



Santo A. Falbo

May 8, 1951 - February 13, 2013

Mr. Santo A. Falbo, age 61, passed away on Wednesday, February 13, 2013 at the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center with his loving and devoted family by his side after a courageous battle with cancer.

Born in Utica on May 8, 1951, Santo was the son of the late Frank F. "Poppi" and Stella M. (Angerosa) Falbo. He attended Notre Dame High School and later Utica College where he received his Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics. On November 7, 1986 he married the former Kimberly A. "Kim" Burke with whom he shared 26 years in a strong relationship focused on love for each other and their family.

Santo held a position as an Associate Employment Services Representative with the New York State Department of Labor, a career spanning over 35 years. He also worked at Vernon Downs as a Pari-Mutual Clerk for over 20 years and was a referee for the Utica Board of Officials for Women's Basketball. Santo was kind and considerate to everyone he met. He devoted himself to his entire family, always offering his love, care, and unwavering support. His greatest pleasure was watching his children and grandchildren grow. He was a patriarch and protector to his loved ones. He was blessed with a strong, supportive nature, ready to listen and give his gentle advice. He possessed a paternal demeanor and took great pleasure in focusing his energy on his family and work. An eternal optimist, Santo was always admired for his tremendous courage and strength in the battle he faced during his illness. He always tried to be strong for his family so they didn't worry about

him – always telling everyone, “I’m O.K.” A testament to Santo's life was the many dear and cherished friendships he developed. From coach to counselor, he was a true role model, involved in his children’s and grandchildren’s lives and activities from sporting events to recitals. He took pride in coaching his daughter in softball, watching his son play baseball and seeing his grandchildren smile when he simply walked into the room. He was also a member of the Bocce League at the Italian American Heritage Club (Sons of Italy) and also enjoyed the sport of slow pitch softball. He took pride in cooking the food of his Italian heritage, particularly his palatable chicken riggies and his favorite fried meatballs. An avid fisherman, he looked forward to the opening day of trout season at his favorite spots on the Black River and Oriskany Creek. He was also a die hard fan of the NY Yankees, Syracuse Orange, and NY Giants. In his earlier years he enjoyed playing CYO basketball and football for Utica College. He valued his affiliation with the Knights of Columbus.

Santo is survived by his wife, Kim; his daughter, Alyssa M. Falbo of Frankfort and Dominic Tripp; his son, Cory and Jaclyn McDowell of Ilion; and his grandchildren, Cole, and Ella McDowell. He also leaves his sisters and brothers-in-law, Filomain F. and Joseph A. Talerico, and Mary Theresa and Richard D. Dodge, all of Utica; his god-sons, Richard Dodge, Jr. and Nicholas Dodge; his in-laws, Karen and Bruce Mansell, Laurie Brisson, and Lynne and Kevin Golas; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, a special great-niece, Luella Margaret Dodge, aunts, uncles, and cousins. He will also be missed by his cherished canine companion, Cami, his Yellow Lab. He was predeceased by his in-laws Ken and Betty Burke, and Danny Brisson; and his Black Lab, Sadie.

The family is grateful to Dr. William Ryan, Dr. Alicia DeTraglia, Dr. Gilbert Lawrence, Dr. Kevin Matthews, and the nurses and staff of the 6th floor Oncology Unit of the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center for all their care and compassion.

Visitation will be held Saturday from 2:00-4:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home,

Inc. 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Expressions of sympathy in the form of donations may be made to Spring Farm Cares or the Stevens-Swan Humane Society in lieu of floral offerings; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. The Knights of Columbus will perform prayer services at 3:30. Santo's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Saturday afternoon at 4:00 at the funeral home with the Rev. Guy Baccaro, childhood family friend, officiating the ceremony. Entombment will take place in Christ Our Savior Mausoleum at Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 16. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.
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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ Eannace Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Santo A. Falbo



Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. - February 13, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Steve Siriano lit a candle in memory of Santo A. Falbo



steve siriano - December 12, 2020 at 01:31 PM

SS

“ I lived next to santo for 10 years I enjoyed our many conversations out in the backyard, great man very respectful and generous, I'll always remember him

steve siriano - December 12, 2020 at 01:30 PM

MP

“ Mike Piacentino lit a candle in memory of Santo A. Falbo



Mike Piacentino - July 25, 2013 at 10:40 AM

MP

Mary Street, Saint Agnes, Notre Dame, 50's and 60's your seed blossomed into a wonderful tree of touching and loving life, God has taken you into his arms. Later.

Mike Piacentino - July 25, 2013 at 10:44 AM

JB

“ *Joanne Fanelli Babiarz lit a candle in memory of Santo A. Falbo*



Joanne Fanelli Babiarz - February 26, 2013 at 07:59 PM

DT

“ *It saddens me to hear of the passing of Santo. I would never had known, if not for the passing of a dear friend of mine, her Mother. I used to work with Santo for the City of Utica Parks and Recreation. We played softball. I saw him a while ago at State office building, we hugged and gave love, he was so happy. Said how his daughter was playing softball, I asked is she good. He answered real good. I said The apple does not fall far from the tree does it? I'll never forget his smile. He was a friend of mine.*



Dwight Tullis - February 25, 2013 at 02:34 PM

RE

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. We will always remember his beautiful smile.*
Tony and Reggie

Reggie - February 16, 2013 at 12:28 PM

KT

“ Kim - My heartfelt sympathy to you and the family. Santo was such a great guy and I don't ever remember a time in my life that I didn't know him. During this difficult time for you and the family, know that your memories, friends and most of all the love you shared will get you through this time. All my love - Kathi Tamer



Kathi Tamer - February 16, 2013 at 12:27 PM

BT

“ I was deeply saddened to hear about Santo. My sympathy and condolences to you Kim, the children and entire family. I fondly remember Santo from our years at the State Office Building. We went through basketball officiating class together and always enjoyed going to Cavallo's once a year with him and Kevin Brady to complete the annual officiating exam. The beer, wings & conversation was always a great treat for me personally. I will miss him-He was a gentlemen with a lot of class.
Bob Tanner

Bob Tanner - February 16, 2013 at 11:01 AM

CL

“ Santo was a true gentlemen and always a pleasure to see and talk with. He will be missed by many. My deepest sympathy to the Falbo family.

Christopher Lambert & Family

Christopher Lambert - February 16, 2013 at 10:23 AM



“ We have lost our dear dear friend Santo. He was such a caring, supportive and loyal friend. We will always remember him as such a strong and vibrant person with that great smile. You will be sorely missed by many, especially us. Rest in peace dear friend. Our thoughts and prayers are with you Kim. Bob and Sandy Orsino



Sandy Orsino - February 16, 2013 at 12:01 AM

RS

“ I had the pleasure of working with Santo for 30+ years and I will miss him and his humor so much. The last 8 years or so I worked with him in the Regional office in Utica. I know that family was very important to him and I was glad to have been part of his work family, My prayers are with his wife and daughter, God Bless you both.

Robert Sweetman

Robert Sweetman - February 15, 2013 at 11:24 PM

KL

“ Dear Kim and family,
Although having met Santo but a few times, I admired him and understand how he so enriched the lives he touched. I'm deeply saddened Kim that you have suffered this tragic loss and now endure great sorrow. Please know that my prayers are added to the many sincerely rendered for you and your loved ones. We all hold you very dear and hope that knowing what our loving creator has promised will comfort you. How wonderful it will be to soon welcome Santo to Paradise, never more to part. God bless you.
Kerns Laurie

Kerns Laurie - February 15, 2013 at 09:03 PM

JT

“ We remember Santo fondly from our days on the softball field. He was always kind and supportive to all the girls. He was especially kind to our daughter, Sara, always offering a kind word and much needed moral support. Please know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time. With our deepest sympathies--

Roxanne, Jeff and Sara Toczydlowski

Jeff Toczydlowski - February 15, 2013 at 05:19 PM

PD

“ I had the pleasure of meeting Santo in 1977 when I was looking for a career change. He gave me the paperwork for the Employment Interviewer test. I was eventually hired and we worked together for many years. I have so many great memories of him. Even after I left the Labor Department, we kept in touch. and I knew that if I ever needed anything I could call on him. Santo was a true friend and a devoted husband and father. He was so proud of his family and I know that he will be missed by so many.

Rest in peace my dear friend.

Phyllis Evans Donohue

Phyllis Donohue - February 15, 2013 at 03:39 PM

AM

“ There's a special place reserved for people like Uncle Santo. He is the type of man that greets you with hugs and laughter every time you see him. From playing softball to eating way too much on Holidays- I will miss his laughter and warmth. I take solace in knowing there's no worries or pain where he is off to. May angels lead you into Paradise, Uncle Santo.

Anne Moore - February 15, 2013 at 08:36 AM

PG

“ Thinking of all of you with very special, happy memories of Santo. We enjoyed so many Sunday visits with Santo and your Mom, Dad and entire family. Santo always had a smile on his face. He was so respectful to my Mother, always greeting her with a hug and kiss. Ironically, Santo's services are on my Mother's Birthday. To me, this is a special sign from above. Now, my Mother will be there with open arms to greet Santo. Please know how sorry I am for your loss. We all loved Santo very much!

All my love,

Paula Guarniero

Paula Guarniero - February 15, 2013 at 07:05 AM

MG

“ My sincere condolences to the Falbo family, (Alyssa) our prayers are with you,

Mark Grimaldi (Empire Merchants)

Mark Grimaldi - February 15, 2013 at 06:30 AM

GP

“ *Santo was everything and more that was explained in his obit. I haven't seen him in years but he was a wonderful person during CYO of the day when I and my siblings attended St. Agnes...wow, a looong time ago! Those were the days...he and his wonderful family especially his parents lived on the same block of Hilton Ave. His cousins, the Angerosa's used to live in the same house before the Falbo's moved in. And what a wonderful neighborhood filled w/wonderful people. My deepest sympathy go out to his family during this time. He was too young to leave this good earth but his lessons will live on. Best,*
Gerald Plante/Schenectady/Stockade NY 12305

Gerald Plante - February 15, 2013 at 05:09 AM

TB

“ *My sincere condolences to Santo's family during this difficult time. For over 12 years, I was privileged to have partnered with Santo as a member of the Employment Services team at the Utica Working Solutions Office. Santo provided a unique leadership style - he was able to fashion a team that never lost sight of its goal of public service. Yet, he always seemed to have the time to provide the "personal touch" and encouragement to us when it was most needed. In my estimation, Santo possessed the unique ability to combine dignity with affability..... he will be sorely missed. Rest in Peace..*

Ted Burch

Ted Burch - February 14, 2013 at 08:40 PM

ND

“ *Uncle Santo-
I can not begin to express the sadness I am feeling now losing you, but the memories I have will be with me forever. You were always someone I looked up to for guidance and strength. No matter how busy you were you always made time to make it to my games or school events. You were a great man and an even better uncle. I was truly blessed to have had you in my life. As Poppi always said, It's not goodbye but see you later.
Love Always, Nicky & Anne*

Nick Dodge - February 14, 2013 at 08:25 PM

RD

“ *Santo you were the brother I never had. We shared many great times together from softball to bocce to fishing on the Black River. I know you are in a better place with no more pain. You now have the great rivers of heaven to fish but save a few for me. I promise you, I will be there for Kim, Alyssa, and Corey in whatever they may need. Your courage and bravery throughout your illness is something I will never forget, thinking of others before yourself. Rest in peace my brother until we meet again. I admire and respect you more than words can ever say.*

Richard Dodge

Richard Dodge - February 14, 2013 at 06:12 PM

TF

“ *The Moehringer Family purchased the Serene Green™ Bouquet For Sympathy for the family of Santo A. Falbo.*



The Moehringer Family - February 14, 2013 at 05:37 PM

MD

“ Sandy, You will always be my hero for your courage and determination in fighting your illness. You never once worried about yourself for your focus was always taking care of others. I wished and prayed many times that I could take your pain, but God had a different plan. I know that you are one of his angels now and will continue your job of caring for others from Heaven. I want to thank you for being the kind of brother that only some dream of having. Thank you for being a protector, a role model, a confidant, but most of all, my friend. I will miss you more than words can say. You will always have a special place in my heart. Love, Mary T.

Mary Theresa Dodge - February 14, 2013 at 03:42 PM

GP

Mary Theresa -

I am disheartened knowing a bright light of goodness, decency, and respect for all the people who came Santo's way is no longer helping in this life. Yet his physical pain and emotional hurting that he could not live as rich and full a life as he has the past 61 years, is now finished. Santo no longer harbors the worries of this world.

I vividly recall Santo's kind and caring persona growing in my youth. We 'younger boys' in the Old Neighborhood of Hilton Avenue idolized your jovial brother! He coached us in baseball, yet his 'coaching about life's better pursuits proved far more beneficial. A counselor without the title. Wisdom beyond his young years.

You, your sister Filomain, both incredible healing women as the great nurses you both are, Santo's eternal greatness, all are reflections of your beautiful parents' 'labor of love' in raising you three.

I shall forever remember your parents kindness and generosity upon my injury in 1974 and their prayers and support years later. Santo always treated me the same

despite my inability to throw the football around in yourr parents yard. A great human being has come our way. For that gift, we are blessed beyond comprehension.

*Girard A. Plante
Newton, MA*

Girard A. Plante - February 14, 2013 at 05:56 PM

HA

“*May the presence and love of family and friends help to comfort all of your loved ones during this difficult time. I will remember your courage, your cheerful voice, and your big smile every time I pass your office. My sincere sympathy.*

Heather Adamo - February 14, 2013 at 02:49 PM

PC

“ *Keep them in stitches up there Santo and know we will miss you every day down here.*



Patricia A Cloutier - February 14, 2013 at 01:41 PM

AG

“ *Sandy and I first met in the Utica Job Service when he was an Employment Interviewer and I was an Employment Counselor. Years later we became co-workers in the Central New York (Syracuse/Utica area) Regional Office of the NYS Department of Labor when our Regional Director was Anthony Picente Jr. By then Sandy was promoted to Associate Employment Service Representative. We worked together on many special projects including employee training. I will always remember that Sandy was a guy who demonstrated tremendous strength and charisma. He always had your back. Goodby Santo. You will be missed Andrea Paikin Gay*
I

Andrea Paikin Gay - February 14, 2013 at 09:51 AM

PR

“ *Santo and I were very close friends in high school & college. We spent lot's of time together then with our respective families. He was a good and loyal person , with a great family and great personality. Regrettably ,we have not seen each other very much since I moved out of the area 20 years ago. My thoughts & prayers are with him and his family.
He will be missed by many.*

Peter Rukavena - Ithaca, NY

Peter N. Rukavena - February 14, 2013 at 09:49 AM

CN

“ I was saddened to hear of Santo's untimely passing. He will be greatly missed. My prayers are with your family. He is assuredly an angel in Heaven. God Bless you Santo.

Cathy Noon

Cathy Noon - February 14, 2013 at 09:25 AM

JS

“ I had the pleasure of meeting Santo about 25 years ago through the labor department and unemployment office. Over the years he assisted me with employment but more than that assisted me in recruiting good candidates for the companies I worked for. Santo was a very dear friend and will be sadly missed. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family at this time and may you know what an impression he made to others.

God Bless

Joanne Schachtler-Miller

Joanne Schachtler-Miller - February 14, 2013 at 08:19 AM

FT

“ Santo was a brother that any sister would be privileged to have. I admired him for his tremendous courage and strength in the battle he faced during his illness. He lways tried to be strong for us so we would not worry about him - always telling us, "I'm O.K."

Dear Santo, I love you and will miss you, but I find comfort in knowing that you are in a better place watching over us and still protecting us. Love, Filomain

Filomain Talerico - February 14, 2013 at 07:37 AM

RP

“ *I am so sad to see this. I have such wonderful childhood memories of Santo and his family. I used to love to come visit with my Mom and I always enjoyed it more when Santo was home. The Falbo family was like family to us.*

My sincere condolences, God bless all of your family and give you strength at this difficult time. You are all in my prayers, Rest in peace, Santo. Roseann (Guarniero) Petronella

Roseann (Guarniero) Petronella - February 13, 2013 at 07:39 PM