



Mr. Ronald T. "Ronnie" Santino

April 8, 1935 - May 11, 2017

UTICA - Mr. Ronald T. "Ronnie" Santino, age 82, went home to his family who passed before him, at the chosen time on Thursday, May 11, 2017 at the Faxton St. Luke's Healthcare Center with his loving family by his side.

Born in Utica on April 8, 1935, Ronald was the son of the late Samuel and Angeline "Angela" (Talerico) Santino. He was a graduate of T.R. Proctor High School where he excelled in gymnastics. At one time he was married to the former Paulene Lentricchia and to that marriage came two beautiful and loving children and a lifetime of friendship. In 1987 he married the former Deanna Giacovelli. A son blessed their lives and they shared many happy and fun-filled memories. And all of his loves are congenial and close to this day!

As a young man, Ronnie joined his family business, Utica Veal, where he worked as a foreman for many years. Subsequently, he and his late brother-in-law Joe Perrotta became co-owners of Woody's Wings and Things, the first food venue of its kind in the Utica area. He was also a great salesman and worked at United Auto Sales for 25 years. It was during those years that his knowledge of automobiles and his ability to match up a gleaming car with the right owner developed. That was the main occupation for which he will be remembered. The owners looked upon him as their right-hand man. He also assisted his wife Deanna in her family business, Lynton's Restaurant at the corner of York and Thorn Streets where he took on the roles and responsibilities of bartender and maitre'd. Ronnie had the gift of conversation and he loved people. He will be remembered for making people laugh with his

many animated stories. He had the honor of holding several titles including 'Utica's Oldest Teenager', and 'One of the Best Dancers'. He loved the sounds of all genres of music, and the smells of scented candles and burning incense. Entertaining guests in his home was a perfect night for him. Ron had a boss and best friend in Teaco, his chihuahua canine companion, and they were inseparable as they strolled the neighborhood side by side with great pride. He also loved the sight of his tribal and personal tattoos that adorned his body, including one of Teaco. He enjoyed treating family and friends to Roma's Tomato Pie, and his homemade meatballs. His unique life force and personality will surely be missed. He was one of a kind.

As a patriarch, Ron was a part of his kids' lives and their leisure activities. He was in the stands at his son Ron's sporting events, and visited with his daughter Rhonda and her family at their gentleman's farm. He attended his son Zachary's basketball games and they enjoyed the Utica-Rome Speedway, and WWF wrestling. Syracuse University basketball was one of Ron's favorite passions and pastimes. He spent many years customizing motorcycles and prepared for each season tinkering with his choppers enabling him and his 'pack of friends' to travel the roads of the north country and... beyond. He was also a pool shark especially with his Friday night clan. Ronnie believed in the Lord and relied on his faith to sustain him.

Ronald is survived by his two true loves and best friends, his first wife, Paulene, and his second wife, Deanna... and what a lucky man; his children which became a well blended family; his daughter and son-in-law, Rhonda and Tod DeMulder of Unadilla; his sons and daughter-in-law, Ronald V. and Laurie A. Santino, and Zachary A. Santino, all of Utica; his step-daughter, Donielle Scogna Stanton; grandchildren, Tegan and Jake Fairbairn, Tyler, and Tonya DeMulder, Tosh and Kati DeMulder; Rylee, and Lainee Santino and their mother, Daina Bennett-Santino; step-grandsons Nick, and Bob Julian; and his great-grandchildren, Tristan, and Tenley; Tianna, and Taelyn, Saige Grace; Philip DiPerna, Donovan McLean, and D'Andre McLean. He also leaves his aunt and uncle, Thomas and Lucy Talerico; nieces and nephews,

Sam Santino, Daniel Santino Jr., Michael Santino; and Angela Azzarito; Frank and Patti Perrotta, Estelle and Michael Seakan, Vincent and Marie Perrotta, and Dana (Farouche) Todd, as well as her children; his great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins and in-laws, Barbara Santino, Geraldine L. "Gerry" (Perrotta) and Ronald J. Ling, Lynarda Girmonde, and Donna Johnston. He was blessed with many longtime friends especially, Louie Diana; and his coffee buddies Ron and Joe. Throughout his life he had a host of friends who treated him as family. He was predeceased by his brother, Daniel J. Santino Sr.; his in-laws, Joseph F. Perrotta, DeeDee Girmonde, and Alan J. Johnston. The family extends their appreciation to Ron's primary physician, Dr. Arul Kannon; oncologist, Dr. Merima Ramovic; the staff of the Regional Cancer Center and the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center, 1st Floor, and the PCU; Dr. Ghassan Koussa and his staff who were exceptional; and the personnel at the Alan Calder Wing. Each of these health care providers was caring and empathetic in making Ron and his family comfortable; and Deacon Paul Lehmann who offered the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

Visitation will be held Wednesday from 4:00-6:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. By family request, please omit floral offerings. Those wishing to express an act of kindness may make a contribution in Ronald's honor to the Stevens-Swan Humane Society online at <https://stevens-swan.org>; envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

Ronald's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Wednesday evening at 6:00 at the funeral home immediately upon conclusion of visitation with Sister Betty Giarrusso, CSJ officiating the ceremony.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 17. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall

CC

“ *My condolences to the Santino family So sorry for your loss*

Chris Conway - June 06, 2017 at 08:21 AM

PS

“ *So sorry to hear about Ronnie. He was always so much fun. I will miss the great laughs we used to have with him while out having a cocktail at area restaurants. He was always a gentleman and a nice person!!!!*

Pauline Smith

Pauline Smith - May 22, 2017 at 11:03 AM

MM

“ *Dear Rhonda and Family, Sending you love and condolences for the loss of your loved one. I'm sure his spirit will live on through all of you and he will always be watching over you. Love, Mer*

Mer Mietzelfeld - May 20, 2017 at 09:56 AM



“ We would like to sincerely thank the Eannace Family from our large extended family for the beautiful, heartfelt, personal, gracious, sincere and comforting service for Dad. From the moment we entered we were graciously treated like family with embraces, warmth and heartfelt sincerity ...in a most emotional and difficult time we were comforted with feelings of compassion and love. The beautiful sprays and bouquets of fresh flowers were much admired as were the words & personal touches that displayed so much care and time taken for our families and our dad's life tribute. Words of gratitude cannot express our appreciation to this family for our wonderful memories created for Dad's service and this will last a lifetime. Thank you from the DeMulders, Fairbairns and Santino Families.



Rhonda DeMulder - May 18, 2017 at 09:28 AM



“ dana, so sorry for your loss may he rest in peace. luv ya.

sal barbero - May 18, 2017 at 04:33 AM



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Rhonda DeMulder - May 15, 2017 at 03:39 PM

MT

“ Ronnie,

So sorry to hear of the passing of your father. My condolences to you and your family. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Maryrose (Percola) Tucker

Maryrose Tucker - May 15, 2017 at 01:13 PM

VW

“ *I have many fond memories of your Dad when we were in high school. Your Dad (and Mom, too!) were considered to be so cool!!! Your Mom always looked like she could fit right in with us - she dressed so hip and looked so young. And your Dad (Sonny Bono - we used to kid) working on his motorcycle in the garage - while we lay in the yard getting a suntan.*

Another memory I have is from when we were older and we went to your place in Utica and when we went inside you said 'My Dad was here.' And I asked how you knew and you said my refrigerator is stocked.

He will not be forgotten!

*Love,
Val*

Valerie Wright - May 15, 2017 at 10:42 AM



*Oh Val you sweet heart ! thank you for those special memories love ya
xxooxx*

Tegan Fairbairn - May 15, 2017 at 03:32 PM



Thank you Val ..you are such a dear heart to us . He always talked about what a great friend you were and still are to me ! thank you !

Rhonda DeMulder - May 15, 2017 at 03:34 PM

TE

“ *We will always remember your bright smile, and that little chuckle, your crazy stories, your fuzzy pajama bottoms that you would give the entire family for Christmas, your gifting of pizza every time you came to visit, your athletic attire, your swag ;), your face lighting up when you saw our kids, and our holiday gatherings. Thank you for giving us the most special gift of all, your daughter. I could never thank you enough for being blessed with such beautiful mother. Your children are the most amazing, caring, loving, honorable, trustworthy, giving, gift we could have ever received. Thank you , we are so blessed. We will never forget you. Rest Easy. We Love you !*
Love Tegan Jake Tristan and Tenley

Tegan - May 15, 2017 at 09:04 AM



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Rhonda DeMulder - May 15, 2017 at 06:50 AM

JT

“ JOS. 007, TARTAGLIA lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald T. "Ronnie" Santino



JOS. 007, TARTAGLIA - May 15, 2017 at 06:27 AM

LF

“ Love, Maugie and The DeMulder Family purchased the Shades of Purple for the family of Mr. Ronald T. "Ronnie" Santino.



Love, Maugie and The DeMulder Family - May 14, 2017 at 07:21 PM

RM

“ Dear Rhonda,
I am sad for you, but probably happy for your Dad.
We all work so hard and go through so many trials in this Earthly experience, and when we are finally released, it's got to be such a relief and such a great celebration in the "real" world, on the other side, in Heaven.

Though I didn't know him well, but enjoyed seeing him at all the family gatherings over the years, I always liked him, and his positive energy.

When my father died (like 11 years ago) I was amazed when visiting him at the Vets' Home soon before he passed. He was a life-long atheist. Probably a reaction against his mother's strong Catholic foundation. He was sitting in his wheel chair totally oblivious to my presence, waving his arms in the air and saying, Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ , Blessed Jesus, Blessed Christ, over and over. I was dumbfounded, but also very profoundly moved. The Spirit comes in and by-passes all the walls that are erected, and when the soul allows and invites Spirit, then we are Blessed. Amazing.

I hope you can find the positive memories and feelings to help you through this huge loss, and feel good about Ron's passing into something much better.

Love, Renny.

Renny Mietzelfeld - May 14, 2017 at 06:51 PM



Dearest Renny and Becky....thank you so very much always for your sincere words , for your love, support and kindness that you and Becky have always, unconditionally bestowed upon my family but also to those who circle our worldsyou both have special hearts that knowingly & faithfully support with sometimes just a word or genuine act of kindness and love. Your words are a comfort at this time to help heal breaking hearts and for this we thank you ! <3 xoxoxo

Rhonda DeMulder - May 14, 2017 at 07:11 PM



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Rhonda DeMulder - May 14, 2017 at 02:50 PM

EF

“ *Elaine Furgol lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald T. "Ronnie" Santino*



Elaine Furgol - May 14, 2017 at 10:07 AM



“ *Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Mr. Ronald T. "Ronnie" Santino.*



May 14, 2017 at 08:26 AM



“ Donna Johnston lit a candle in memory of Mr. Ronald T. "Ronnie" Santino



Donna Johnston - May 14, 2017 at 08:06 AM



YOU WILL BE MISSED BY MANY... REST EASY, RON :(((

Donna Johnston - May 14, 2017 at 08:09 AM

DS

“ Ronnie now you will be watching over your whole big family. You will me missed so very much by all of us. There will not be a day that we all not think of you We all have so many beautiful memories. May you rest in peace. Love Deanna

Deanna Santino - May 13, 2017 at 09:25 PM

DS

“ 3 files added to the album Missing you



Deanna Santino - May 13, 2017 at 09:19 PM



“ *A Limb has fallen from the Family Tree
That says " Grieve Not for Me"
Remember the Best Times....the laughter ..the song
The Good Life I livedwhile I was strong*

*We all loved him so ~
The DeMulder and the Fairbairns*

Rhonda DeMulder - May 13, 2017 at 08:42 PM

LM

I'm very sorry for the loss of your dad! What a great guy!

linda martin - May 13, 2017 at 10:10 PM

LL

So sorry Rhonda and family.Many wonderful fun memories.Love Les.

Leslie Lewis - May 14, 2017 at 07:30 AM



Thank you so much Cuz ! xoxoxo

Rhonda DeMulder - May 14, 2017 at 07:30 AM



Thanx Les !

Rhonda DeMulder - May 14, 2017 at 07:36 AM

PS

Gone but never forgotten my main man rest in peace now

paulene santino - May 14, 2017 at 01:21 PM



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Rhonda DeMulder - May 13, 2017 at 08:34 PM



When you lose your Dadyou lose a piece of your heart too !

Rhonda DeMulder - May 14, 2017 at 07:38 AM