



Mr. Samuel Anthony "Sammy" Manino, Jr.

August 12, 1974 - June 25, 2025

NEW HARTFORD - It is with great sadness and broken hearts that we announce the peaceful passing of Samuel Anthony "Sammy" Manino, Jr. on Wednesday, June 25, 2025, at the age of 50.

Born in Utica on August 12, 1974, Samuel was the son of Samuel A. Manino, Sr. and Vera E. (But) Manino. He was a proud graduate of New Hartford High School/Class of 1992.

Sammy was employed at Laurie's Pizza from his teenage years through his 40s. It's safe to say he thought of the pizzeria as a second home—a place where he could spend time with friends and share jokes. He had a natural talent for making everyone around him feel happy with his delicious food, warm laughter, and generous hospitality. He was employed at City Cab, a role that suited him perfectly. Most recently, Sammy worked at his family business, the Manino Brothers Farm, a legacy farm.

A selfless soul, Sammy would drop whatever he was doing to help his family and friends, no matter the circumstance. He had a way about him that made everyone feel welcome and loved, as if they were part of the family. If you went anywhere with Sammy, it was sure to be an adventure. Riding in the car with him meant the music was turned up to full volume, you were singing along (though Sam always took the lead), and whatever was nearby became

his “microphone.”

With a deep passion for people and for life, Sammy was a charismatic natural leader and always the life of the party. He lived his life on his own terms, in his own time, and in his own way—creating cherished memories for all whose hearts he touched. He was well known for his sharp wit, unforgettable humor, and kind heart. He brought laughter and music into the lives of all who knew him.

In his spare time, Sammy enjoyed playing and teaching guitar, as well as collecting them. He furthered his musical talent through being a valued band member of Crossfire, Atomic Love Puppies, and Dreaming Out Loud. He relished time spent camping and listening to music. In the days of home movies captured on handheld camcorders, Sammy was often the self-appointed “movie director” at family gatherings. He proudly walked around with the camcorder, performing little skits and interviewing family and friends—each segment ending with his signature line: “Let’s move on, shall we?”

It’s hard to think of Sammy without smiling. We will forever picture him in his jeans and white T-shirts, always wearing his beaming smile. May the memories of the light he brought into the lives of all he touched shine eternal—until we meet again.

Sammy is survived by his father, Samuel Sr. and his wife Kim Manino; mother, Vera Manino and John Garofalo; siblings and their loves, Karina and James Hulser, Jr., Michael Sr. and Antoinette Manino, Nicole Manino and Pierre Mena, and Nicholas Manino; niece and nephews, Michael Jr. (who was also his godson), and Raffaele Manino; and Ryan, and Julia Hulser; aunts and uncles, Cecelia and William Gaetano, Clare Manino (the late Charles Manino), Katrina and Dr. Michael Immerman, and Nadia and Michael Caleo; several cousins and their families; and the many friendships amassed throughout his

life, too numerous to mention. He was predeceased by his paternal grandparents, Samuel and Rose (Nicastro) Manino; maternal grandparents, Mykola and Luba (Dubyna) But; aunt and uncle, Edwina and Craig Pugh; and cousin, Joshua Immerman.

A Memorial Gathering in Samuel's honor will be held on Tuesday, July 1, 2025, from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. The family will remain until all visitors have been seen. Memorial contributions in Samuel's honor may be made to his family to assist them in establishing a scholarship for music students at his alma mater, New Hartford High School. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Samuel's Memorial Mass of Christian Burial and Celebration of Life which will commence on Wednesday, July 2, 2025, at 12:00 p.m. at Mary, Mother of Our Savior Parish, Lourdes Campus, 2222 Genesee St.

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

JUL 1. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (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>

Memorial Service

JUL 2. 12:00 PM (ET)

Mary, Mother of Our Savior Parish, Lourdes Campus
2222 Genesee St.
Utica, NY 13502
<https://www.motherofoursavior.org/CatholicChurch.php>

Tribute Wall

LF

“ Sorry to hear of Sam's passing. I took City Cab all the time. Sam always had a smile and great conversations. RIP Sammy

Lori Ford - July 10, 2025 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ Oh Sammy, you left this world way too soon. We always loved seeing Sammy, his smile, his hugs, his laughter and the brilliance of his storytelling. There are few words to express the ache in our hearts for Sammy's family. Our deepest sympathy to you all. Ray and Christine Lewandowski

Ray Lewandowski - July 06, 2025 at 09:19 AM

JA

“ We are so sorry. Our thoughts & prayers are with all of you. We know the worst pain of losing a child...our hearts break for you. Sending you love and hugs and prayers. Xoxo, Janine & Jerry Zenzillo

Janine - July 01, 2025 at 06:07 PM

RU

“ I was heartbroken to hear of Sammy's passing. I have such fond memories of him from my young days working at the little store near his house. I believe he was around 7 or 8 years old. He would come by to joke around and lend a hand stocking the shelves—more so horsing around, it always made my day. He was truly a sweet soul, and he'll be deeply missed. May God bless you and bring you comfort during this difficult time.

Rosa Spina Usyk

Rosa Usyk - July 01, 2025 at 02:38 PM



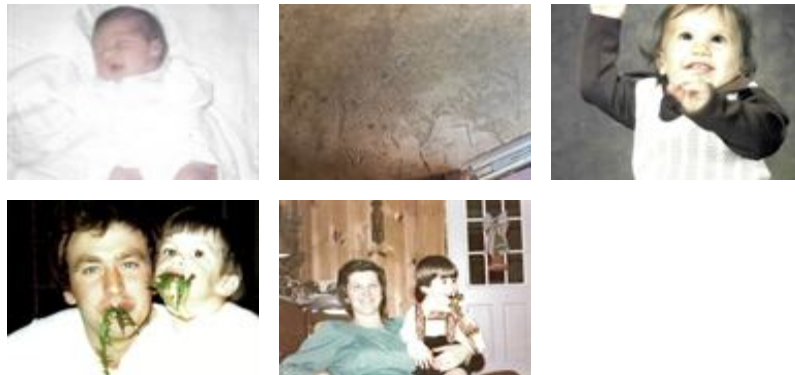
“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Samuel Anthony "Sammy" Manino, Jr..



June 30, 2025 at 10:20 PM



“ 108 files added to the album Life Tributes



Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. - June 30, 2025 at 07:14 PM



“ Mary Schwartz Mumford purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Samuel Anthony "Sammy" Manino, Jr..



Mary Schwartz Mumford - June 30, 2025 at 02:16 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album Manino



Mary Harrod - June 30, 2025 at 09:30 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Samuel Anthony "Sammy" Manino, Jr..



June 28, 2025 at 09:56 PM

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“ Oh no Sammy! So sorry to hear this! A really unique and great guy... he will be greatly missed.

Chris Riordan - June 28, 2025 at 06:31 PM