



# Anthony J. Speach

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**A**nthony J. Speach, 97, of Syracuse, New York, passed away peacefully on August 9, 2018. Anthony was born in Syracuse to Italian immigrants Michael and Teresa Speach. Marrying his wife of 54 years, Viola C. Bellardini (predeceased), he resided for a short time in Cortland, New York, where he owned a cleaning, moving and rental service.

Having served in the United States Army, Anthony was a World War II veteran deployed to the Pacific, rising to the rank of First Sergeant. He was employed by General Electric Company, beginning as a laborer and worked his way up, retiring as a lead negotiator for military contracts in the Defense Department in 1988 with 45 years of service. Following retirement, Anthony remained employed on a part-time basis with several area funeral homes well into his 90s.

Anthony's strong work ethic, determination and drive served him as an entrepreneur, allowing him to pursue several interests such as property management and partnership in Speach Limousine Service. Having an interest in politics, Anthony pursued election to a Syracuse City Common Council position in 1973. In addition to his wife, Anthony was predeceased by six brothers: Nicolas, John, Victor, Joseph, Albert and Ernest; and two sisters: Elizabeth (Mincolla) and Rose (Farone). Anthony is survived by his oldest sister, Mary Miller; three daughters: Cynthia Reschke (Robert – predeceased), Bernadette (Jeffrey Schanzer), and Annette (Bernard Hayes); four grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

A mass celebrating Anthony's life will be held at Our Lady of Pompei Church, 301 Ash Street, Syracuse, New York on Tuesday, August 14, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

A private Christian burial will be held at Assumption Cemetery for immediate family.



# Events


**Anthony J. Speech**

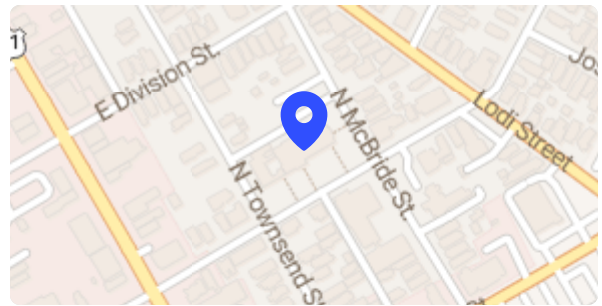
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## Funeral Mass


 **Tuesday**, August 14, 2018

 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET

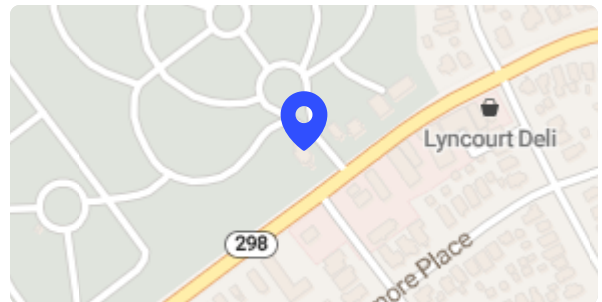
 **Our Lady of Pompei - St. Peter Church**  
301 Ash St., Syracuse NY 13208



## Cemetery Details

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

 **454-3841**





## Tribute Wall

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LD

**Lauren Darman** posted:

A true gentle man, and lover of music. I had the honor of meeting him once at a concert. My deepest condolences to his family and community, especially my friend Bernadette. A remarkable life, always to be remembered and cherished.

August 13 at 5:10 AM

CA

**Carleen613** posted:

Cynthia, Bernadette and Annette...My deepest sympathy on the death of your dad. I would always greet him as "one of the Scarsi girls" when I went to the funeral home and enjoyed our conversation. My prayers for you and your family. Carleen (Scarsi) Smith

August 13 at 1:15 AM

AM

**Anthony Mucedola** lit a candle in honor of Anthony.

Annette and Bernard Steve and I would like to send our condolences to you both and to the Speach family. Your dad always made Steve laugh whenever we saw him at your house for a visit on a Sunday driving that big brown Lincoln! He always had a smile on his face and he treated us with respect. I am glad we were able to make memories with your dad. Our sympathies to you and your family. He will be sadly missed by all.  
Anthony Mucedola Stephen Doloisio



August 12 at 6:34 AM

JC

**Julie Campanello** posted:

Dear Annette and family, what a sad day (month) for the Speach family! Your dad was so kind to me all the times he saw me at the funeral home. Thank god you had him for so long, I lost my dad Aug 2, 2004. Way too soon. Remember all the memories and good times, the pain eases eventually, but the missing him never goes away! Julie(Speach)Campanello

August 11 at 9:29 AM



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**Mary O'Connor** posted:

My heart is full of great memories of time spent with Papa Speach and his wonderful family. Bernadette, Cynthia, and Annette, our thoughts and prayers are with you and the rest of the family. I wish that we could be there in person, but know that we will be there in spirit. Love to all of you. Mary (Boland) and Pat O'Connor

August 11 at 4:26 AM



**Sheila O'connor** August 13 at 9:00 PM

Bernadette, Annette cherish the memories. You and your families are in my thoughts and prayers.



**Anonymous** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Speach family.



August 10 at 4:16 PM



**Dawn Wilczynski** posted:

Annette and Bernard, I had the pleasure of meeting your father a few times and I will always treasure watching your dad and my son (when he was around 7) discuss stocks! What a conversation they had. Your father treated Matt like a young man and that made a lasting impression on him. You both have been such a great support to your dad throughout his life. He was a lucky man to have you in his life. He will be missed. Please know that you are in our thoughts and we wish you peace during this difficult time. Sincerely, Dawn, Eric and Matt

August 10 at 9:38 AM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

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



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