



# **Rosario J. "Rocky" Cavallaro**

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**R**osario J. "Rocky" Cavallaro, 83, of Syracuse, passed away at home surrounded by his loving family on Sunday, January 18, 2015. He was born on April 18, 1931 in Syracuse, NY to Antonio and Maria Cavallaro. Rocky was a North High School graduate and a member of the 1947 City League Champion Football Team and also a member of the Boys of Syracuse Drum and Bugle Corp. He served with the U.S. Navy during the Korean War. Rocky was employed at Niagara Mohawk for 45 years, starting in gas and retiring from safety in 1993. He was a former co-owner of Northern Pines Golf Course and a mainstay there, helping out until he became ill. Rocky enjoyed cooking for family and friends.

He was predeceased by his wife, Marlene (Prince) Cavallaro in 1998; his sister, Mary Fragola and brothers, Anthony, Lewis and Salvatore Cavallaro.

Rocky is survived by his daughter, Debra Pozzi; his son, Dean (Linda) Cavallaro; his grandson, Joseph, two sisters-in-law, Josephine and Shirley Cavallaro, along with several nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends who will dearly miss him.

Rocky's family would like to thank all his caregivers from the doctors and nurses at St. Joseph's Hospital, the Hospice nurses and VNA Homecare.

Funeral services will be held at 9:00 am on Thursday, January 22, 2015 at the THOMAS J. PIRRO JR. FUNERAL HOME, followed by a Funeral Mass in celebration of Rocky's life at 10:00 am in Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter Church. Interment will be in Assumption Cemetery. Family and friends may call from 4:00 to 7:00 pm on Wednesday, January 21, 2015 at the funeral home, 3401 Vickery Rd. (corner of Buckley Rd.) North Syracuse, NY.

Contributions in Rocky's memory may be made to Hospice of CNY, 990 Seventh North Street, Liverpool, NY 13088.



# Events

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## Visitation

**Wednesday**, January 21, 2015

4:00 PM - 7:00 PM ET

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



## Service

**Thursday**, January 22, 2015

9:00 AM ET

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3401 Vickery Rd, Syracuse NY 13212



## Funeral Mass

**Thursday**, January 22, 2015

10:00 AM ET

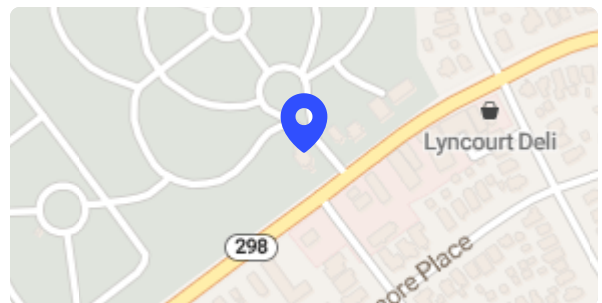
**Our Lady of Pompei - St. Peter Church**  
301 Ash St., Syracuse NY 13208



## Cemetery Details

**Assumption Cemetery**  
2401 Court Street, Syracuse NY 13208

**454-3841**





## Tribute Wall

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



January 21 at 10:54 AM



**Jennifer Kirchoff** posted:

Right now there are two VERY happy men in Heaven and everyone else there is yelling, "Could you two keep it down?!!!" Those two men are Wistar (Bud) Hatch and Rocky Cavallro. My Daddy, Bud, counted Rocky as one of his dearest friends and work colleagues in his years at Niagara Mohawk. I fondly remember one day when Rocky gave my Daddy some steaks and the note on them read "Choke on them!" :) Another day he gave my Daddy a shirt for his birthday and said "Hope you enjoy it-I had to go to Omar the Tent Maker to get it! " :) He and my Daddy loved sparring with each other and I tear up remembering how, just recently, Rocky came to both my parents' calling hours. I also adored Rocky as a boss and still chuckle over the time I put a CPR dummy at his desk in the Safety Department during my summer job at Ni-Mo. The dummy had his glasses on and the sign read "Hello, I'm Rocky. Can I interest you in a pair of safety glasses today?" Even he had to laugh and admit I had gotten him when he arrived at work that day. This man had a passion for life and celebrated his friends daily. You are missed Rocky. Jennifer Hatch Kirchoff

January 24 at 5:28 AM



**Dean Cavallaro** January 24 at 9:29 AM  
nicely done!



**James Sullivan** posted:

Debbie, so very sorry to read of the passing of my good friend "Rocky". Your father will always be apart of my memory and the many laughs we shared. God Bless and I will be sure to contact you when I get back this summer. Sully

January 22 at 2:56 PM



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**Chris And Tina Powless** lit a candle in honor of Rosario .



January 21 at 10:50 AM



**Chris Misita** posted:

So sorry for your loss, Rocky was a great guy, worked with him at NiMo for many years, he will truly be missed by his many friends..

January 20 at 4:20 PM



**Terry Bowen** lit a candle in honor of Rosario .



January 20 at 3:36 PM

**TB Terry Bowen** January 20 at 3:39 PM

I worked with Rocky at Niagara Mohawk. What a great guy! He was funny and sweet, and just an all-round great person. Sending my sincerest condolences to his loved ones. Rest in peace, Rocky.



**Sharon Isyk** lit a candle in honor of Rosario .



January 20 at 11:00 AM



**Patty Marlow** lit a candle in honor of Rosario .



January 20 at 7:28 AM

**PM Patty Marlow** January 20 at 7:33 AM

Once the sorrow you feel today subsides, your heart will fill with the wonderful memories you have of your Dad! Thinking of you and wishing you peace!



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**Hunter Hillers** posted:

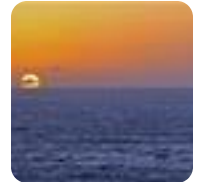
Debbie, Thinking of you all and wishing there were words to express the heartfelt sympathy we have. Sometimes the many things our voices can't find the words to say, our hearts can feel and understand. With love and big hugs, Hunter and Austin

January 20 at 6:28 AM



**Mark & Linda Distaola Palm City FL** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

DeanSo sorry to hear of your dad's passing. I've known Rocky since the early '70's and he was always a pleasure to be around. He never had a bad word to say about anyone and was truly a great guy. Please accept our sincere condolences, thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.RIP Rocky.



January 20 at 4:11 AM



**Jason Thiele** shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

An honor and privilege to have lived next door to this man for the last 7 years. He was always willing to offer help and knowledge to me, a first time homeowner. My girls are going to miss him something awful. Whenever they saw him outside they would hurry out the door hoping for an ice cream, I always worried they were stalking him, but he liked it. He was the best neighbor one could hope for. Rest well, friend.



January 20 at 4:06 AM

**JG Joann Galeazzi** January 20 at 5:53 AM

Deeply sorry to hear about Rocky's passing. I remember him from NiMo days; always laughs. May he rest in peace~~

**FP Fred Perez** January 20 at 5:22 AM

I knew Rocky many years at NIMO and Northern Pines. I am in Florida with my wife right now and we will truly miss him. Our deepest sympathy to the family. Fred & Phyllis Perez



**Dianne Marlow** lit a candle in honor of Rosario .

My deepest sympathy to Debbie and family. I wish you peace during this hard time.



January 20 at 3:44 AM



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AR

**Anthony Thomas Russo** lit a candle in honor of Rosario .



January 20 at 3:34 AM

CB

**Chuck Borell** posted:

Condolences to the family. Knew Rocky from NIMO for several years. Always upbeat, funny and put 100% in every job he had. I am sure he will be missed by many.

January 20 at 1:56 AM

JK

**John Kavanaugh** posted:

To Rocky's family, He was a great guy at Nimo, a friend and neighbor. With My deepest sympathy. Sincerely, John Kavanaugh, Spring Hill, Fl.

January 19 at 5:35 PM

KB

**Karen Bullard** posted:

Dean, Linda, Deb, & Joey...our sincerest sympathies on the passing of your dad & grandfather. Karen & Adam

January 19 at 4:21 PM

TP

**Tony And Nan Pucino** lit a candle in honor of Rosario .

Dean, Nan and I are so sorry to hear of the passing of your dad, please accept our deepest condolences to you and your family.



January 19 at 3:59 PM

DG

**Deborah Graves** posted:

RIP our dear friend Rocky. You were a part of our lives everyday for twenty five years at Northern Pines. We love you and will miss you. All our love and thoughts are with Deb and Dean at this time of such great loss. Love and Sympathy, Deb, Clark and Dave Graves

January 19 at 11:56 AM



## Media

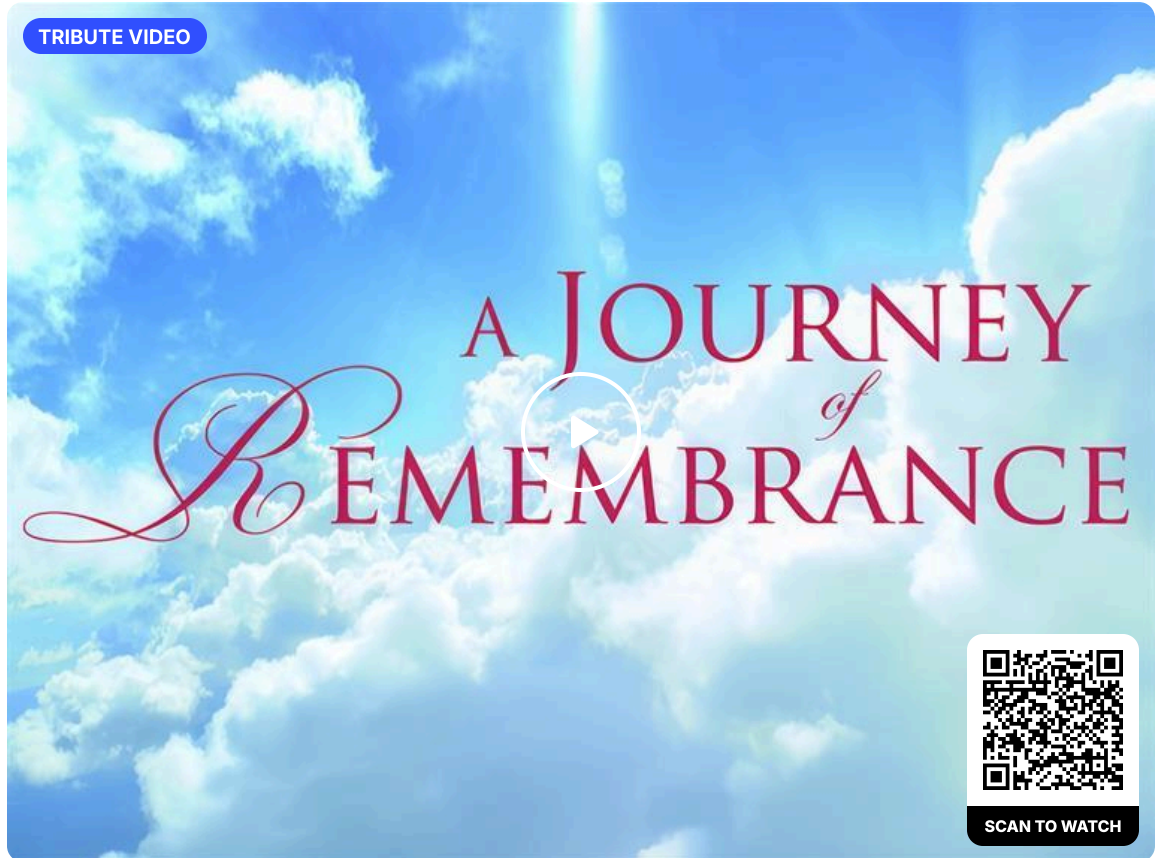
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