



## Richard J. Pucine

June 10, 1946 - April 20, 2006

Mr. Richard J. Pucine, age 59, of Utica, passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, April 20, 2006, at the St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

Born in Utica on June 10, 1946, Richard was the son of the late Frank A. "Pussy" and Theresa (Nole) Pucine. Raised and educated locally, he was a graduate of T.R. Proctor High School. He pursued his academic career with 4 years of collegiate study at SUNYIT. A veteran of the Vietnam War, he served in the U.S. Air Force. On August 21, 1976, he married the former Rita Sacco with whom he has shared a union of almost 30 years. Throughout all their time together, Richard and Rita have always been "best friends" to one another.

For more than 20 years, Mr. Pucine has been employed as an auditor for the National Credit Union Administration. He was a communicant of St. Agnes Church.

As a devoted husband and father, Richard considered his loved ones and his family life to be the center of his existence and his foremost priority. Gifted with many special and unique qualities of character, he prided himself on his individuality. His preferred leisure activities included fishing, especially at favorite places along the Black River, and also hunting. He loved to cook and often prepared his special sauce and meatballs.

Mr. Pucine is survived by his wife, Rita; and his son, Richard A. Pucine of Utica. His survivors also include a sister and brother-in-law, Evelyn and Anthony Falvo of Utica; two brothers and sisters-in-law, William and Merinda Pucine of Liverpool, and Angelo and Vanessa Pucine of Utica; his nieces and nephews, including Theresa Malek and her husband, Jan, and Justin Valenta; his great-nieces, great-nephews and cousins; and his in-laws, Nicholas Abdou of New Hartford, Alta and Will Brown of CT, Elizabeth and Albert Chanatry of Utica, Mary Hartnett of CT, Philip and Wendy Sacco of New Hartford, and Jerome and Jacquie Sacco of FL. Richard also leaves his good friends, Cons D'Argenio and Jorge Maldonado. He was predeceased by two brothers, William Francis who passed away as an infant in 1926, and Francis who passed away in 1979; and a sister, Mary Abdou.

The family offers its sincere thanks to the nurses and staff of the ER at the St. Elizabeth Medical Center, especially Kevin Lamphere, for the care and attention shown to Richard and his family.

Visitation will be held today (Sunday) from 2-5 at the Eannance Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Please omit floral offerings. Mr. Pucine's funeral will commence on Monday morning at 8:30 from the funeral home and at 9:30 at St. Agnes Church, where his Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated with Military Honors. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

# Previous Events

## Service

APR **24**. 9:30 AM (ET)

St. Agnes Church, with military honors  
700 Kossuth Ave.  
Utica, NY

# Tribute Wall



“ It was with much sadness that I heard about Rich's passing. As a co-worker of Rich's I could always count on a hug hello from him. He will be missed in the NCUA family. My sympathies go out to his wife and son.##imported-begin##Dena Contompasis##imported-end##

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April 27, 2006 at 01:26 PM



“ I am shocked and saddened by the loss of Rich. I send prayers and sympathy to his family and friends. I have fond memories of working with Rich and Bob - when I worked as an examiner based in Utica. May they rest in peace in a better place.##imported-begin##Brenda Grimaldi Martell##imported-end##

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April 27, 2006 at 08:21 AM



“ To the Pucine Family: I was devastated to hear of Rich's passing. His time with us here on earth was much too short. Rich was a true professional, a man of honor, and a wonderful person. I will truly miss him and offer my heartfelt sympathies.

Rest in peace my friend.....##imported-begin##Frank J. Pidgeon##imported-end##

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April 24, 2006 at 11:20 PM



“ I am sorry to hear of Rich's passing. I was the Manager of the State CS Employees FCU in Watertown for many years (now retired) and Rich did our examination many times over the years. My condolences to the family and friends of Rich. Sincerely, Sherry Hearnese##imported-begin##Sherry Hearnese##imported-end##

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April 24, 2006 at 09:46 AM



“ I was shocked and saddened to hear about Rich's death. He was always helpful when performing this credit union's examination. He always had a smile on his face and a funny story to share. He spoke with pride when he mentioned his son's name. My thoughts and prayers are with you that you will feel God's comforting presence during this trial in life. Theresa, State CS Employees FCU##imported-begin##Theresa##imported-end##

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April 24, 2006 at 08:50 AM



“ To the Family of Richard Pucine--My heartfelt sympathy goes out to Rita, her son and the rest of the family. I worked with Rita at Utica Mutual for many years and not only knew Richard through her but also through the company's Credit Union where he was an auditor. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this time of need. God Bless.##imported-begin##Mary Chapman##imported-end##

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April 23, 2006 at 10:10 AM



“ *To the Pucine Family: I knew Rich for several years as a coworker. I am very sorry for your loss. Rich always had that great smile on his face and a firm hand shake extended when he stopped by my office to say hello when he was visiting Albany. Rich was one of those special individuals who cared deeply about those he worked with. I am currently on assignment in Texas so I cannot attend Rich's services but I will have you in my prayers in the coming days. May God bless Rich as he returns to his maker and each of you at this difficult time. Larry B. Schoharie, NY##imported-begin##Larry B##imported-end##*

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April 21, 2006 at 05:38 PM