



Mr. Salvatore F. "Savey" Priore, Sr.

June 3, 1955 - July 30, 2023

ALTAMONT, NY- Mr. Salvatore F. "Savey" Priore, Sr., age 68, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, July 30, 2023 with his wife and children by his side. Salvatore was born in Utica on June 3, 1955, to the late Salvatore and Mary D. (Alberico) Priore. He attended Christopher Columbus Elementary and graduated from T.R. Proctor High School with the class of 1973. He began his college years at MVCC, and then matriculated to Clarkson University where he earned a B.A. in Civil and Environmental Engineering in 1978. He was proud to be employed by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. His primary responsibilities were to identify the hazardous waste, follow protocol, and monitor the environmental cleanup to its completion. He was admired by his colleagues and respected by those he served. Savey was in the process of retiring after a fruitful career. He was a member of the Public Employees Federation and held a leadership role for the wellbeing of fellow employees.

On June 11, 1983, Savey wed the former Jacqueline Johnson. They celebrated the milestone of 40 years of marriage this year and enjoyed a surprise party hosted by their children. Savey and Jackie had a whirlwind romance; they met and wed within a year. They complimented each other well; Jackie was the organizer and Savey was the careful planner. They were always there for one another and they were easy on each other. They encouraged each other in their professional paths, and helped balance their home life as they each grew in their career endeavors. They were each

other's best friends.

Savey was enthusiastic, tenacious, a great conversationalist, unique, larger than life, and unforgettable. He was incredibly genuine and had the ability to make a friend from a complete stranger. He was so proud of both his Italian heritage and his Utica roots and the traditional incredible great foods that the area possesses. He spoke often of his father's time in the service. He recalled and held close to his heart all the intimate war stories that had been shared with him. He was the king of one liners and delivered them with such personal wit.

Though Savey had a humorous demeanor, he was sensitive and compassionate at heart. Blessed are those fortunate enough to have witnessed his generosity. He came from humble beginnings, and was blessed with wonderful parents and siblings who all had a way of connecting with each other. As a father himself, Savey bestowed the value of education on his children; he wanted his boys to navigate the world. He was wise enough to look at the needs of each of his children: he taught them how to be independent and how to be true to their goals. He was so proud of the accomplishments of his sons, of which he took such delight in. He made sure to have memorabilia from each of their branded colleges. In retrospect, his children admired their dad's values, his professional achievements, and loved "Big D" for his unique quirkiness.

Savey enjoyed smooth jazz, a good cigar, and drinking the largest cup possible of diet coke. He was an avid exerciser- he enjoyed a long walk, a good step counter, or a workout at the gym. When he watched tv, he often turned on the Hallmark Channel or you could find him watching Air Disasters, proudly viewing all 23 seasons. For over 30 years Savey and Jackie partook on cruise vacations and many memorable sights were seen. He loved good Italian food, with its desserts of chocolate pasticciotto and sfugliatella from the cafes. It was truly his desire to eat well but what really made the meal was the time spent with those he loved in company and conversation. Spending time with his wife, children and grandchildren was of the utmost importance to him.

Savey was a true family man. His favorite holiday was Christmas—the tree had to go up by Thanksgiving every year, and he couldn't witness the taking down of the tree! In his younger years his “home base” for the Christmas holiday was his parent's house, and he would enjoy summer gatherings at his brother Joey's house. He always shared stories of his favorite memories so that nothing would be forgotten.

Savey was a prayerful man and a faithful Catholic. He abided by the teachings of the Church. He attended numerous churches, but his home parish was St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament.

Savey is survived by his beloved wife, Jackie; his sons and their loves, Salvatore F. Priore, Jr., MD, PhD and Matt Tidridge, and Christopher A. Priore, Esq. and his wife Paula Sobol; and grandchildren, Zuri Tiger Priore (5), and Lennon Stella Priore (4 months). He is also survived by his siblings, RosaLinde Priore, Leonarda Priore, Anthony Priore and the late Christine Priore, and Joseph and Deborah Priore; his brother-in-law, John A. Collis; and sister-in-law, Mary Priore. As a blessed family of 9 benevolent children, Salvatore is now joined with his brothers and sisters who preceded him, Margherita Collis (2022), Palma Priore Kerber (2005), Daniel Priore (2019), and Nicholas S. Priore, Esq. (2007). He adored and had friendships with all his nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews, and he was godfather to Ally Priore-Quigley. He also leaves many cousins; an aunt, Ermelinda Lewis (the late Kenneth Lewis); his in-laws, Larry and Joan Johnson, Adele and Daniel Pustos; as well as his niece, Kelly Miles (Adele's daughter) with whom he shared a father and daughter relationship; and his great-nephew, Dustin, who was his and Jackie's godson. He is also survived by his lifelong best friend, Anthony Scarfo.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, August 6, 2023, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. In lieu of floral offerings, memorial contributions in Savey's honor may be made to the Epilepsy Foundation of Northeastern New York at <https://www.epilepsy.co>

m/local/northeastern-new-york, or to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital online at www.stjude.org/donate; envelopes will also be available at the funeral home. Family and friends are cordially invited to attend Salvatore's Mass of Christian Burial and Celebration of Life which will commence on Monday, August 7, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish, 648 Jay Street. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

2407 Oneida Street
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 735-2727

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 6. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.
932 South Street
corner of Hammond Ave.
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 724-6714
eannacefh@roadrunner.com

Funeral Service

AUG 7. 10:00 AM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall

JT

“ Jackie,
So sorry to hear of Sal's passing. He was a key member of the Edleez inner circle.
Condolences to you and the entire family.
God Bless.
Jim Toomey

Jim Toomey - August 10, 2023 at 03:23 PM

RF

“ Sending my condolences to the entire priore family in the loss of their brother Savy. Memories of all of us getting together at your mom's house will always be apart of me. The love and happiness I always felt being with everyone will always be in my heart. May Salvatore rest in paradise. My deepest sympathy to you all. Love Rosanna Schnitt Flores.

Rosanna Schnitt Flores - August 09, 2023 at 09:57 AM

RF

“ Rosanna Schnitt Flores lit a candle in memory of Mr. Salvatore F. "Savy" Priore, Sr.



Rosanna Schnitt Flores - August 09, 2023 at 09:52 AM

SD

“ From his colleagues at DEC-DER in Albany, we wanted to express our condolences to the Priore family. Sal was an unmistakable presence in the office, as one would hear his voice coming down the hall, his distinctive laugh, or the Christmas music played year-round at his desk. His passion for his job was evident right up to the day he finally decided to leave State service. There aren't many people in this world that can leave a lasting impression, but Sal is one we will never forget.

Scott Deyette - August 08, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ My neighbor I will miss you, I will miss our talks about politics, neighbors and especially what we needed to do to keep the peace on our circle. You saved our neighborhood my friend. We won!!! Thanks to you. Wow I'm still in shock I won't see you walking or driving by my home. I'm so sorry Jackie, Chris and Sal Jr. Sal keep watching over our neighborhood You were our Mayor of Armstrong and you'll be greatly missed.
Love
Joe Pasquarella

Joe Pasquarella - August 05, 2023 at 06:07 PM

YS

“ Your PEF-ENCON Brothers and Sisters. purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Mr. Salvatore F. "Savey" Priore, Sr..



Your PEF-ENCON Brothers and Sisters. - August 04, 2023 at 03:05 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mr. Salvatore F. "Savey" Priore, Sr..



August 04, 2023 at 01:00 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Salvatore F. "Savey" Priore, Sr..

August 04, 2023 at 01:00 PM



“ Olivia O. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Salvatore F. "Savey" Priore, Sr..

Olivia O. - August 04, 2023 at 09:50 AM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Salvatore F. "Savey" Priore, Sr..



August 04, 2023 at 09:04 AM

GR

“ OMG my boy Sal!!!

I worked with Sal for many years on the investigation and cleanup of hazardous waste sites. Sal was tough on consultants or engineers that tried pulling a short cut when it came to protecting public health or the environment. He loved to argue his professional position when he knew he was right or had Health Department backing. Sal took extra pride in working on sites where his roots were...The Mohawk Valley. He always loved the big U (Utica as Sal called it). I'm not sure what he liked best, fighting for what he thought was right, The Big U, his shoes or mega sized cups of diet cola...lol

We spent a lot of time discussing our love for growing up in East Utica and our families. He always took the time to ask about my family. Every time he came back, we had to have lunch somewhere that reminded him of growing up in the Big U. "Greg-man who's got that killer mushroom stew?" "They give bread with that?" Our meetings always turned into a laugh fest. Every conversation ended with a laugh. I thought we'd meet up again in the Big U after our retirements. I'm so sorry that never happened. Sadly, Sal didn't get to enjoy his well deserved retirement.

God Bless Sal and his family. I truly understand your deep loss. He was a kind and wonderful person.

*Greg Rys
New Hartford, NY*

Greg Rys - August 03, 2023 at 09:31 PM

MM

“ *Sal Babe, you are a great man. Always enjoyed my time with you on a personal and professional level. Jackie God bless you and the family in this trying time. Mike Mason*

michael A. mason - August 03, 2023 at 06:14 PM

BC

“ Joe, Debbie and family, My sincerest condolences to you at this time . You have my deepest sympathy. My heart goes out to all of you at this difficult time.

Beverly Castello - August 03, 2023 at 04:15 PM

MS

“ I will miss Sal at the office. A good man for sure and he always cheered you up. My prayers for the Prioires. - Mark Sarnacki

Mark Sarnacki - August 03, 2023 at 10:17 AM

JR

“ Priore Family - shocked and saddened by Sal's passing. Sal was a trip! As a co-worker, we shared many good times with Sal which always ended with laughter. He shared many childhood memories and we always looked forward to Story Time with Sal. Green-Eyed Lady by Sugarloaf (my Sal go to song) is a song we both enjoyed amongst his favorite Christmas tunes.

My sincere condolences to you, may he Rest in Peace.

Jerry Riggi

Jerry Riggi - August 03, 2023 at 09:07 AM

JC

“ Please accept my sincere condolences. Savey was a terrific guy and I know he will be missed greatly. My prayers are with him and his family.

Joseph Capuana - August 03, 2023 at 05:54 AM

PF

“ Jackie, Sal and Chris,
I cannot express to all of you of how shocked and devastated, like everyone, that my cousin Savey has passed to be with God and all his loved ones that have passed before him. Its the strangest thing that I am here visiting from Texas and this happens. I was so blessed to be able to kiss see hug and talk with him at the graduation party. Talking with him is ALWAYS a highlight. All the times as kids we would play baseball in the backyard at his house and then sleep over was always a very fun time We would be laughing so hard that Aunt Mary would always have to tell us that there were other people sleeping in the house! No joke, that house was always full!! It has been a pleasure and an HONOR to know this incredible person. Savey was the best!! Just know that he will always be looking and watching over all of you! He is now your Guardian Angel. Rest in peace my dear cousin, you will NEVER EVER be forgotten. Love Patty and Steve Ferraro

Patricia Ferraro - August 03, 2023 at 05:46 AM

JT

“ Joe and Debbie We are so sorry for your loss. Sal was a great man and will be missed. Joe and Lorraine

Joseph Tartaglia - August 03, 2023 at 01:19 AM

MA

“ Jackie, Sal, and Chris- we're all so saddened by Sal's passing. He's the quintessential family man, so proud of the wife and kids he loved so deeply.
We hold you all in prayer, and are at your service when we wrap up our volunteer time at church camp.
We mourn with you the passing of an all-around good guy, neighbor, husband, and dad.
Mary and Oakley Neitzel

Mary - August 02, 2023 at 07:44 PM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Mr. Salvatore F. "Savey" Priore, Sr..*



August 02, 2023 at 07:40 PM



“ *Jackie, Sal, and Chris, Pat and I are so heartbroken for you all. Saying I'm sorry seems so insignificant. We love you all and are devastated by the news. Sal was one of the best. He knew how to put a smile on everyone's face. We are so glad we got to talk to him at the graduation party. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you all. Rest in peace Sal, you will be missed never to be forgotten. Love to you all, Pat and Lisa Leone*

lisa leone - August 02, 2023 at 06:46 PM



Jackie , Sal, and Chris, So very sorry for the loss of sal and your father our thoughts and prayers are with all of you

Fran and mike kitto - August 02, 2023 at 06:58 PM



Jackie, Sal and Chris- I am so sorry for your loss. I adored Sal and he was the bright spot in my days at work at the DEC. He loved to talk as much as I do and he always spoke about his family with so much love and pride. Sal was loved by his friends at work because of his great sense of humor, kindness, and larger than life presence. We shared stories of our experiences at Clarkson, and he always had me laughing. He was one of a kind. I will always remember him as one of the nicest and funniest persons I have had the privilege to call my friend. I will miss him so much. I pray for your family's healing in his loss. Melissa Treers

melissa treers - August 02, 2023 at 11:12 PM

JP

“ Sal,
I will miss Cigar nights on Thursday and listening to John Chic DJ all of his music for hours. I will miss giving you some punch chops in the back and making you vodka on the rocks. I will miss taking you to the Comet games with a good Pizza Classic pizza afterwards. Debbie and I watched our wedding video just 2 weeks ago for the first time in years and was going to show you on our next time together. It's funny because you're exactly the same today as you were 36 years ago with the same shoppamonas. Sal, go in peace and please don't drive mommy too crazy and I'll have some diet coke delivered for you. Always know I love you. Your little brother and birthday gift Joeween.

Joseph Priore - August 02, 2023 at 05:02 PM

JN

sorry Joe

john n nole - August 02, 2023 at 06:08 PM

MA

“ Maggie Aceto lit a candle in memory of Mr. Salvatore F. "Savey" Priore, Sr.



Maggie Aceto - August 02, 2023 at 04:11 PM

MA

We just celebrated our 50th high school reunion on June 23rd and we are so glad that Sal and Jackie attended. Sal has always made sure he attended our reunions and we're so happy for those memories. Rest In Peace My Friend 🙏💙🙏

Maggie Aceto - August 02, 2023 at 04:15 PM

LM

Sal was one of a kind. We just celebrated our 50th high school reunion and had a great time! I am sending my love and sympathy to Priore family. RIP my friend... 🙏💙🙏

Laura Mucurio - August 02, 2023 at 04:41 PM

JN

so very sorry to all the Priore family

john n nole - August 02, 2023 at 06:08 PM

SC

Karin and I express our deepest condolences to the Priore family. I've known Sal for over 50 years and will miss him deeply.

Salvatore Capuana - August 02, 2023 at 07:07 PM

LA

I'm so shocked and saddened learning of Sal's passing. He was such a sweet soul and I loved seeing him at work everyday. Even when he left his "big gulp" cups of water in the fridge and I would spill them! I loved Sal and so enjoyed hearing about his grandchildren. I will miss him. Please know I will keep you all in my prayers. God's peace be with you.

Lisa Anzalone - August 03, 2023 at 02:22 PM

CS

*Joe,Debbie and Priore Family,
We are so sorry to hear about Sal. It's so hard to understand why those we love are taken from us, but we hope you find some comfort knowing you were all a special part of his life. Hold onto to those wonderful memories and let them guide you thru this difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.
Carol Scampone and Family*

CAROL SCAMPONE - August 05, 2023 at 10:07 AM

TB

Condolences to the Priorie's from the Tommy Bucciero family. I grew up with Savey and the Hammond Ave crew. So sad, rest in peace my old friend.

Tom Bucciero - August 08, 2023 at 11:06 AM