



## Mr. Victor A. "Uncle Vic" Valerio

December 14, 1923 - July 5, 2019

UTICA - Mr. Victor A. "Uncle Vic" Valerio, age 95, passed away peacefully yet unexpectedly on Friday, July 5, 2019.

Born in Utica on December 14, 1923, Victor was the son of the late Vincent and Marion (Roscigo) Valerio. Raised and educated locally, he attended T.R. Proctor High School. He was a proud veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving in World War II. Many would remember Vic from working at the iconic Seneca Boot Shop for many years. He was colloquially called the "Mayor of Bleecker Street". He never drove a car, preferring to walk or take a bus,... the reason to which he attributed his long life. Uncle Vic was well versed in the topics of nutrition and he rarely made a social gaffe or blunder. He was shy at first, but when he came to know you, he perked up the conversation as if he had known you for years. He was very dapper in his attire and was proud of his Italian heritage. But most importantly, he lived for his family and always wanted to be of help to them. Jazz was his preference in relaxing pursuits. He loved to listen to singer Nancy Kelly and the Big Band Era "king of swing" clarinetist Benny Goodman, but he always fell back upon the tunes of the "Rat Pack", especially "My Way" by Frank Sinatra. He also loved Sunday dinners, holidays, and 'angel hair' pasta with marinara sauce. He practiced his Catholic faith at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish.

Victor is survived by his sister and brother-in-law, Eleanor and Frank Tucciarone; his nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and his good friend and social companion Len Panzica whose kindness was so

appreciated. He was predeceased by his siblings and their spouses, Dr. Nobel Anthony and Muriel Valerio, Jean and Pat "Red" Gualtieri, Yolanda and Dr. Dominick Nuccio, two brothers, Dominick in infancy, and John in his youth, and nephews, Ronald Gualtieri, and Dr. Robert Nuccio.

His loved ones are grateful to the staff at the Presbyterian Home Assisted Living and the Lutheran Home Rehab for their kindness to Victor during his stay.

The family will commemorate his life at a private time. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Victor's funeral service and Celebration of Life which will commence on Saturday afternoon at 12:30 at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish where his Memorial Mass of Christian Burial will be offered. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

# Cemetery Details

## Calvary Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

JUL 13. 12:30 PM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall

RD

“ Vic, you were a friend and gentleman, I shall remember you and miss you. To Victor's family our heartfelt condolences.  
Roc DiPierro

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Rocco DiPierro - July 14, 2019 at 03:41 PM

 Gina  
Batson

“ Vic - we will miss you. You always had a smile and a warm greeting with a kiss for all of us. Alana will miss hearing you call her “your beautiful doll”. You always made her and all of us feel special. You were unique, dapper, and the coolest cat around ! We are so blessed to have had you in our lives all these years. Love you Vic  
xoxo

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Gina Batson - July 12, 2019 at 11:35 AM

JD

“ Let's see...Vic the Stick, Rapid Vic, Midnight Vic, you were a legend in your time. Many many people knew you by different names, but they all knew you. This " Territory" won't be the same without you! I met you when I was a waiter at Pescatore's Restaurant.

We continued to be friends till the end, just about 50 years.

Rest in peace V.V.V. Victor Val Valerio  
(that was even another name you called yourself).

John R. Doti

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John R Doti - July 11, 2019 at 08:31 AM



WV

“ To my Uncle Vic and all the Valerio families,

*Blessings to you good Uncle--and peace be with you!*

*We have known this day would come (as it will for all), but you had defied the odds and kept on plugging--90, 91, 92--all the way to 95! To my knowledge--our family record. I believe is was that you "walked" yourself to health over almost 90 years of active life.*

*Cousin Michael has paid tribute to you in many ways over these last days--personal, powerful, and poignant. I could add some to his good and thoughtful words but they should stand first.*

*For me, the oldest Valerio grandchild, it was a pleasure to have an Uncle like you all these years (73)--always ready with a smile and a kiss, and genuine warmth for all of us.*

*I would add, perhaps repeat, that you always were delighted to see us--to show your love for us--" your children", and in the old days, a pair of new shoes! I went through college and young professional life with three pairs of "Wallstreeters" wing tips (I still keep a pair for memories).*

*Your love for and devotion to Grandma Valerio was admirable, but more, unique! Thanks for being there with her all those years. Being my father's only living brother was important to him, for me, and my special sister, Toni Manette. Since his passing in 2008, you have stood in for him in our eyes and hearts. Thank you!*

*Condolences to Aunt Eleanor and Uncle Frank and all the family.*

*Thanks Mike for all the care and love that you and Mary provided Uncle Vic these many years. Please know that it was and is appreciated.*

*Arrivederci Uncle Vic--one of a kind!!*

*With Love,*

*Vance Valerio (for sister Toni, wife Marilyn, daughters Erin, Marni, Brekke and their families)*

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**Vance Valerio** - July 10, 2019 at 10:08 AM

MA

“ *Great man Uncle Vic. Many have learned a lot from his gentle way.*

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**Mark Ambrosi** - July 09, 2019 at 06:17 PM

JC

“ *I am so saddened by the passing of Vic. My heartfelt condolences to his entire family. Always a gentleman and a pleasure to visit with. Never saw him looking anything but perfect in his attire. He so enjoyed Nancy Kelly when she appeared at the restaurant. It was an honor to have his friendship. Rest In Peace Victor. Jeanne Castronovo*

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**Jeanne Castronovo** - July 08, 2019 at 08:40 PM

MT

*Thank you. Michael*

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**Michael Tucciarone** - July 09, 2019 at 06:42 AM

JJ

“ I'm so sorry to hear that Vic has passed. I've known him since my days as a kid working in the kitchen at Pescatore's. I saw him often on the Utica Jazz scene over the years. He was a regular at my gigs at the Other Side. It was always great to see him walk in the door. I loved talking to him. I'm going to miss him. My sincere condolences to all of his family and friends that he leaves behind. J Piazza

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**John Piazza Jr.** - July 07, 2019 at 01:53 PM