



Mr. Raymond "Ray" Niznik

September 11, 1944 - January 31, 2020

UTICA - Mr. Raymond "Ray" Niznik, age 75, went home to be with the Lord on Friday, January 31, 2020 in the comfort and dignity of his home with those he loved most in his heart.

Born in Utica on September 11, 1944, Raymond was the son of the late Chester "Chet" and Theresa Rose (DiSpirito) Niznik. He attended Brandegee Elementary School and graduated from T.R. Proctor High School in 1962. He later attended M.V.C.C. and SUNY Institute of Technology where he received an AAS in psychology and professional studies.

In Ray's earlier days, he held a position with Webb's Clothing store in downtown Utica working in the Mailing and Sales Department. He later held a position at General Electric for 10 years as an Inspector at the Bleecker Street Plant. In 1973 he began a career at MVCC as a night supervisor for Facilities and Operations, the position from which he retired. Ray will be remembered for his deep devotion to family and friends. A man of simple pleasures, he enjoyed working in his yard, maintaining his garden and making sure it was free of weeds. He loved his trips to California, Alaska, Hawaii, Mexico, and the Casino to try his luck at games of chance. Ray was blessed with a strong belief in his Catholic faith, and praying and reciting the rosary brought him great spiritual guidance. He was a communicant of St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church.

Ray cherished the memories of his late brothers, David, and Robert Chester. He is survived by his aunts and uncles, Jenny Biernat, Patricia "Pat" Niznik

and Anna DiSpirito; his many cousins especially acknowledging Valerie Corrigan, Carol Murzin, Eileen Damanda, Janice St. Arnold and Peter Forlano; his longtime friends, Sylvia Amoroso, Judy Abiusi, Jerry Shannon, Angela Amedeo, and Virginia Landesman. A special thank you to “Little Aunt Ann” DiSpirito for her daily calls, and the love and “meatballs” she sent to Ray. He was blessed to share in a cherished relationship with Linda Marino who cared for Ray with outstanding respect. He was predeceased by many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

The family will honor and commemorate Ray’s life at a private time. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Ray’s funeral service and Celebration of Life which will commence on Wednesday at 12:30 at St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church where his Mass of Christian Burial will be offered. The family will receive visitors at the conclusion of Mass. He will be laid to rest with his family in Calvary Cemetery Mausoleum. In lieu of floral offerings, expressions of sympathy in the form of donations may be made to the Abraham House online at <https://www.theabrahamhouse.org/donate> or to St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church; envelopes will be available at the service.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Mausoleum

2407 Oneida Street
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 735-2727

Tribute Wall

SB

“ I always enjoyed visiting with Ray while I did his nails. I am so sorry for your loss, he passed away too soon. God Bless Sharon Burkert
Sharon's Nails

Sharon Burkert - February 05, 2020 at 11:16 AM

CF

“ Ray and his parents had a very special place in my heart. Him and my dad Vinny Montana work at MVCC for many years and when my dad die 10 yrs ago I would go and c ray and he would say I was thinking of your dad today. I just wish I saw him more and tell him I love him one more time. Rest In Peace I Love You. Give Dad a Big KISS and Hug for Me.

Christine Fero - February 04, 2020 at 10:52 AM

VC

“ I will miss you and I thank you for all your laughter and help and "therapy sessions" we shared.

Sleep well dear cuz, your "Dolly girl"

valerie



valerie corrigan - February 03, 2020 at 11:31 AM

JC

“ Heartfelt sympathy to the DeSpirito and Niznik Families.

May he Rest In Peace with

Gods Blessings.

Jeanne Castronovo

Jeanne Castronovo - February 02, 2020 at 12:49 PM

CB

“ I haven't seen Ray for years. Our families had been friends for many, many years. Our families were extremely close. His dad was my godfather and my mom was his godmother. I will always remember what a respectful man Ray was in honoring my mom and dad. I always enjoyed our visits back in the day. RIP Ray.

Cathy Schiavetta Bohlen - February 02, 2020 at 12:30 PM

DE

“ My cousin, Ray, is one of the best people I've ever known. So kind and giving and such a great sense of humor. My favorite memory is when I was a student at MVCC and he was working. Always impeccably dressed and not a hair out of place. Putting your best foot forward for work is something I learned from him. Ray will be missed by many.

Denise - February 02, 2020 at 09:42 AM

SA

“ My dear friend
We've had wonderful memories together for over 30 years! Laughs, tears & deep conversations!! I'll never forget the deep secrets you have told me & they will always be within my heart! I was the last person you told "I love you to & I replied the same!! You enjoyed my Macaroni salad & my sister's pumpkin before you went home to your Mother, Father & brothers ! You thanked me & my sister for all the good food & care we gave you!! RIP my friend! All the lives you've touched will never forget you! RIP❤️❤️❤️

Sylvia Amoroso - February 01, 2020 at 06:21 PM