



# Stephen M. Wolniak, Sr.

AUG 13, 1924 - FEB 17, 2014



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## **Stephen M. Wolniak, Sr.**

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**S**tephen M. Wolniak, Sr., 89, of Syracuse, passed away Monday after a brief day stay at Crouse Hospital surrounded by his loving family. He was born in Syracuse, the son of the late Matthew and Sophie (Skerpon) Wolniak. Stephen served with the U.S. Army Air Corps during WWII. He worked as a finishing carpenter on many homes in the Syracuse area in the 1950s and 60s. Stephen then was employed with the United States Postal Service and worked his way up through the ranks, becoming a supervisor, retiring after 20 years of service.

Stephen is survived by his loving wife of 66 years, Connie (Rimando) Wolniak; six children Stephen (Barbara) Wolniak of Maryland; Michael Wolniak of Syracuse; Kevin (Karla) Wolniak of Pittsburgh; Elaine (James) Jonasse of Livonia, NY; Kathleen Wolniak (Brian) of Syracuse and Maureen Wolniak of New Jersey; five grandchildren, Alexander, Andrew and Michelle Wolniak; Nicholas and Rachel Jonasse along with several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held on Friday at 11:00 am in the THOMAS J. PIRRO JR. FUNERAL HOME followed by a funeral mass in celebrations of Stephen's life at Noon in Holy Cross Church, DeWitt. Entombment will be in St. Mary's Cemetery Mausoleum, DeWitt. Family and friends may call at the THOMAS J. PIRRO JR. FUNERAL HOME, 3401 Vickery Rd. (corner of Buckley Rd.) North Syracuse on Thursday from 4:00 to 7:00 pm.

Contributions in Stephen's memory may be made to Holy Cross Church, 4112 East Genesee Street, DeWitt, NY 13214.




## Events

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### Visitation

 **Thursday**, February 20, 2014

 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM ET


 **Thomas J. Pirro Jr. Funeral Home**  
3401 Vickery Rd, Syracuse NY 13212



### Service

 **Friday**, February 21, 2014


 11:00 AM ET

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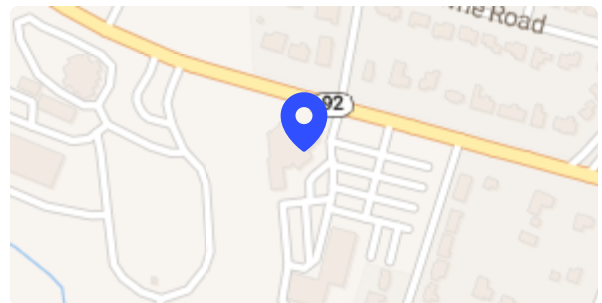


### Funeral Mass


 **Friday**, February 21, 2014

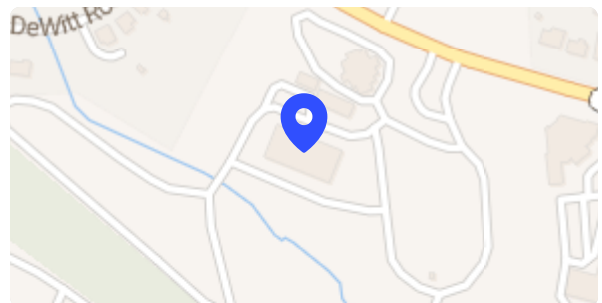
 12:00 PM ET

 **Holy Cross Church**  
4112 E. Genesee St., Syracuse NY 13214



### Cemetery Details

 **St. Mary's Cemetery**  
4100 E. Genesee St., DeWitt NY 13214





## Tribute Wall

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



February 16 at 8:00 PM



**Mike Hess** posted:

More thoughts about Steve...A few years back, long after Steve had retired from the post office, I contacted him out of the blue and asked for help in hanging a door at my home.He kindly and generously responded, not only helping me by accompanying me to the home center and pointing out the proper fasteners and accessories to buy, but of course expertly hanging the door (by himself).It was a warm day as I recall, and he worked assiduously, not even stopping for a glass of water.After the job was finished Steve refused any money for the job. He wound up hanging the door and all that entailed, gratis.Many times when I look at the door, I think of Steve and what a great guy he was.The door is now aligned perfectly, and swings free and true to this day. I know it will continue to do so for a long time indeed.Mike Hess

March 3 at 1:10 AM



**Loretta Nowicki** posted:

Dear Connie and Family, My deepest sympathy to you. This wonderful man loved our Lord so much and we all had a Rosary group which he led for many years. What a faith-filled man and a man who could do everything. He will be missed at Holy Cross but will always be remembered by me in my Eternal Rests. Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. Loretta Nowicki

February 24 at 2:26 AM



**Mike Hess** posted:

Dear Mrs. Wolniak and family,Steve was my supervisor in the maintenance department at the Taft Road post office in North Syracuse. He was a good supervisor mostly because he was, at his essence a leader. He was strong, kind, firm and fair. Plus, his cabinetry work in the maintenance areas of the building succeeds him; his craftsmanship is flawless and lasting.His special devotion to Saint Faustina sped him even faster, no doubt, past the Gates of Heaven and into God's loving care.Mike Hess

February 23 at 5:56 AM



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**Lucia** posted:

Michael, Please express our heartfelt sympathies to your entire family and especially to Connie with regard to the loss of her husband. It is often said that time professes to be a great healer and I truly hope that your future memories will be filled with warmth and joyous thoughts of times gone past. With sincere sadness, Lucia, Steve, Madison and Gabrielle

February 22 at 3:48 AM



**Robert J. Wright** posted:

Steve was a great guy to work with. We had a lot of laughs. God rest his soul. Bob Wright

February 21 at 9:00 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Written in the Stars to the Wolniak, family.

February 20 at 4:54 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Large Basket Garden to the Wolniak, family.

February 19 at 10:30 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Wolniak, family.

February 19 at 10:05 AM





## Media

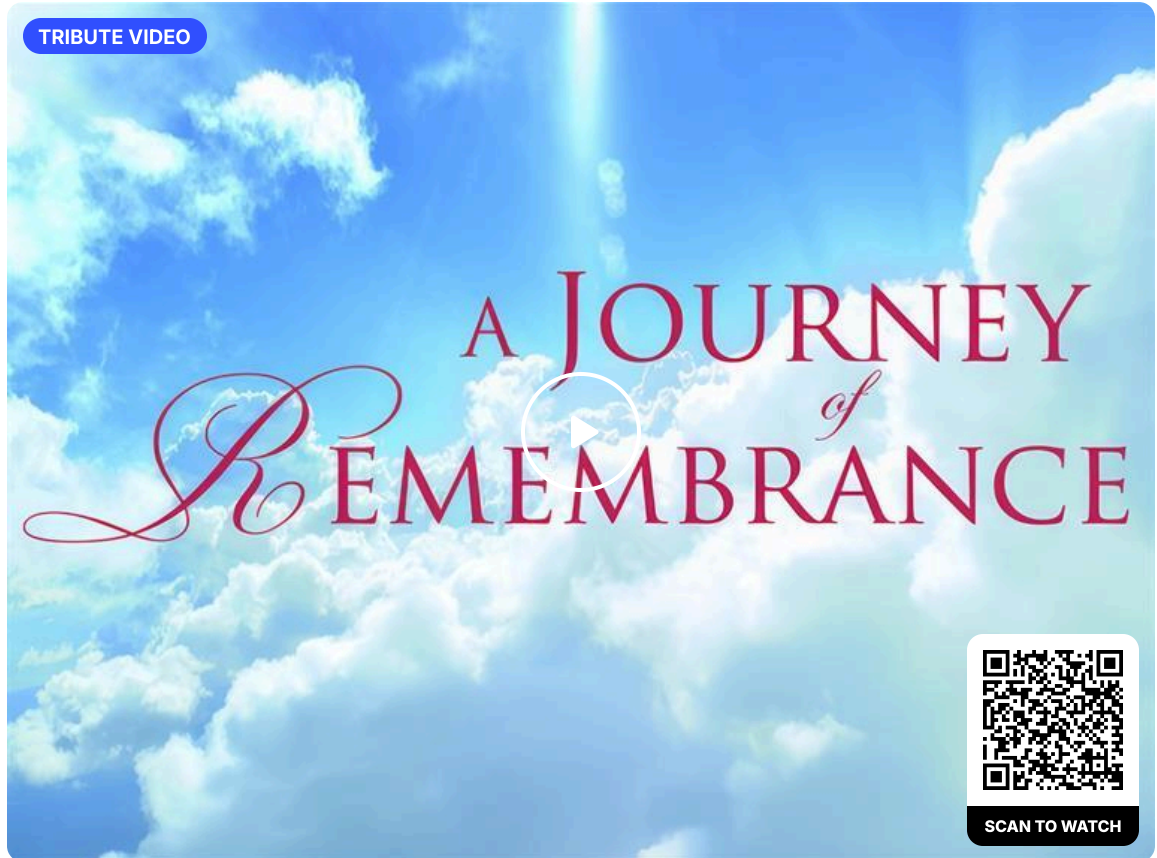
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