



## Mr. Sebastian "Benny" Lupo, Jr.

July 10, 1937 - October 22, 2023

UTICA – Sebastian “Benny” Lupo, Jr. went home to the Lord on Sunday, October 22, 2023. He was so loved by his family that everyone was praying that when he passed he would see all those who preceded him.

Born in Utica on July 10, 1937, he was the son of the late Sebastian, Sr. and Domenica “Mamie” (Sardina) Lupo. Benny was raised and educated in local schools. At one time he held a position at Canada Dry Company. He was a profoundly dedicated son and kept a watchful eye over his family. Benny had the love and guidance of his sister, Carmela, who adored him. His deep faith as a devout Catholic, and a member of St. Mary of Mt. Carmel Church/Blessed Sacrament Parish, saw him actively involved in his community, always ready with a heartwarming smile and an ever-willing hand to those in need. Church functions held great significance in his life, with Benny ensuring he was always there to offer his support and assistance.

Benny had a genuine love for planting, with a special fondness for vegetables. Though it was hard work, he reveled in the fruits of his labor. His people skills were unparalleled, leading many to recognize this trait as his greatest accomplishment. One of the greatest qualities that Benny possessed was to be a dependable personal assistant to so many people in the Utica community. Holidays brought immense joy to his heart, especially when his niece would host a feast. Benny would take home the leftovers with great joy.

Tragically, he was preceded in passing by his dear sister, Carmela M. (Lupo) DiFondi, with whom he shared a profound and gifted relationship, as well as her late husband, Eugene A. "Clark" DiFondi, Sr. He was a wonderful uncle to his niece, Jean O'Connor and Jim Dinehart, and her family, who were his great-nephews and great-nieces, Robert and Sommer O'Connor, Michael O'Connor and Dawn Ryan, Lisa M. O'Connor; Doreen Sollecito, and her son, Peter DiFondi.

Deep appreciation is expressed to Bob Pullman, a steadfast friend who consistently advocated for Benny's well-being and ensured his safety.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend a Prayer Service, which will be held on Friday, October 27, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. at Christ Our Savior Mausoleum at Calvary Cemetery. He will be laid to rest alongside his mother.

# Cemetery Details

## Calvary Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Prayer Service

OCT **27**. 9:00 AM (ET)

Christ Our Savior Mausoleum at Calvary Cemetery  
2407 Oneida Street  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 735-2727

# Tribute Wall

DK

“ I remember Benny from Steinhorst a sweetheart RIP

Darlene Trombetta King - October 31, 2023 at 02:53 PM

LA

“ Lou A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Sebastian "Benny" Lupo, Jr..

Lou A. - October 26, 2023 at 09:08 PM

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“ Benny was a blessed neighbor to all at Steinhorst Apts. Always a smile on his face. You would see him walking all around East Utica helping anyone who needed him. My granddaughter always made a point of greeting Benny when she was with me from the age she began walking and talking. I have pictures of them in front of our Christmas tree in our lobby. He was greatly missed when he had to leave. And now I pray he rests in peace he undoubtedly deserves.

Elizabeth Eaton - October 25, 2023 at 09:45 PM

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“ Rest in peace Benny, you now in peace with God, you friend Enrique (rico)Diaz

Enrique (Rico)Diaz - October 25, 2023 at 09:14 PM

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*Que descanse en paz, querido Benny, ya estas con Dios, en paz, mis condolencias a la familia. Descansa en paz, tu amigo Enrique [ Rico] Diaz.*

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**Enrique (Rico)Diaz** - October 25, 2023 at 09:09 PM

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*Please accept my deepest sympathy in the passing of Benny. I remember Benny as a young child. He was friends with my Uncle Michael & every Sunday he would drop off a bulletin to my grandmothers house. Later on he lived at Steinhorst Apts. where my uncle lived. A true kind gentleman who always had a smile on his face. May he rest in peace. Darlene Karam*

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**Darlene Karam** - October 25, 2023 at 10:23 AM

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*I used to work at a pharmacy where Mr Lupo would get medications for the people living in his senior housing. He was so kind, so patient and always was so pleasant to deal with. He helped so many people and gave a great example of helping others. Rest in Peace Mr Lupo.*



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**Rena** - October 25, 2023 at 02:06 AM

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*Benny was a devoted member of the S. Rosalia Society and proudly carried the American flag during the Society's Procession through the streets of East Utica. May he rest in peace.*

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**Jim Delitto** - October 24, 2023 at 10:45 PM

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*may he rest in peace,Benny you will also be in my mind and my heart,they are already with god at peace..never forget you.....YOU LONGFRIEND,,ENRIQUE { RICO } Diaz...*

**Enrique { Rico } Diaz** - October 25, 2023 at 06:30 AM