

“ *I only met Dr. Eannace a few times. I talked with him at family gatherings, and I especially remember him attending to the care of his wife. He impressed me with his dignity, and his devotion to his family. Glenn Griffin*

Glenn M. Griffin - May 19, 2011 at 12:43 PM

SH

“ *Dear Maryrose,*

I am so sorry to hear of your loss. No matter when it happens, it's a shock and never easy.

You're in my thoughts and prayers.

Sue H.

Susan Halbritter - May 19, 2011 at 09:20 AM

RS

“ To The Eannace Family:

Veronica and I were very sorry to hear about the passing of your beloved husband, father and grandfather. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to you and your family in your time of loss.

I have added you and your family to my daily prayer list. And, when I attend mass on Sunday I will add you and your family to our parish book of prayers.

May our Good Lord watch over, bless, protect and comfort you and your family as you endure this difficult, trying and sad time in your lives. But be comforted by the fact that Ralph is in good hands, the hands of our Lord.

God Bless.

*Rob & Veronica Sherman
Sauquoit, New York*

Rob & Veronica Sherman - May 19, 2011 at 07:23 AM

RD

“ DOC my Mentor

What is the meaning of Life? How should I spend my time? What is happiness and how do I get me some? What are the really important things in this world? What should I do with my life and and can it truly be meaningful ?? We all ask ourselves these questions - they are as old as mankind itself , and spend much of our lives searching for the answers. We somehow don't expect to find them , because we are sure no one actually has these answers--WRONG ! Doc is the only guy I ever knew that had them - All . If you were to ask him , he would probably say " how the hell do I know - only you can answer these things for yourself ." But he really did know. The way he worked ; with his heart and his soul. The respectful way he treated everyone - no matter who . All are answers. The generous parties he had , with elbows rubbing from every walk of life ,sharing his home and hospitality . The love and encouragement for his family and friends in any situation - all answers . His devotion to Althea to the very end (and never underestimate her part in his wondrous life) . His ability to teach, heal, understand , laugh, and love - more answers !!

His family, patients, employees, friends, and colleagues all had the opportunity of seeing how IT IS DONE :: living life the way it is meant to be lived. Even if it was not always obvious at the time , we all somehow knew that he was Showing us the Answers with every part of his life !!

Thanks Ralphie

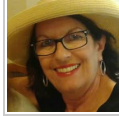
still love ya always will Ron D'Amico DPM

Ron D'Amico - May 18, 2011 at 08:48 PM

LP

*Wow, Ron, You sure said it right. We have been so fortunate to have been such a part of his wonderful life and mentoring, haven't we?
Thanks for the great words, Lark*

Lark Eannace Patterson - May 23, 2011 at 06:39 PM



*Doc you taught me all the Lessons of Life as such a young lady and those lessons have carried with me now that I am old. Every day but especially on May 22 !! To smile each day and say good morning when we came to work. It was such a pleasure to come to work and practice my love of Podiatry. In fact I loved it so much that I spent 42 years in this endeavor. But there was never any Dr. who came close to your integrity. Thank you forever for teaching me and I will always remember The Shadow of Your Smile!
With Love & Gratitude
Onnolee Manikas*

Onnolee Ahlbrandt - June 22, 2025 at 05:52 AM



“ While we didn't know Dr. Eannace personally, we were well aware of his devotion to his family, his profession, and the community. While his loss is truly felt, we join with the others to share our tribute to an extra-ordinary life. Jean and Jim Griffin

Jean Jim Griffin - May 18, 2011 at 04:40 PM



“In loving memory of our client, advocate and friend, whose wise counsel and unique wit have enlightened and brightened our lives. He will be profoundly missed.”

*Harold Wenger, Jr.
Dawn Chagouris
Julie Walsh*

. - May 18, 2011 at 03:23 PM

TL

“ Dear Althea, Maryrose, Lark, Robin, Ralph, you're in my thoughts and prayers. Wonderful memories of all of you fill my mind and heart.....dinner, theme parties, pool fun, BBQs on the patio, heart talks around the kitchen table, evening TV chats upstairs.

Doc always made time for me. Over 45 years of knowing Doc, I always felt I could go to him about anything. On my October 2005 visit from California, I sought Doc's counsel. He listened thoughtfully and I left feeling grateful for his wisdom and understanding. I can still hear Doc's warm "How are you, Dolly?" greeting. Though he said that to others, I always felt very special when he said it to me.

Doc was the best a human being can be with his kindness, compassion, generosity, warmth, humor, wisdom, understanding, and the exceptional ability to communicate it all to everyone who met him. I felt lifted up in his presence and my life is richer because I knew him. I love you, Doc.

Comfort hugs to all of you, Teddy Llovet

Teddy Llovet - May 18, 2011 at 02:08 PM

ML

“ 3 files added to the album New Album Name



Ms Teddy Llovet - May 18, 2011 at 12:13 PM



“ TO THE EANNACE FAMILY
SO SORRY TO HEAR THE LOSS OF
RALPH , WE HAD SO MUCH FUN TO
GETHER .HE WILL BE MISSED ,OUR
PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU.
NICK MONTANO
CLEARWATER ,FLORIDA



BIBI MONTANO - May 18, 2011 at 10:05 AM



“ TO THE EANNACE FAMILY.

MY HEART IS VERY SAD TO HEAR ABOUT
THE LOSS OF DR. EANNACE.
I FIRST MET DOC.WHEN I CAME TO
AMERICA FROM DENMARK. TO WORK FOR HIM TO WORK AT
HIS OFFICE .,I AM FOR EVER GRATEFULL TO HIM I WORKED
FOR HIM 15 YEARS , HE WAS TRULY A EXCEPTIONAL BOSS
AND A TRUE FRIEND. I WILL ALWAYS HAVE WONDERFUL
MEMORIES OF THIS FINE MINE.
PLEASE ACCEPT MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO ALTHEA & THE
FAMILY.



BIBI MONTANO
CLEAWATER FLORIDA

BIBI MONTANO - May 18, 2011 at 09:58 AM

SE

“ Pops,

You are the greatest man I will ever know. Thank you for the beautiful family you have created. I could not have asked for more. I know you are wondering, but Honeybun is all right. Keep watch over us up there with Danny and my Poppy, will ya? I love you Pops. Keep whistling.



And don't worry. I won't forget who I am. Ever.

*With all of my heart,
Your granddaughter Sarah*

Sarah Eannace - May 18, 2011 at 09:06 AM

FJ

“ *To Ralph, Robin, Mary Rose and the entire extended Eannace family*

Marybeth and I will be out of town for the services. Please accept our sincere condolences for your loss . Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Marybeth McCall and Frank Dubeck

Frank J Dubeck Jr - May 18, 2011 at 08:44 AM

JB

“ With an uncanny ability to "connect" with anyone, and the most grounded, kind, warm personality... now at peace, the Mohawk Valley mourns with you. Dr. Ralph always made me feel like one of the family. Deepest sympathy from the entire Brown Family.
John Brown



john brown - May 17, 2011 at 08:18 PM

KB

“ Kathy Briggs lit a candle in memory of Ralph J. Eannace, Sr., DPM



Kathy Briggs - May 17, 2011 at 05:37 PM

KB

Ralph, Laura and the entire Eannace family my deepest sympathies go out to all of you on the loss of Ralph Sr. He will be missed by many.

Kathy Briggs - May 17, 2011 at 05:39 PM

JJ

“ Janice And Samuel L. Russo, Jr. lit a candle in memory of Ralph J. Eannace, Sr., DPM



Janice and Samuel L. Russo, Jr. - May 17, 2011 at 03:43 PM

JJ

All our condolences to the entire Eannace family. You remain in our thoughts and prayers,

Janice and Samuel L. Russo, Jr. - May 17, 2011 at 03:44 PM

KG

“ *Kathleen Gilley lit a candle in memory of Ralph J. Eannace, Sr., DPM*



Kathleen Gilley - May 17, 2011 at 02:36 PM

CU

“ *My Dear Poppy,*

Words cannot express how deep my sorrow runs for your departure from us. But what I want you to know is that you were and always will be the pillar of strength for this family and your wisdom we will always carry with us. So many people have lost such an admirable man but we have all been blessed to have you with us for as long as we did. I know you tried your best to get through this but you have always been the best in our eyes. I love you Poppy so much and I just want to thank you for everything you have done for me.

*Love,
Caitlin
Granddaughter #1*

Caitlin Ullman - May 17, 2011 at 11:40 AM

JR

“ *Ralph, Laura and family; So sorry. I know you will find comfort in the fond memories of your Dad and Grandfather. Love, Jim & Phyllis Roberts*

James B. Roberts - May 17, 2011 at 08:54 AM

CF

“ *Cheryl Flint-crumb lit a candle in memory of Ralph J. Eannace, Sr., DPM*



cheryl flint-crumb - May 16, 2011 at 08:32 PM

CF

my deepest regrets and sadness go out to the Eannce Family. I met Mr. Eannce and the family many years ago when my grandmother Laura Flint did catering parties for the family. I could not say enough about this family, they treated her like family. He will be sadly missed.

cheryl flint-crumb - May 16, 2011 at 08:43 PM

NN

“ *To the Eannace Family: Please accept my sincere condolences for your loss. I first met Doc when I became his patient in 1969 upon my return from Vietman with foot problems. I knew right from the start I had come to the best. His caring,compassion and expertise was extraordinary. He truly cared for me and for this I will be forever grateful knowing him. He will be missed by all he touched. Nick Napoli*

Nick Napoli - May 16, 2011 at 06:09 PM

JK

“ I came to know Doc upon joining the law firm of Phillips, Ullman & Eannace way back in 1985. Our office was in the converted carriage house in the rear of the lot containing his practice. Doc was a frequent visitor. He possessed an indomitable spirit and always seemed happy. Nothing ever got him down. He was, in all respects, a fine role model. A true gentleman, he will be missed. My deepest sympathies to Althea and family.

John Koslosky - May 16, 2011 at 04:30 PM

SV

“ Sam And Vera Valenti lit a candle in memory of Ralph J. Eannace, Sr., DPM



sam and vera valenti - May 16, 2011 at 04:04 PM

SV

our thoughts and prayers are with you all, "Doc" was such a nice man, he will be truly missed by all

sam and vera valenti - May 16, 2011 at 04:06 PM

RR

“ Rocco And Carol Rositano lit a candle in memory of Ralph J. Eannace, Sr., DPM



Rocco and Carol Rositano - May 16, 2011 at 03:50 PM

RR

Our deepest sympathy .

Rocco and Carol Rositano - May 16, 2011 at 03:50 PM

TD

“ To the Eannace family, I am so sorry to hear about "Doc's" passing. I had the great fortune of meeting "Doc" once earlier this year when he was visiting Lark on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. He had a wonderful sense of humor and was a true gentleman. My thoughts and my prayers are with you all during this time.

Tim Danos, Chestertown, Maryland

Tim Danos - May 16, 2011 at 03:20 PM

JR

“ My dear Friend Ralph personified what "A CLASS ACT" means - always there to help, devoted to his lovely Althea and his family, dedicated to serve his patients as well as the community, and a TRUE FRIEND in every sense of the meaning of "FRIEND". He was and will continue to be loved, respected, and in our hearts. I know that on his entry into Heaven he will be greeted with about two fingers of Dewars and gratitude by our Lord.

Jim Hill - fortunate to be his friend!!!!!!

James G. Hill, Colonel US Army Retired - May 16, 2011 at 02:12 PM

CS

“ CARRIE SCHOEN lit a candle in memory of
Ralph J. Eannace, Sr., DPM



CARRIE SCHOEN - May 16, 2011 at 12:45 PM

BJ

“ *Bill Judycki lit a candle in memory of Ralph J. Eannace, Sr., DPM*



Bill Judycki - May 16, 2011 at 11:16 AM

LT

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