



## Mr. Vincent "Vinny" Calautti, Sr.

June 1, 1944 - August 21, 2020

NEW HARTFORD -Vincent "Vinny" Calautti, Sr., age 76, peacefully went home to the Lord when he passed away on Friday, August 21, 2020 at the Sitrin Health Care Center/Magnolia House after a courageous battle with Parkinson's Disease.

Born in Calabria, Italy on June 1, 1944, Vincent was the son of the late Domenico and Anna Maria (Nigro) Calautti. As a young child, he and his family came to America and settled in Brooklyn where he knew the love and guidance of his Aunt Maria and Uncle John Tavernese. At the age of 18, he established a Pizzeria in Brooklyn, a venture of which he was so proud; and that is where his love of the culinary arts began. At one time, he was married to the former Nancy Albanese and to that relationship came the blessing of three children. They respected their role as parents, and in 1972, Vinny relocated his family to be closer to his wife's family. They remained constant friends to his last day.

Vinny began his venture into the restaurant business with Fred Grimaldi at Alfredo's. Through that association he launched the Coliseum Restaurant, which was formerly The Diplomat in North Utica. In 1981, he and his wife opened Vincent's Restaurant on Seneca Turnpike-- a family affair known for its fine dining. Through his determination and business acumen Vinny proved to be successful with Nancy by his side. Having grown up in the restaurant their three children followed in Vinny's footsteps, carrying on their parent's legacy.

A loving patriarch, Vinny was a hard worker and a good provider. He embraced every opportunity to make a good living and support his family. He was an incredible grandfather who supported his grandkids in so many ways. He was blessed with a son-in-law and a daughter-in-law whom he admired, and whom admired him. He had a number of nieces and nephews, along with great-nieces and great-nephews that he cherished, and he shared a special bond with his niece Rosella. These collective bundles of joy were a true gift. Vinny's hobbies were games of chance with the ponies, playing cards, and visiting the casino.

Vincent is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Mary Lynn and Michael Paniccia; two sons and his daughter-in-law, Vincent "Vinny" Jr. and Adriana Calautti, Dominick Calautti; and their mother, Nancy; his cherished grandchildren, Gianna, and Genaro Paniccia; Julianna, and Celina Calautti; step-mother, Marianna Calautti; and sisters and brothers-in-law, Immacolata "May" Mazzaferro, Maria and Cosmo Mazzaferro, Rosa and Domenico Cataldo, Silvina Calautti, Theresa and Pasquale "Pat" Ianno, and Frank and Pattie Albanese. He also leaves his nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and the many loyal friends who blessed his life. He was predeceased by his brother, George Calautti; beloved cousin Vinny Tavernese; brother-in-law, Salvatore Mazzaferro; in-laws, Natalina and Domenico Albanese; and his beloved nephew, Joseph Ianno.

As a consequence of the COVID pandemic and unavailability of his loved ones to be together at this sacred time, a Memorial Mass of Christian Burial will be held at a date and time when we are all able to gather again.

Due to the delay of services, the family would greatly appreciate omission of floral offerings. Expressions of sympathy in the form donations may be made to the Sitrin Health Care Center/Magnolia House for the outstanding ways in which they cared for Vinny during his time there. The staff was always gentle, kind, and compassionate in their love for Vinny. Their donation link can be found online at <https://www.sitrin.com> or by mail to PO Box 1000, New Hartford, NY 13413-1000.

Please take a moment to connect with Vincent's family through the "Memories" section of his obituary.

Our prayers go out to all as a sign of our continued support.

# Tribute Wall

RH

“ Honored to have known him; such a kind man. Sending love to the whole family.

Rob Halpin - December 16, 2022 at 04:12 PM

DO

“ I am so sorry to hear of your family's loss. I worked at Vincent's for almost 10 years and Vinny was the best in the field of Italian cooking. I remember how every New Years Eve how he ran around the restaurant making sure he wished everyone a happy new year. Nancy and Vinny treated everyone who walked through the door like family.  
Please know you are in my thoughts.

Debby Orilio - September 01, 2020 at 01:06 PM

LP

“ With deepest sympathies to all those that loved him....he was a special man.

Leonarda Priore - August 28, 2020 at 10:39 PM

DM

“ My deepest sympathies go out to Vinny's family. I had the pleasure of working at Vincent's (Restaurant) for many years. It is one of my most precious moments and memories of my life. Such cuisine talent,,,,so proud to serve his masterpieces. We were like family as we worked along with Nancy, Mary Lynn, Vinnie Jr, and Dominick., My heart aches for all the suffering health issues, and the difficulty experienced during this time. RIP Vinny,,,, thanks for the memories

Debby Murray - August 28, 2020 at 12:14 AM

SM

“ Vinny, words cannot say the loss we feel from you leaving us. The house feels empty without you we are so sad its just not the same Vin. You were such a pleasure to take care of we know you are in a better place and you are smiling. We will miss your wonderful family not to mention all the great goodies that we shared! Thank you for letting us care for Vinny and sharing him with us. Take care all of you and stay safe.

*With much love*

*The Staff at Magnolia House*

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**Sharon Margot** - August 26, 2020 at 06:26 PM

GC

“ We had many good times and great food at Vincent's restaurant Vinny was a great cook and passed that love and skill onto his sons and daughter. We are sincerely sorry for your loss and hope that Nancy, and her children will find comfort in the memories of their time together especially during this so difficult time when friends are not able to be with you.

*Glade sr and Candy Cook*

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**Glade sr and Candy Cook** - August 26, 2020 at 05:41 PM

SA

“ Vincent's was one of the best restaurants we had the joy to have in our area!! To all of the family, my sister & I would like to extend our deepest sympathies!! Heaven has the best & we all know what they're doing !!

*God Bless you all*

*MariaElena Heck*

*Sylvia Amoroso*

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**Sylvia Amoroso** - August 25, 2020 at 06:25 PM



“ So sorry for your loss he was such a wonderful man loved working with him and the family always treated everyone with such kindness and respect ❤️

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**Patty Santillo** - August 25, 2020 at 04:26 PM

LG

“ Dearest Nancy, Marylynn, Vin Jr, and Dominick, Heaven`s kitchen has some amazing talent gathered, feeding all our angels. I expect Lionel Richie may be blasting "You are the sun, you are the rain....that makes my life this foolish game" as dancing together with the entire "Vincent`s team" back in the '80`s is one of my fondest memories. Oh, how we would make him nervous as we danced when that song would play, instead of tending to his amazing clientele. I met the love of my life because of your restaurant, and now Vinny has joined his "sous chef" in heaven. We are blessed for what we had and now for our loving memories. Thank you Vinny!!  
Love Always,  
Linda Geno (and Mike JR.)

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**Linda Geno** - August 25, 2020 at 10:24 AM

LC

“ Nancy, Mary Lynn, Vinny Jr, Dominick, and family So sorry to hear about Vinny. Remembering all the great times at the Coliseum and at Vincent's Your family always treated me like family and I can say Vinny was one of the best people I have ever worked for. May he rest in peace and may peace and comfort be with you all.

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**Larry Calenzo** - August 24, 2020 at 07:13 PM

MP

“ We both want to send our heartfelt condolences and prayers to both the Calautti and Paniccia families. Vinny was a great guy and will be missed by all.

God Bless,  
Mike Parker & Donnamarie

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**mike Parker** - August 24, 2020 at 08:49 AM

TA

“ Our thoughts & prayers go out to Mary Lynn, Vinny, Jr., Dominick & Nancy & your entire family. Rest In Peace Vinny, Sr. 🙏 Tina & Tony Acee

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**Tina & Tony Acee** - August 24, 2020 at 08:04 AM

SG

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. We very much loved Vinny...and will cherish all our fabulous memories, and wonderful culinary delights! Sure and Sherry

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**suze goldberg** - August 23, 2020 at 10:19 PM

KG

“ Words cannot even begin to express our sorrow for your loss. We are thinking of you and sending love.

Alex and Kathy Guerino

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**Kathy and Alex Guerino** - August 23, 2020 at 09:11 PM

RO

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rose - August 23, 2020 at 04:06 PM

CC

“ Sending prayers and love to you all. Vinny Sr. was always so nice to me at Vincent's. Always letting me taste what he was cooking when I came to work. Heaven has gained a fantastic chef angel. God bless

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Chris Carollo - August 23, 2020 at 03:35 PM

DG

“ MaryLynn...we are so very sorry for your loss...Our prayers are with you and your family  
Denise & Jim Giruzzi & Poppy

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denise giruzzi - August 23, 2020 at 02:24 PM

FD

“ To the Calauti family  
So sorry to hear of Vinny's passing. He fought a tough battle. I have many fond memories of times at Alfredo 's and dinners at your restaurants  
Hugs and prayers to all of you  
Love , FLO AND AMANDA

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Flo desimone - August 22, 2020 at 04:35 PM