



Mr. Salvatore "Sam" DiMare

February 3, 1929 - February 8, 2023

NEW HARTFORD - With broken hearts, we grieve the loss of our beloved husband, father, and papa, Salvatore "Sam" DiMare who passed away on Wednesday, February 8, 2023 at the age of 94.

Born during a winter storm in a family friend's house in Utica on February 3, 1929, Sam was the son of the late Anthony and Fannie (Piscione) DiMare.

After the storm, he was brought home to his parents' farm in Litchfield.

Together, they operated their farm with dairy cows and a flock of 2,000 chickens. Sam cherished the memories of accompanying his mother on their East Utica egg delivery route. He fondly recalled his elementary school years at District 4, a one-room schoolhouse. His secondary education was at Sauquoit Valley Central School. On October 26, 1957 Salvatore and Josephine (Limbrici) married at St. Anthony of Padua Church in Utica. Always together, their love supported each other for over 65 years.

Sam's intuitive nature and curiosity to understand how things worked led him to pick up many skills. Mechanically inclined as a young man, he worked at his uncle's auto repair shop/gas station. Fearless of heights, he worked with another uncle in the rural construction business building concrete grain silos; many still stand today. In the early 1960s he co-owned P & D Concrete, a septic tank fabrication business. In 1975, he started Sam DiMare Refrigeration and Appliance Service. For 45 years he worked as the sole owner and operator. Sam's repair work was the expression of his values: integrity, dedication, and honesty. Throughout the years, he created long-lasting

relationships with his treasured community of customers. He reluctantly officially retired in 2019 at the age of 90.

Sam was in tune with the world surrounding him, always observing nature's patterns and changes. Each season brought him many joys, including foraging catalogna and carduni in the spring and mushrooms in the autumn. For many years, he hunted deer in the North woods and Southern Tier. The fall was also winemaking time for Sam. Family meals were complemented by his meticulously crafted wine for over 70 years. One year, he and his grandsons proudly made hard cider with the apples from a tree his own father grafted; a memorable adventure.

He gave his time selflessly, always willing to help his family and friends. Sam's gentle heart, quiet strength, and generous love suffused every moment he spent with us. He leaves his loved ones, his beloved wife Josephine; his daughter and son-in-law, Anne and Tim Towne; grandsons, Zachary Towne and his wife Laura Mitchell, and Luke Towne and his love Isabel Santos; his niece, Joanne and her husband Brian Crowe; great-nephew, Brandon Crowe; and great-niece, Alyssa Crowe. Passing before him are his sister, Barbara, and brother-in-law John Limbrici; and his sisters-in-law, Sara, Anna, and Angeline Limbrici. Also surviving are numerous cousins.

In keeping with Sam's wishes, his family will commemorate his life at a private time. His funeral service will be held privately with Interment in Forest Hill Cemetery.

Fond memories and messages of encouragement may be shared at www.EananceFuneralHome.com

Cemetery Details

Forest Hill Cemetery

2201 Oneida Street
Utica, NY

Tribute Wall

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“ *cousin Sal, may you rest in everlasting peace.*

Louis A DiMare - February 14, 2023 at 01:27 PM

CD

“ *Sending condolences and prayers to Sam's family. He was a kind gentleman who always did an incredible job with our home. May he Rest In Peace.*

Ann Marie DeNigro and Family.



Corinda DeNigro - February 14, 2023 at 12:17 PM

LP

“ *Sam was one in a million. He's helped us for years! And then helped our children in their homes. Jo took our phone messages and arranged for the help we needed. They are special people. Our sympathy to Jo and family. Rest in Peace, Sam. Lorraine & Ron Post*

lorraine post - February 12, 2023 at 07:43 PM

JM

“ *Josephine and Family ... offering our prayers and condolences with loss of Sam ... God Bless ... Joseph and Margaret (Putrello) Montanaro & Family*

Joseph Montanaro - February 12, 2023 at 04:39 PM

BR

“ Josephine and family we are so saddened with the passing of Sam.. Pat enjoyed many conversations with Sam. Whenever he came to our home to do appliance repairs he always greeted our two pups Jingles & Ollie. He loved them and they loved him. Sam will be truly missed by many, but will remain in our hearts. Sending you peace and comfort at this difficult time.



With our love and friendship
Patrick & Brenda Castelli

Brenda - February 12, 2023 at 02:09 PM

SG

“ Sam visited 6 homes over the last 60 years repairing washers dryers a water heater, toaster, dishwashers etc. I'd call him when it stopped working or made a funny noise and he'd offer advice or come down. He was a kind gentle man always a pleasure to deal with. On my "Most Memorable" list.

Santo/Tony Garro - February 12, 2023 at 01:05 PM