



## Mr. Richard D. Azzarito

July 18, 1937 - May 12, 2019

UTICA - Mr. Richard D. Azzarito, age 81, passed away on Sunday, May 12, 2019 in the comfort of his home with his loving family by his side.

Born in Utica on July 18, 1937, Richard was the son of the late Dominick Azzarito and Joan (Borek) Pentasuglia. Raised and educated locally, he attended T.R. Proctor High School. On August 24, 1963 he married the former Maryrose Pontonero. They were in love and inseparable during their union of more than 55 years.

At one time, Dick held a position with Abelow's Laundry Services, which later became Associated Textile, where he was promoted to various capacities including Plant Manager, and Driver Route Manager, retiring as a Sales Executive Director. He later enjoyed his time working as a driver and monitor for Birnie Bus Service, Inc., retiring three weeks ago to care for his beautiful wife. He concurrently owned and operated Richard's Auto Sales in West Utica. Richard relished his role as patriarch of his family, and he held a special bond of love with his grandchildren. During his spare time, he enjoyed striking the pins at the Madison Bowling Alley on Kossuth Ave., and for all time, he was a fan of the Pinstripes. He was a parishioner of St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish.

Richard is survived by his wife, Maryrose; his daughter and son-in-law, Christine and David Pandolf; son, Richard D. Azzarito, Jr.; grandchildren, Kari and Thomas Moloney, Patrick Crimmins; and Dominick R. Azzarito; and two great-grandchildren. He was proud to know he was expecting a third great-

grandchild in October. He also leaves his sisters, Mariruth Azzarito, and Renee Azzarito; brother and sister-in-law, Andrew and Michele Azzarito; nieces, especially acknowledging Sharon and Jeffrey Jones and their children, Christopher Jones and Dana Jones; nephew, Ralph Faga; great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, in-laws, Rachel Faga, Anthony Pontonero, and Patricia Azzarito Stanton; and his many cherished friends. He was predeceased by his brothers, Gerald Azzarito, and Frank Pentasuglia.

Dick's family will honor his life in a private gathering. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Richard's funeral service and Celebration of Life which will commence on Thursday afternoon at 1:00 St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish where his Mass of Christian Burial will be offered. Entombment will take place in Calvary Mausoleum at the convenience of the family.

# Cemetery Details

## Calvary Mausoleum

2407 Oneida Street  
Utica, Ny

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

MAY **16**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall

JK

“ I met Richard a few years back through his son. Richard was a true gentleman from a different era. He loved his family, a special connection between his grandson Dominick was truly dynamic. His eyes lit up when his great grand children would climb all over him. Richard had great compassion and the wonderful gift of acceptance and forgiveness. He was intelligent and provided great conversation. He will be missed by many. My condolences to Mary Rose. May she draw strength from her children, grand and great grand children. May many happy memories comfort her. To the family, remember Richard lives on in you.

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**Jenn Kozlowski** - May 19, 2019 at 08:16 PM

KF

“ Corrections to my earlier post. My grandmother's sister's daughter married Richard's Dad, Dominick Azzarito. My deepest sympathies and apologies for misspelling and miss quoting the wrong family tree. I still want to send prayers. As a representative of my Grandma Maria's family.

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**Kellt Cavoli Fielder** - May 16, 2019 at 02:02 PM

KF

“ My heart goes out to my cousins the Azzoritoes. As the Granddaughter of Maria Rose Durso. Her sister was Carmella Dubeck. Her daughter Rosemarie was married to His Father. Our deepest sympathies and prayers.  
Always,  
Kelly Cavoli Fielder  
Formerly from Utica, Ny  
Now Wichita Falls, Tx



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**Kellt Cavoli Fielder** - May 16, 2019 at 01:35 PM

RJ

“ You were the best love you Dad

Richard jr - May 15, 2019 at 10:35 PM

TS

“ Chris: Very sorry for your loss; my thoughts and prayers to you and your family at this time.

Teresa Schiavi

Teresa Schiavi - May 15, 2019 at 01:21 PM



BO

“ Chris and Dave my condolences to you and the family. I'll keep you all in my prayers especially your father. May he RIP.

Bob Ollerenshaw - May 15, 2019 at 07:12 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Richard D. Azzarito.

May 14, 2019 at 07:20 PM



JS

“ *Richard work with me daily as my Bus Monitor, What a honor to have known him.He will be sadly missed, Thanks for the Laughs My Friend*



*Joseph Scarafile*

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**Joseph Scarafile** - May 14, 2019 at 06:53 PM

BM

“ *My sincerest condolences to the Azzarito family....my son admired him so much that he called his grandfather his hero....i had the pleasure of being their daughterinlaw many years ago two wonderful people who ill always treasure....never made me feel any other way . i want to thank you both for being there for dominick and your 2 great grandchildren santino and gio.....they loved you unconditionally...you will always b in my thoughts and prayers...may you R.I.P.You will b missed....cherish one another...b kind and always help someone along the way.its the legacy we leave behind...cherish your memories until you meet again...love brigid matthews....* 💔 🙏 🙏 💙

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**Brigid matthews** - May 14, 2019 at 06:46 PM

AG

*Dick was a genuine man to say the least. A man of his word, a man you could always depend on. I met Dick 13 years ago, when I was just 15; and his loyalty and kind heart never went unnoticed. I've always admired his love for his wife, his dedication to his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. It's honorable to be able to say that I see so much of him in his grandson, Dominick Richard Azzarito, and now his youngest great-grandchild Giovanni Anthony Azzarito. I will always remember that smile; he carried himself like a true gentleman, and he was none the less. I'm blessed to have not one, but 2 beautiful babies that have been graced with some of his best quality's. Richard D Azzarito was admirable, he was a beautiful soul, a kind, genuine light to in a world so dark. I have been truly blessed to have known such a respectable gentleman; and my children lucky to have called you GRANDPA.*

*To The Azzarito family, my condolences.... for your loss is so great I can feel your pain. My heart aches for you and I will keep you in my prayers, as always.*

*Sincerely, Alexandria Marie Guadalupe*

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**alexandria marie guadalupe** - May 14, 2019 at 09:44 PM

JC

*My heartfelt sympathy goes out to You Maryrose and your beautiful family. Dick was one of the greatest people we met during our restaurant days. Always a gentleman and true professional. He adored you and he made that known.*

*May he Rest In Peace surrounded by angels forevermore.*

*God Bless you all.*

*Jeanne Castronovo*

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**Jeanne Castronovo** - May 14, 2019 at 09:44 PM

AG

*Great grandson, Santino Dominick Azzarito says "no one should be sad, he's with God now. We are going to see him again ya know"*

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**alexandria marie guadalupe** - May 14, 2019 at 09:47 PM

BM

“ *Brigid Matthews lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard D. Azzarito*



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**Brigid matthews** - May 14, 2019 at 04:22 PM

AP

“ *I enjoyed working with Richard at Birnie Bus. We had many good laughs over the years. Rest in peace my friend you will be missed by many.*

*Al Pulaski*

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**Al pulaski** - May 14, 2019 at 03:55 PM

RB

“ *Mary Rose and family,  
We are so very sorry for your loss.  
We send our deepest sympathies.*

*Love ,  
Joe Chambrone and family*



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**Rosemary Brown** - May 14, 2019 at 03:13 PM

DM

“ *Donna Merhib lit a candle in memory of Mr. Richard D. Azzarito*



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**donna merhib** - May 14, 2019 at 12:56 PM

DM

*Please accept my deepest sympathy in the death of your husband, father and grandfather. May all the wonderful memories help you through this sad time. Donna*

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donna merhib - May 14, 2019 at 12:58 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mr. Richard D. Azzarito.*



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May 14, 2019 at 12:06 PM