



Mr. Romolo Santino Ventura

July 22, 1949 - March 10, 2022

UTICA - Mr. Romolo Santino Ventura, age 72, passed away unexpectedly Thursday morning, March 10, 2022, in the comfort and dignity of his home. Romolo was born in Andali, a province of Catanzaro, Calabria, Italy, on July 22, 1949, to the late Luigi and Esther (Grande) Ventura. However, as a young child, Romolo and his family immigrated to the United States, and he was then raised in Utica. Romolo attended Utica schools and went on to serve honorably in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam Conflict.

At one time, Romolo was married to Marguerite (Florentino) Ventura, and to that marriage came the blessing of four children. He was a devoted family man who was always there for them. Romolo was very protective of his children; in his eyes, they could do no wrong.

A gifted mason and carpenter, Romolo worked alongside his brother Ralph, who owned the local N.D. Peters Concrete Company. Together, the two tackled the business's operations, with Romolo serving as Ralph's right-hand man and Vice President. They built many local homes as well as other notable projects, such as the Garage of the Utica Parks Department and the water park at Enchanted Forest in Old Forge. Romolo was the first to test out their largest slide "Kilimanjaro".

Romolo was both adventurous and a thrill seeker. In his younger years, Romolo loved cars and was an accomplished Drag Racer. He especially loved driving his favorite car, the Royal Blue Hudson with a 409 engine. Indeed, Romolo had such a talent for driving that he earned numerous trophies from

various competitions. Romolo also enjoyed other little adventures, and would often take the children fishing, hiking, and boating. He enjoyed several trips to Florida and spent many summer vacations in Alexandria Bay. He loved to remain active. Additionally, for leisurely fun, Romolo appreciated playing cards with friends at “the joint”. Romolo also enjoyed dining out as often as possible, he valued a good meal and martini.

Romolo was a fun-loving man who had a beautiful heart.

Romolo is survived by his beloved son, Jamie Ventura; his cherished daughters, Andrea and husband Anthony “Fuji” Faccioli, Erica Ventura and fiancée Van Nelson, Amanda Ventura, and he also leaves behind an additional daughter, Alexa Ventura. Romolo will live on in the hearts of his grandchildren, Santino Faccioli, Anthony Faccioli, Francesco and Amanda Faccioli, Lorenzo Nelson, Jovanni Holmes, and Londyn Holmes; as well as his great-granddaughter, Lila Faccioli. He leaves behind his siblings and their spouses, Ercole Ventura and his late wife Patricia, Tosca and Warren Meola, Carlo Ventura and his partner Gianni Romoli; and he was preceded by his brothers, Dionisio “Nise” Ventura who passed in 2000, and Raffaele “Ralph” Ventura who passed in 2021. Romolo will be fondly remembered by many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and cousins. He shared in many special friendships, including with his friend Joe DiPierro who always looked out for him. Romolo was predeceased by his friend, Anthony Fanelli with whom he shared many memories including a trip to Las Vegas to see Elvis.

The family would like to extend their gratitude to the staff at Cedarbrook in New Hartford, and to those at Claxton Manor at Foltsbrook Center for Senior Living, for their care and compassion.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday morning, March 16, 2022 from 9:30-11:00 a.m. at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Romolo's Funeral Service and Celebration of Life, which will commence at 11:00 a.m. from the funeral home and at 12:00 noon at St. Mary of Mt.

Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish, 648 Jay St., where his Mass of Christian Burial will be offered with Military Honors conferred.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 16. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (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>

Funeral Service

MAR 16. 12:00 PM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall

LF

“ *Lynette Franco lit a candle in memory of Mr. Romolo Santino Ventura*



Lynette Franco - March 16, 2022 at 11:34 AM

AD

“ *Ventura family, so sorry to hear of Romolo passing you are all in are thoughts and prayers*

Anthony & Elizabeth DeCarolis - March 15, 2022 at 07:41 PM

MM

“ *My deepest condolences to all the daughters and son of Romalo Ventura!* 🙏



Michele Morawiec - March 14, 2022 at 08:05 PM

CV

“ *3 files added to the tribute wall*



carlo ventura - March 14, 2022 at 12:34 PM

KI

“ *Our deepest condolences. He was a great man. Prayers during this sad time.*

The Furgol Family



Kim - March 13, 2022 at 01:23 PM



“ *With Distinction was purchased for the family of Mr. Romolo Santino Ventura.*



March 13, 2022 at 12:40 PM

JF

“ *Joe Foley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Romolo Santino Ventura*



Joe Foley - March 13, 2022 at 12:34 PM

JC

“ *My heart goes out to you Tosca and your entire family for the loss of your brother. May you be comforted by memories of happy times that remain in your heart forever.*

*Love and Prayers,
Jeanne Castronovo*

Jeanne Castronovo - March 13, 2022 at 11:31 AM



“ *Ventura Family,
Ralph, Niece and Ralph, built our home in Frankfort in 1973 and thus began a close friendship of all three brothers. Romolo service in Vietnam as well as my service in that country gave a little special bond as all Nam veterans feel for each other.
Romolo always had a smile on his face, a conversationalist, and would always help you with any construction problem. Life has its ups and downs and Romolo rolled with the punches, he loved his family and we always talk about family.
Rest in Peace my friend, May God hold you close,*

Nick & Mary Parrotta

Naples, FI

Nick Parrotta Sr. - March 13, 2022 at 10:30 AM

JM

“ *Tosca and Warren,

Julie and I are sorry for the loss of your brother Romolo, Although I didn't know him well
I knew him well enough to know he was a husband father grandfather and brother.*

All our love

Joe and Julie

Joseph Martin - March 13, 2022 at 09:09 AM

CS

“ *Carmen Spina lit a candle in memory of Mr. Romolo Santino Ventura*



Carmen Spina - March 13, 2022 at 12:30 AM

TM

“ *Romolo taking care of you in our younger years was a pleasure to watch you grow. You were a beautiful person inside n out so handsome you always made me proud. Life is going to be different without you but I know you're reunited with our parents n your brothers. Embrace all of them for me until we meet again. Love you* 🙏💔💔💔💔💔💔



Tosca Meola - March 12, 2022 at 11:43 PM

ML

“ *Uncle Romolo I remember growing up I thought I was so lucky to have the coolest Uncle around. You were always there , even when I was driving you crazy. The memories and stories I have will be forever cherished. Rest in peace and give my dad a hug. Now get to work building those mansions in the sky. Love you*

Marina Ventura Latella - March 12, 2022 at 11:23 PM

LM

Tosca: So many memories from high school days of your brothers. All handsome and fun. So sorry about Romolo. Too young to leave. Thanks to him for his service. God bless and watch over him. Let him be reunited with his loving family who have gone before him. My sincere condolences. Liz Morelle

Luz Morelle - March 13, 2022 at 12:57 PM

RD

“ *Rocco DiPierro lit a candle in memory of Mr. Romolo Santino Ventura*



Rocco DiPierro - March 12, 2022 at 10:00 PM

RD

“ Rome, what a sad notice! There are many thoughts and memories running through my mind at this moment remembering our times from when you 1st arrived here from Nostra Italia, all good memories and a smile comes to me.

You were a good guy, one who stood by his word. I'm pleased we were able to speak not too long ago and I was able to give you one last embrace the day your daughter brought you down to the club to say hello to the guys which now obviously was the very last time.

Rome you were a good man and shall be missed by many, I shall miss you. To Romolo's family our most sincere Condolences to you all..... Romolo a few words of our native tongue I speak for you and to honor..

Romolo era Sincero e Genuino. Iddu era nella Prima Linea di Amicizia. Rome era anche un Italiano molto orgoglioso di Nostra Razza ed era anche orgoglioso lui di avuto servire questa nazione in tempo di guerra. Romolo Riposa in Pace Fratello

Il tuo Amico di molto AnniRocco Vito DiPierro

Rocco DiPierro - March 12, 2022 at 09:57 PM