



Allan F. Merola

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Allan F. Merola, 62, of Cicero, passed away Thursday at Upstate University Hospital surrounded by his loving family. He was born in Syracuse to Martin and Margaret (Saddemi) Merola. Allan was a Scheduling Planner with University Hospital for 35 years and also worked at Northern Pines Golf Course for 7 years, being an avid golfer. He was a loving husband, devoted father and grandfather who will be dearly missed.

Allan is survived by his loving wife of 42 years, Palma M. (Rovito) Merola; his two sons, Jason M. Merola of Victor, NY and Jeremy A. Merola of Cicero; three grandsons, Bradley, Grant and Mitchell Merola; his mother, Margaret DeRienzo of Syracuse; a sister, Karen (Frank) Neri of Syracuse along with many nieces and nephews.

A funeral mass in celebration of Allan's life will be held on Tuesday at 9:30 am in Sacred Heart Church, Cicero. Family and friends may call at the THOMAS J. PIRRO JR. FUNERAL HOME, 3401 Vickery Rd. (corner of Buckley Rd.) North Syracuse on Monday from 4:00 to 7:00 pm.

Contributions may be made to the Regional Oncology Center at Upstate University Hospital, 750 E. Adams Street, Syracuse, NY.



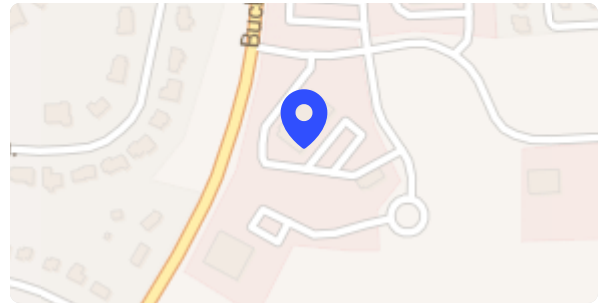
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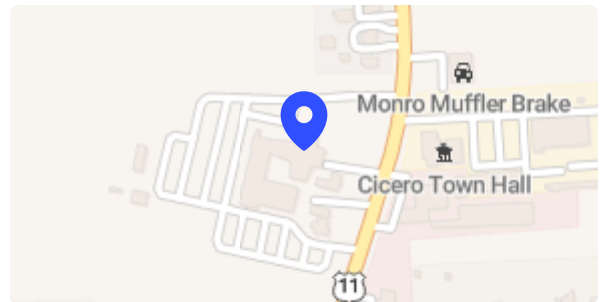
Visitation

- Monday**, July 1, 2013
- 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM ET
- Thomas J. Pirro Jr. Funeral Home**
3401 Vickery Rd, Syracuse NY 13212



Funeral Mass

- Tuesday**, July 2, 2013
- 9:30 AM ET
- Sacred Heart Church**
8229 Brewerton Road, Cicero NY 13039





Tribute Wall

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Thomas J. Pirro Jr. Funeral Home shared a **Tribute Video**.



June 26 at 8:00 PM



Cyndi Rozanski Brown posted:

Dear Pam I am so sorry for your great loss. I hope that you can find some solace as time passes. God helps us all deal with tragedies. You never forget, just hang on to all those good memories that the two of you made the last 42 years. I know you are a strong person. Once more my condolences. God Bless you and give you strength. Cyndi Rozanski Brown,

July 7 at 5:06 AM



Elaine Leskoske-McBride posted:

Pam, Jason, and Jeremy, I was saddened to hear of the passing of Al. He was a very part of my life growing up as you all were. I remember him helping me ride a bike and helping me swim in the pool. And never failed to wave hello whenever he went by. He will truly be missed. Sincerely, Elaine McBride (Leskoske) and Family

July 1 at 7:23 PM



Jeremy Darin posted:

Dear Aunt Palma, Jeremy & Jason; It's been so long but I will never forget Uncle Al as it was always a blast spending the holidays with you all. He was a special man who was always very kind to me as protective of Rachel as he was and after the "rules with my niece" were given ;-) he always treated me like part of the family. Genuinely a true gentleman and opened up you all's home so I always felt like I belonged and without question VERY WELL FED! Lol I'll never forget the times spent in the attic which started at a balmy 30 degrees and ended up hot from all the competition! I'd like to say I took it easy on him but the beatings I took were legitimate and I never was able to concur the attic Olympics! My deepest sympathy for your loss and as difficult as these times are I think it's best to remember what Uncle Al would do; smile, find comfort in your wonderful family and try to focus on all the good memories. May you find peace in knowing he is in a better place and certainly looking down smiling on you all. Sincerely, Jeremy DaRin

July 1 at 8:13 AM



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MT

Mandy Trudell posted:

I was saddened to read of Al's passing. I worked at Upstate for many years, starting out in Physical Plant. Al would always stop to say hello with a ready smile. He was a really nice guy and I am so sorry for your loss. Mandy Trudell

July 1 at 8:07 AM

LC

Le Moyne College posted:

Please accept the sympathy of Le Moyne College on the occasion of the death of your father. Be assured of our prayers for him, for you and for your family. Le Moyne College, Office of Alumni and Parent Programs Syracuse, NY

July 1 at 5:09 AM



Anonymous sent a Medium Dish Garden to the Merola family.



June 30 at 4:23 PM

BG

Betsy Goudy posted:

Dear Family, I don't know any of you...but I golfed with Al many times at Brooklawn Golf Course many years ago! I used to belong there, and would go by myself and always found people to golf with. Al was one of those people, and though I didn't get to know him well, he was a great person to golf with and friendly and kind. Most men don't like women on the golf course, but Al was always willing to let me play along. My prayers for all of you.

June 30 at 12:33 PM

SW

Steve Winkelstein lit a candle in honor of Allan.

Dear Palma, Jason and Jeremy, I was so deeply sorry to hear of Al's passing. Each time I saw him he was smiling and sincerely caring about the people around him. A joy to be around. You guys were truly blessed to share his life together. I pray the pain you feel at this time is lessened knowing God is caring for Al and enjoying his company as we all did. Draw strength from your relationship with Christ. He will see you through this difficult time. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Steve Winkelstein



June 30 at 8:41 AM



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KW

Kathy Winkelstein posted:

Dear Palma, Jason, Jeremy & all of Al's family, I am so sad to hear of your loss. I am thinking of you and praying that the lord will give you strength to cope during this difficult time. Kathy Winkelstein

June 30 at 8:26 AM

PF

Pete Hooser & Family lit a candle in honor of Allan.

Mrs. Merola, Jason, Jeremy & family know you are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time of sorrow.

June 30 at 3:04 AM



EP

East Syracuse Police Pba lit a candle in honor of Allan.

The Members of the East Syracuse Police Benevolent Association extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family of Allan at this time of sorrow

June 30 at 2:59 AM



BT

Barbara Thompson posted:

Palma, Jason & Jeremy, You are all in my prayers and thoughts in your time of loss..Palma, we have been friends for over 30 years and have been through good and bad things in that time....but we have always been there for each other and will continue to be...I know this will be the hardest time in your life, as Al was your soul mate, your other half, the love of your life.... but he is still with you in you heart and always will be watching over you...and he will be your light at the end of the tunnel when you need it.. Love you and May God Bless you and the boys... Barbara

June 30 at 2:34 AM



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Cara Neri posted:

Dearest Aunt Palma, Jason, and Jeremy, Uncle Al was so many different things to many different people. Not only was he my godfather, he was my second father. He told me to never give up, no matter how hard life became. You all know many events in the past several years have been difficult for me to overcome, and I have flourished because of the love you all so willingly have given to me. Uncle Al has been there, and will continue to be there, through the toughest moments of my life to encourage me, push me, and guide me. My Mother's favorite Uncle Al line is "Never give up!" Uncle Al never gave up on anything, and continues to inspire many. I wear my blue bracelet everyday in his memory. Although he is no longer physically here, he is with us - watching over his grandchildren and family all the time. He may even occasionally laugh as I beat my father in ping-pong because of the tricks he taught me. Uncle Al's nickname for me, "Carooch," is an Italian dialect for the English word "cute." To think I will never hear him say my name again is painful, but the memories we share and the laughs I harbor will last forever as Uncle Al's voice stays alive in my heart and in my spirit. One memory that particularly comes to mind is deep sea fishing in North Carolina with my Father and Jeremy several years ago. Uncle Al made me laugh so hard that I was in tears! Then we cooked our catch of Mahi-Mahi together as the family looked on. Please know that I am here for you all and I am praying. I love you so much. "Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass...it's about learning how to dance in the rain." Rest peacefully, Uncle Al. I know Papa Martin Merola, Grandpa Vin DeRienzo, Dave DeRienzo, Frank J. Neri, Freda Neri, and countless others are welcoming you into heaven with open arms.

June 30 at 12:35 AM



Cara Neri lit a candle in honor of Allan.



June 30 at 12:22 AM

JB **Jane Bailey** June 30 at 8:05 AM

Palma my dear "sister" please know that I am with you and the boys in spirit. May the Holy Spirit bring you all comfort during this difficult time. Always...my Love and prayers, Jane and Sean



Cara Neri shared an album called **Cara Neri's Photos**.



June 29 at 8:03 AM



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RE

Richard And Barbara Esposito lit a candle in honor of Allan.

June 29 at 3:54 PM



AB

Anne And Mike Bosco lit a candle in honor of Allan.

June 29 at 2:09 PM



AB

Anne And Mike Bosco June 29 at 2:10 PM

Pam and Family we are so sorry love Anne and Mike

RE

Richard And Barbara Esposito lit a candle in honor of Allan.

June 29 at 8:03 AM



RE

Richard And Barbara Esposito June 29 at 4:02 PM

Dear Palma, Jason and Jeremy, we are very sad over Al's passing. He was a great guy and a true friend. We were very fortunate to have been able to visit and talk with him the day before his passing. He loved you all so much and adored his Grandsons. Jason and Jeremy he was so proud of you both for your achievements in life. Everyone should have such a good friend as Al. He was a loyal friend who held his friends in his heart. We will always cherish the memories we have of him. Our thoughts and prayers with all of you. Love,
Richard and Barbara



Media

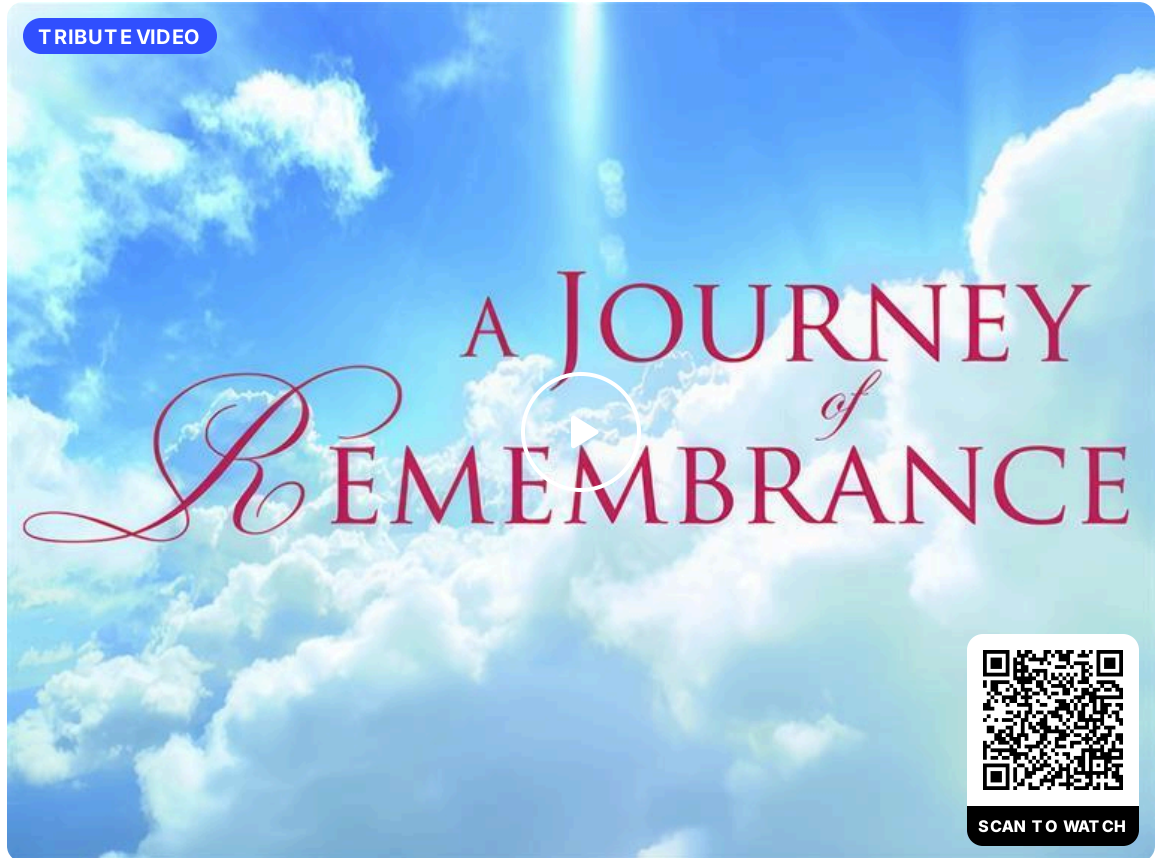
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Cara Neri shared 9 photos to the **Cara Neri's Photos** album.

June 30 at 12:02 AM



Allan Merola and Karen Neri



Uncle Al and Cara with Margaret DeRienzo



**Cara Neri with Uncle Al Merola, Frank Neri,
Margaret DeRienzo and Aunt Palma Merola,
Memorial Day201**



2009 with Bradley Merola



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Allan by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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