



## Steven Anthony Dorsagno

September 7, 1968 - April 13, 2023

ORLANDO, FL- Steven Anthony Dorsagno passed away after a courageous battle, on Thursday, April 13, 2023, at the age of 54. At the time of his passing, he was surrounded by his devoted family and closest friends, who now find comfort knowing he is reunited with his beloved parents, Harry and Donna Marie, his special Aunt Denise, his partner Steven, and his dear friend Michael.

Steven was born in Utica on September 7, 1968, to the late Harry R. and Donna Marie (Lucenti) Dorsagno. Steven attended T. R. Proctor High School. He was a young man blessed to know his destiny and thus graduated from the Utica Career Institute and became a NYS licensed hair stylist. While residing in Utica he was the proprietor of Steven Anthony's Salon on Oriskany Blvd. He also took great pride in operating two drinking establishments, Whispers and Illusions. In 2003, he relocated to Florida for a change of scenery, new opportunities and future successes.

Steven began his time in Florida with a partnership/ownership of Split Ends Salon with his dear friend Cynthia. They were voted by the community as Best of the Best in their area two years running by Wave. Before too long he ventured into his ultimate dream and opened Steven Anthony Bella Capelli Studio in Orlando. He was a passionate craftsman, a master stylist. His impressive artistry was magic. His studio was well appointed—his eye for detail was fabulous. He was known for his ability to conduct a business that was known to provide a warm reception to all; that was his God-given gift. He

also taught the art of hairstyle and appreciated the creativity learned from hair shows.

Steven had an infectious personality! He was inclusive and non-judgmental; he had a passion for life that he shared with all and was often his loved ones' biggest cheerleader. He was almost generous to a fault. The volume of his vocals impressed the intentions of his statements.

Steven was very balanced—he had his work side and his party side. Steven WAS the party and he entertained well and loved to do it. Steven was very independent and loved to sing to his own rhythm and beat and was always the last one dancing.

Mondays were always reserved for wine tasting at Cooper's Hawk Winery and restaurants where he held a membership. His red wine collection was so plentiful (though he would say he never wanted the white wines to be left out). You could always find him here surrounded by family and friends. He also often frequented Kres, where his dear friends Heidi and Jen worked and this was his go to spot when family was in town.

Steven enjoyed travel, which was often and spontaneous. He saw the West Coast, Key West could not be beaten, his birthday destination, followed by a small entourage of his closest friends. He traveled to the Cape to P-Town for a memorable vacation with Chris Famalaro, as well as other dear friends. He ventured to Italy with Denny and Michele. They loved the wine and the food, site seeing and shopping, they did it all. That was #1 on his bucket list.

Steven was very involved in many different people's lives, which is why he was so loved in both his personal and professional life. He was extremely attentive to conversation, the needs of others, and had a great ability to console. He never hesitated to support a friend in need. He was one of the good ones! —his karma was so vast that we may never again see the likes of this kind of man.

Steven opened his heart and soul to the late Michael Marks, and his family, Michaels mother Joan, and sister Mary. Some of his longest friendships included Chris Famalaro, twins Dan and Doug Harvey, Frank Malloy, Ann

Briggs, Eric Brown, Renee Bostwick, Lindy Carter, and Melissa Alsheimer Howell, a group that originated in Utica that he often referred to as his “Golden Girls”. He valued equally his Florida friends including Cynthia Blanzenski, Denise, Heidi and Jen, Lisa and Lia, Lola, Bradley, Aaron and Judy, and Jason to name a few; Angel Ortego, a rare and special friendship—Angel put his life on pause to care for Steven’s needs. The family is so overwhelmed with gratitude for his love and kindness to Steven. He shared one of his greatest love stories with Steven “Poopie” Sandlin, who preceded him. As Steven would say, “Poopie was one of my reasons, my seasons and my lifetimes.” Steven maintained a special relationship with Poopie’s family, his mother Janice who preceded him, his sisters Shannon and Dana, and his brother David.

No two people had the same relationship with Steven. There was nothing generic about him; he could read right into the soul. He would say “Come on, I’ll take you to church kitchen”. Sitting across the kitchen island to offer consolation to others and did so with much humility—never wanting anything in return.

Steven is survived by his three brothers and their loves, John “Buddy” and Cindy Dorsagno, Harry M. and Dawn Dorsagno, and Beep and Lisa Dorsagno; he had great love for all of his nieces and nephews, Alyssa Dorsagno: she was his goddaughter, who he often referred to as his daughter and he was her “Pappy,” her partner, Tony Saponaro who also shared a close bond; Annmarie Dorsagno, their relationship had many chapters starting with niece, becoming her first roommate, and ending as best friends. Cheyenne Dorsagno, who he loved for her uniqueness and artistry- she designed a tattoo for him and several art pieces he proudly displayed in his home. Angeno Dorsagno, who in recent years made many trips to visit and help his dad renovate Steven’s home- Steven was very proud of the well-rounded young man he had become. Steven took exceptional pride in all of his godchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews. He is also survived by several

uncles, aunts and cousins. He shared a very special bond with his cousin Denny and his wife Michele who visited him often.

Steven will be greeted with open arms by his beloved parents, Harry and Donna Marie; his partner, Steven; his dear friend, Michael; his grandparents, Harry and Blondie (Cretaro) Dorsagno, Margaret "Peggy" (Alexander) Lucenti Comito; and his aunt, Denise Byrne, an important woman to him who encouraged him to live his true life and to the fullest. Steven did just that, his book had many chapters with many reasons, season and lifetimes and he always loved you more.

The family will remain heartfelt in their appreciation for physicians, nurses and ancillary staff who were so kind in their care of Steven and his family. They truly cheered him on. Steven pulled "his strings" to have a fashionable Easter dinner for the working staff on that blessed holiday while surrounded with a table full of family and friends.

Please omit floral offerings. For those wishing, please make a contribution to the family's GoFundMe "Steven's Journey to a Double Lung Transplant" at: <https://gofund.me/b5476ce5>; envelopes will also be available at the funeral home.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, April 23, 2023, from 2-5 p.m., at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. For those unable to attend physically, you may be present via Zoom at Meeting ID: 840 0412 9591 Passcode: 502786. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend his Mass of Christian Burial and Celebration of Life which will be held on Monday, April 24, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish, 648 Jay St., Utica.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **23**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 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>

## Funeral Service

APR **24**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall

BA

“ *Bryan Adams lit a candle in memory of Steven Anthony Dorsagno*



Bryan Adams - June 14, 2023 at 04:08 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Steven Anthony Dorsagno.*



April 27, 2023 at 08:01 PM

MM

“ *I have had the privilege of being a client of Steven's for almost 9 years. Every time I saw him, it was a given that he would work miracles with your hair but the better miracle was I always left happier because of how he made me feel. He always made you feel special and cared for. I will miss him and the light that he shared. My deepest condolences.*

melissa marchiony - April 26, 2023 at 05:59 PM

DS

“ You walked into my life several years ago when my brother introduced you to me as "his boss". The first thing I noticed was that you were a loud, flashy, caring person with a big tender heart. Your infectious personality made everyone who met you fall in love with you. Myself included. I quickly began to see that you were much more to my brother Steven than just "his boss". You were his love, nurse, caretaker and literally his life. You enabled Steven to realize his dream of being a musician and to live his life on his own terms. His last few years with you were his happiest and it wouldn't have happened without you in his life. Thank you Steven. What cemented my bond with you is that day you and I spent emptying my brother's apartment just a few days after his passing. We made 12 trips back and forth to your house in my small pick-up crying the whole time. We were a mess, but we got it done. We got to know each other and you became my brother that day. You've been family to me from that day forward. My sisters Shannon and Dana and I are so devastated by your passing and our lives will never be the same without you. You were one of a kind and an irreplaceable part of our family. We will surely miss you Steven, but we have a lot of special memories with you to reflect on and you'll never be forgotten. We love you and my sisters and I offer our sincere love and condolences to your friends and family in New York. Rest in Peace our friend and brother.

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David Sandlin - April 24, 2023 at 02:07 PM



“ Gable Gift Box was purchased for the family of Steven Anthony Dorsagno.



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April 23, 2023 at 10:43 AM

DL

“ We were tending bar together(Comfort Zone), I kept telling him I couldn't wait for him to meet my brother Michael, in Steven's mind he was like, sure whatever girl. The night Michael walked into the bar Steven was like who the %#@\* is that, I said that's Michael, his response why the %#@\* didn't you tell me that was your brother, lol. From there it was the friendship of a lifetime. Steven and he are together again and heaven is a new place because of it. Rest in peace and with your bestie Steven. We will always remember your infectious laugh and keep you in our memories. Love, Dana

Dana Lonis - April 23, 2023 at 09:53 AM

DE

He was my favorite stylist wanted to follow him to the sunshine state but just had to pay for the lessons to be come my own stylist rip the vacation time will never b the same tell Steve I will see you guys when I get there

Denise - May 08, 2023 at 06:32 AM

AC

“ Andrew Coughlin lit a candle in memory of Steven Anthony Dorsagno



Andrew Coughlin - April 22, 2023 at 10:07 PM

DS

All I can hear and see in my mind is that big smile and loud laugh, followed by a quick comeback and big ole hug! I loved you so much, and I will forever keep you in my heart.

Dwight Shropshire - April 23, 2023 at 02:33 PM

LG

“ *Linda Guarascio lit a candle in memory of Steven Anthony Dorsagno*



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**Linda Guarascio** - April 22, 2023 at 04:36 PM

LG

*The Dorsagno Family,  
Our condolences to all of you at this time. Prayers and thoughts.  
Love Frank and Linda Guarascio and family*

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**Linda Guarascio** - April 22, 2023 at 04:38 PM

 Marie Brigantino

“ *Marie Brigantino lit a candle in memory of Steven Anthony Dorsagno*



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**Marie Brigantino** - April 22, 2023 at 03:02 PM

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*That beautiful smile....How could we ever forget you Steven..... You were the light for everyone and everyone loved you....May you rest with the Angels, and maybe give them some good hairdos!!!! You will be missed...RIP..*

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**Marie Brigantino** - April 22, 2023 at 03:05 PM

TK

“ *Tammy Kienzler lit a candle in memory of Steven Anthony Dorsagno*



Tammy Kienzler - April 22, 2023 at 11:25 AM

TK

*Fly high cousin, you are so loved and missed!*

Tammy Kienzler - April 22, 2023 at 11:30 AM

TD

“ *My dear cousin, I pray the sun always shines warm upon your face! Rest in peace... You will be forever missed!*



Tiffany Davis - April 22, 2023 at 10:02 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Steven Anthony Dorsagno.*



April 21, 2023 at 02:54 PM

GP

“ Grace Peek-Harris lit a candle in memory of Steven Anthony Dorsagno



Grace Peek-Harris - April 20, 2023 at 07:01 PM

KD

“ Kimberly Diaz-Stubbs lit a candle in memory of Steven Anthony Dorsagno



Kimberly Diaz-Stubbs - April 20, 2023 at 03:51 PM

KD

“ Steven,  
The laughs, tears, trouble we got into together growing up next door to each other will always hold a special place in my heart. Even though we were apart, we knew how much we meant to each other and I will miss you dearly. I know you are at peace now and pain free. Spread your wings my friend and fly!

*My condolences to the family.*

*Kimberly Diaz-Stubbs*

Kimberly Diaz-Stubbs - April 20, 2023 at 03:50 PM

BA

*May Steven rest in peace. I just heard this sad news. We all had some good times on James Street back in the day.*

Bryan Adams - June 14, 2023 at 03:17 PM

CC

“ *Carla Clark lit a candle in memory of Steven Anthony Dorsagno*



Carla Clark - April 20, 2023 at 09:57 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Steven Anthony Dorsagno.*



April 20, 2023 at 09:54 AM

DE

“ *You are loved! You are missed!! Our world will not be the same without you my friend, you were the light in the room, the voice that was heard above everyone's, and the person who loved more than any other! I'm going to stop crying eventually and continue to celebrate and live life to the fullest just like you would say! Who else would I want to work with all week long and still want to be with on the weekends and days off??!! YOU!!! Years of laughter and beautiful memories are are going to keep me loving you and that beautiful smile forever!! Jon and I love you always*



denise - April 20, 2023 at 08:52 AM

ST

“ Steve lit a candle in memory of Steven Anthony Dorsagno



Steve - April 20, 2023 at 07:23 AM

JM

“ JoAnn Mariano lit a candle in memory of Steven Anthony Dorsagno



JoAnn Mariano - April 20, 2023 at 06:21 AM

KD

“ Karrie DiNigro lit a candle in memory of Steven Anthony Dorsagno



Karrie DiNigro - April 19, 2023 at 09:53 PM

RS

“ Robbie Seymour lit a candle in memory of Steven Anthony Dorsagno



Robbie Seymour - April 19, 2023 at 09:21 PM

JB

“ Was such a blast to hang with at drag shows such a great sole



Jessica Brown - April 19, 2023 at 08:46 PM

AN

“ What a beautiful tribute! Love, prayers and hugs to all family and friends.



anonymous - April 19, 2023 at 07:43 PM

RS

“ Steve was hands down one of the best at what he did! Being in the same business in Central Florida I always had the greatest respect and admiration for Steve, with how he conducted his business! So many times over the years I would compliment someone publicly on their hair! The reply “Steve at Split Ends is my Guy”. So talented and loved. He left his mark on this world! He was a true inspiration and loved his job! Go beat hair upstairs now. And say hello to the other Steve! ❤️❤️🌈🌈

raymond sharpe - April 19, 2023 at 07:05 PM

AB

“ My sweet love, my heart aches something fierce without you. I just want to text you and tell you “I love you baby” you fought a good fight, as you promised me, and I’m ever so grateful I was with you til the end, as I promised you. You left such a hole in my heart, who will I go to when I need advice, to cry or complain? I will live the rest of my days never letting your memory fade, as I always see your reflection in my eyes. I love you so much, my forever husband❤️

ann briggd - April 19, 2023 at 07:01 PM

DR

How do you put in words the love that Steven had for all. Thank you for loving my sweet cousin Michael and caring for him. I know the two of you are together again. May you Rest in Peace and fly with the beautiful angels Steven 💙🙏💙

deborah rivera - April 20, 2023 at 08:14 AM

SK

“ I met this awesome man through Cynthia when she started doing my hair To say he had a magnetic personality would be an understatement. He had the same personality as my boys and reminded me of my middle son. He was one of the kindest most fun people I have known and I can't even imagine not seeing him in this lifetime again!! He was loved beyond words and I will miss his handsome face

sandy koffinas - April 19, 2023 at 06:50 PM



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**Dawn Mykel** - April 19, 2023 at 04:35 PM



“ Even as a child that smile lit up the room...my prayers and condolences to the Dorsagno family and to all of us who were lucky enough to know Steven



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**Dawn Mykel** - April 19, 2023 at 04:34 PM

JO

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to the Dorsagno family. I am so sorry for your loss. I will praying for you all 🙏

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**Jolene** - April 19, 2023 at 03:40 PM

LM

“ Steven started cutting my hair in about 2011. Over the years we've shared many stories, have giggled and laughed too. But he's always been supportive of my husband, Michael Ray and his acting endeavors. So many ups and downs have occurred in Steven's life and ours. All the threads of friendship have been very special to us. God Bless Steven! Our hearts go out to all his family and friends.

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**Loleta K Moore-Davis** - April 19, 2023 at 03:36 PM

AS

“ *Anna Sardina lit a candle in memory of Steven Anthony Dorsagno*



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**Anna Sardina** - April 19, 2023 at 02:37 PM

SG

“ *Shana Griggs lit a candle in memory of Steven Anthony Dorsagno*



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**Shana Griggs** - April 19, 2023 at 02:27 PM

LK

“ *Lisa Krapf lit a candle in memory of Steven Anthony Dorsagno*



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**Lisa Krapf** - April 19, 2023 at 02:14 PM

RH

“ *Richard Horstman lit a candle in memory of Steven Anthony Dorsagno*



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**Richard Horstman** - April 19, 2023 at 02:11 PM