



## Hon. William S. Calli, Sr.

December 27, 1923 - September 17, 2012

Honorable William S. Calli, Sr., age 88, of New Hartford and Old Forge, NY, passed away unexpectedly on Monday, September 17, 2012 at SUNY Upstate Medical University as the result of injuries he incurred in a motor vehicle accident.

Born in Utica on December 27, 1923, William was the son of the late Rocco R. and Elsie (Heibel) Calli. He was also blessed with the affection and guidance of his step-mother, Genevieve (Dettor) Calli. A graduate of Utica Free Academy, William completed his collegiate studies at Dartmouth College.

While attending Dartmouth, he honorably served his country with the United States Army Air Force. He then furthered his studies by attending Albany Law School of Union University where he was awarded his Juris Doctorate Degree in 1949. On May 29, 1954 he married the former Ann Dunn with whom he shared a bond of over 38 years prior to her passing on January 2, 1993.

William's distinguished service to his people of his community commenced in 1950 when, at the age of 26, he was initially elected to serve as a member of the New York State Assembly, a position which he proudly held for 14 consecutive years, and thereafter, was elected to the New York State Senate. In 1980, he was appointed by then-County Executive Sherwood Boehlert as Oneida County Attorney, a position which is retained for 13 years, serving under 3 County Executives, all while continuing to operate his private law firm. In addition thereto, at the time of his passing, William served as General Counsel to the Municipal Housing Authority of the City of Utica.

William began his legal career in 1949 when he joined his father, Rocco R. Calli, as a member of the law firm of Calli and Calli. His law practice spanned a period of 63 years and culminated with his position as Senior Partner of the law firm Calli, Calli & Cully on Bleecker Street in Utica, the firm's home for over 90 years. William considered himself blessed to have practiced with 4 generations of Calli's, his father, sister, sons and grandson. William was also a member of and affiliated with a host of civic and community organizations, including American Legion Fort Schuyler Post 1290, NYS Legislative Pilots Association, Tau Phi Zeta and the Comity Club. He was a parishioner of the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes and a communicant of St. Bartholomew's Church in Old Forge.

William is survived by his sons and daughter-in-law, Robert R. and Eve (Cardinale) Calli, and William S. Calli, Jr., all of New Hartford; his grandchildren, Robert R. and Lisa K. Calli, Courtney Ann Calli and Cesar Ortiz, and Patrick William Calli; and his great-grandson, Parker Ross Ortiz. He also leaves his cherished and beloved sister, Carole C. Perez of Maryland; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and in-laws Virginia Dunn of Utica, and Florence Dunn of Rochester. He was predeceased by his in-laws Mary and Vincent Madden, Richard F. Dunn, Paul Dunn, Phyllis and Joseph Noble, Heinz von Eckartsberg and Lawrence Perez.

The family would like to acknowledge the significance of two special individuals; Thomas C. Graziano, whose life-long friendship and devotion shall forever be cherished, and Herbert J. Cully, whom Bill respected, trusted and valued as a partner and friend, but more importantly, as a member of his family.

The family extends heartfelt gratitude to the Old Forge Fire Department & Rescue Unit, and the Town of Webb Police Department for their valiant efforts as well as the comfort they extended. Also, a special acknowledgment is accorded to the members of the Mercy Helicopter Flight Crew, with special thanks and appreciation to Paramedic Kyle Williams.

Visitation will be held Friday from 3:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home,

Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. William's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Saturday morning at 9:00 from the funeral home and at 10:00 at the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes where his Mass of Christian Burial with Military Honors conferred will be offered by Rev. Joseph Salerno. He will be placed to rest in Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

# Cemetery Details

## Calvary Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **21**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 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>

## Service

SEP **22**. 9:00 AM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.  
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corner of Hammond Ave.  
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## Service

SEP **22**. 10:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Eannace Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Hon. William S. Calli, Sr.



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**Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.** - September 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Calli Family,

*I am so sorry for the untimely death of your father, grandfather. I work at the Big Moose Station where he and his son would often come in for the Sunday night crab legs dinner special. I waited on them many a times. I enjoyed getting to know them as regular customers. It was always a pleasure waiting on Bill Sr. He took a very long time to eat as he enjoyed EVERY bit of crab there was. His son always patiently waiting for him to finish. I had no idea of his accomplishments. He was a stellar individual. God bless you and your family. May he rest in peace.*

*Joanne Carey*

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**Joanne Carey** - October 06, 2012 at 08:26 AM

MC

“ *Mr. & Mrs. James Calabrese lit a candle in memory of Hon. William S. Calli, Sr.*



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**Mr. & Mrs. James Calabrese** - September 28, 2012 at 11:48 AM

MC

*We have known Bill for many years. We spoke to him recently. We were upset to hear of this tragedy. Our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family.*

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**Mr. & Mrs. James Calabrese** - September 28, 2012 at 11:50 AM

TL

“ *WE are so sorry to hear of your fathers passing. We did business with your father, he was our lawyer and we go way back to when my uncle John Aiello, who passed away in 1973 was friends with him and also did business with him. He didnt look his age. We moved to Florida now and I notice this in the od online. Being the good guy as I knew him, he is in heaven now with all his family, wife and friends. Theresa and Larry Hoffman*

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**Theresa Garafalo Hoffman and husband Lar** - September 24, 2012 at 10:36 PM

RV

“ *To The Family and Staff of Mr Calli  
My Deepest Smypathy  
Mr Calli was a Gentleman and Very Kind and Caring. He is in "The Golden Gates of Heaven". May he rest in Peace.*



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**Rosemary K Vasile** - September 22, 2012 at 07:30 AM

WC

“ Whitney Clark lit a candle in memory of Hon. William S. Calli, Sr.



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**Whitney Clark** - September 21, 2012 at 07:43 PM

SF

“ Sandra Seminaro Sangiacomo And Family lit a candle in memory of Hon. William S. Calli, Sr.



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**Sandra Seminaro Sangiacomo and Family** - September 21, 2012 at 03:50 PM

SF

*Mr. Calli was a true gentleman and a wonderful attorney. He always took such good care of my parents and had been especially caring and attentive to my Mom and my family these last few weeks since my Dad passed away. We truly hope he is at peace and our most sincere sympathy to all of his family. God Bless.*

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**Sandra Seminaro Sangiacomo and Family** - September 21, 2012 at 03:56 PM

CS

“ Bill, Bob & family, There are no words to express the sadness we feel at the passing of your Dad. He was a kind, caring and wonderful man as well as a remarkable attorney. His giving and unselfish ways were a blessing to all. He was a gentleman's gentleman ! We cannot take away your pain, but angels hover close to those whose hearts are breaking. May the love and support of your family and friends and the happy memories of your Dad carry you past this difficult and sad time. Our deepest symapthy, Carol & Phil Scampone and the Scampone Real Estate Family.

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**Carol Scampone** - September 21, 2012 at 01:18 PM

RC

“ Our prayers are with the Calli family. Bill and his dad served our family well through the years. He's everything that Aunt Clara said he was and even more! God Bless the Calli family!

*Bob and Dick Chancia and families*

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**Robert Chancia** - September 21, 2012 at 09:39 AM

DS

“ My sympathy to the Calli family....I waited on Bill and his son at "The Hook" many times. He was the sweetest, kindest man, along with his son. We could be swamped with orders, and he was always so appreciative and understanding. My mother also has warm memories from her employment at Joel's Steakhouse for 30+ yrs. My thoughts are with the family during this difficult time.

*Diane Shephard*

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**Diane Shephard** - September 20, 2012 at 08:54 PM

FC

“ To The Calli family.... We are saddened by the passing of your father. He was our families attorney for as long as i can remember. Through the years, my father always spoke of your dad with the utmost respect. After i got to know him, i could see why. Our deepest sympathy and condolences to your family. May he rest in peace.

*Frank Custodero and family*

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**frank custodero** - September 20, 2012 at 08:30 PM



“ Diane Murray lit a candle in memory of Hon. William S. Calli, Sr.



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**Diane Murray** - September 20, 2012 at 06:04 PM



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**Diane Murray** - September 20, 2012 at 06:02 PM

VM

“ I am very sad to read of Mr. Calli's passing. He was the family attorney for many years and a close personal friend of my dad (Vincent A. Mazzei) for more years than I know. Mr. Calli was a wonderful man whom you could go to and ask his advice and he would take time out of his busy day to give that advice. He did not candy coat things, and was a straight shooter. You could always count on him to be honest to a fault. He was very intuitive and a wealth of knowledge to those who sought his counsel. He was not only skilled in legal advice, but in life in general. I respected him a great deal and always looked up to him from a very young age. I pray he is now comforted by our Holy Father and will join his family in heaven.

*I offer my deepest sympathy and sincere condolences to his family. May God bless you, guide you and give you comfort in your time of sorrow.*

*Vincent F. Mazzei and family*

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**Vincent F. Mazzei** - September 20, 2012 at 05:21 PM

PL

“ Paula L. purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of Hon. William S. Calli, Sr..



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**Paula L.** - September 20, 2012 at 03:23 PM

CR

“ My deepest sympathy to the Calli Family. Bill was an wonderful and kind man who was liked and respected by so many. He was a good friend to many including my parents John and Betty Weiler. He will be missed by all.

*Carol Weiler Rositano  
Rocklin, CA*

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**Carol Weiler Rositano** - September 20, 2012 at 10:18 AM



MA

“ Bill, Jr. and Bob - I was so saddened to hear of your dad's unexpected passing. Tears filled my eyes because he was such a wonderful man .... a true gentleman. I have many fond memories during the 9 years I spent working for your dad. He was always kind and caring to his "Calli Work Family". He always showed the utmost respect to his clients and never turned away a client for just walking in without an appointment to see him. No matter how busy he was, he always made time for everyone. He was a well respected attorney and friend. I consider myself very fortunate to have known "Mr. C" and I will never forget him. My love and prayers go out to you and your family.

*Fondly,  
Melissa Acquaviva*

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**Melissa Acquaviva** - September 20, 2012 at 09:43 AM



AA

“ The staff of Allied American Abstract would like to extend our sincerest condolences to the family and staff of Mr. Calli. We have had the pleasure of doing business with Mr. Calli for many years. Mr. Calli's infinite knowledge and his warm friendly nature will forever be his legacy. Mr. Calli has touched the lives of many and will be greatly missed.

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**Allied American Abstract** - September 20, 2012 at 09:09 AM

LC

“ To Bill, Bob, and the Calli family, I am so very saddened by the news of your father's passing. He was the quintessential gentleman, always so gracious and quick to share his exceptional smile and kind, intelligent words. I will miss running into him here and there...he always brightened my day as I know he did for countless others. He was, and will remain, quite an inspiration. Please know my thoughts and prayers are with you.

Sincerely,  
Lisa Crabtree

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**Lisa A. Crabtree** - September 20, 2012 at 08:29 AM

AN

“ To the Calli family, I am sad for your loss. Mr. Calli as I spoke to him, when he came into the restaurant where I had worked years ago always had a smile. A sweet and gentle man. Now and then we'd converse and have a laugh. I'm sure he will be missed.

Andree' Dennis Newton

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**Andree Dennis Newton** - September 19, 2012 at 07:19 PM



RW

“ *Bob and Bill and the Calli Family, my sincere condolences on the death of your dad. He was certainly a wonderful man who I admired very much. All of my eight years as his paralegal leave me with fond memories. He will truly be missed by all who knew him. You all are in my thoughts and prayers. Roseanne*

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**Roseanne Wood** - September 19, 2012 at 02:51 PM

TD

*To the Calli Family,  
We are so sorry to learn of Bill's passing. He was a great man who always had a smile on his face and a warm handshake . He will be greatly missed .*

*Sincerely,*

*Tom DeSimone and family*

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**Tom DeSimone** - September 20, 2012 at 07:46 AM

DC

*To the Calli Family,  
My very deepest sympathy to all of you. Bill Calli Sr. was a wonderful man, as well as attorney. His kindness, warmness, sincerity will surely be missed by many. May God Bless all of you.*

*With Warmest Regards,  
Debra Chrobak*

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**Debra Chrobak** - September 20, 2012 at 10:29 AM