



Richard James Arena

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On September 25, 2023, Richard James Arena, 62, a lifelong resident on the Northside of Syracuse, passed away unexpectedly at home. Richard suffered for many years with multiple serious health issues. Despite his health issues, he lived independently, often helping family, friends, and neighbors.

Richard was a graduate of Anthony A. Henninger High School. He was once the owner of F&L Cleaning, later called Arena Cleaning Service. He also worked for Concession Air “CA1” at Syracuse Hancock International Airport and retired from the City of Syracuse as a Custodial Supervisor.

Richard was a devoted dog lover. He had many dogs that provided him with constant companionship and joy throughout the years.

He was a lifelong baseball fan since his little league days and a lifelong fan of the Cincinnati Reds. Richard loved family gatherings with his many cousins and relatives. He enjoyed finding the family roots of his large Italian families, often passing on his knowledge to family members.

Richard was predeceased by his parents, Frank and Lucy (Infanto) Arena and infant sister, Deborah Ann.

Richard is survived by his brother, Frank J. (Diane) Arena of College Station, Texas; his sister, Rosanne (Mark) Mastroeni of East Syracuse; 2 nieces, Allison (Seamus) Burke of College Station, Texas and Andrea Mastroeni of Liverpool, NY; 1 nephew, Dr. Matthew N. Mastroeni, PhD, of Ames, Iowa; 2 great-nephews, George and Gordon Burke, both from College Station, Texas, and many cousins, friends, and family.

Calling hours will be held on Friday, October 6, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the THOMAS J. PIRRO JR. FUNERAL HOME, 3401 Vickery Rd. (corner of Buckley Rd.) North Syracuse, NY, followed by a funeral Mass in celebration of Richard’s life at 12:00 p.m. in Our Lady



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of Pompei/St. Peter Church, 301 Ash St., Syracuse, NY. Entombment will follow in Woodlawn Mausoleum.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Rescue Mission, American Heart Association, CNY SPCA, Humane Association, or a charity of one's choice.

If you are unable to attend, please say a prayer for Richard.



Events

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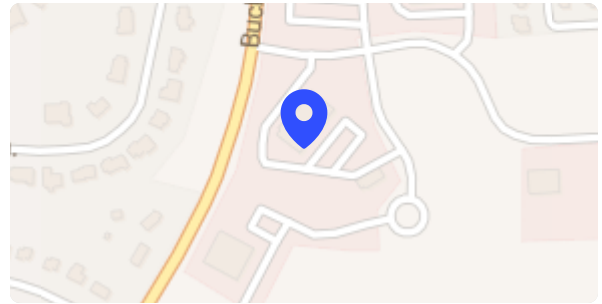
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Visitation

Friday, October 6, 2023

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET

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

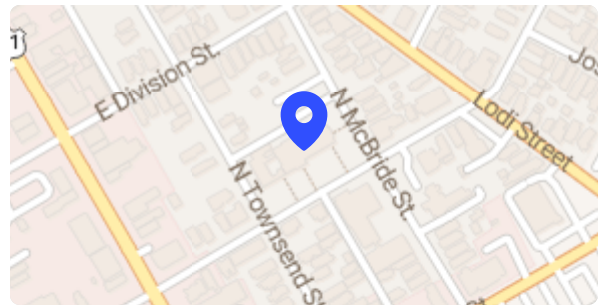


Funeral Mass

Friday, October 6, 2023

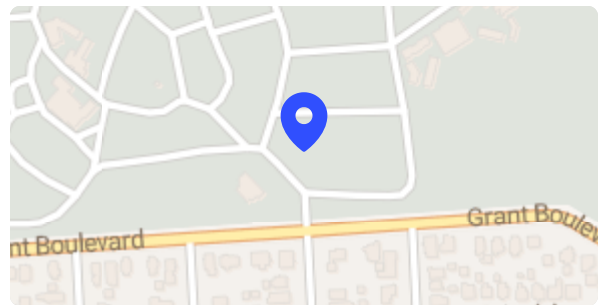
12:00 PM ET

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



Cemetery Details

Woodlawn Mausoleum
800 Grant Blvd, Syracuse NY 13203





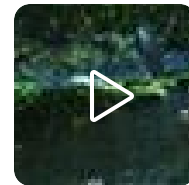
Tribute Wall

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



October 5 at 8:04 AM



Marty Nave lit a candle in honor of Richard.



October 6 at 6:59 AM



Ralph Torrillo, Sr. posted:

I was fortunate to get to know Rick when both of us were working at the Syracuse Airport. We always had pleasant interactions, and my most vivid memory of Rick is how he was always very nice to everyone, and very respectful of people and their feelings. I remember Rick as a dedicated worker, and always willing to help anyone out with anything. After we retired, I would see Rick occasionally at Tops in Shop City, and he was always pleasant and upbeat, very much interested in how my grandkids were doing in their various sports activities. Rick was a true gentleman, and I will miss our occasional encounters and conversations. Sincere Condolences to Rick's family. Ralph Torrillo, Sr. U. S. Customs & Border Protection, Ret.

October 5 at 7:56 PM



Nk posted:

Rick has been a staple of Helen street for longer than I have been alive. He was a great neighbor, and he'll be missed on the block, and at Carl's diner. Rick always had a wave and a kind word. Always willing to help others. I'll miss the conversations we had while the dogs played. Rest easy big guy. We'll miss you.

October 4 at 5:28 AM



Vito Fragola posted:

Rich rest in peace old friend. Vito Fragola

September 30 at 2:23 PM



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Dominic & Rosemarie Parrillo lit a candle in honor of Richard.



September 30 at 5:40 AM



Steve Viau posted:

Rich was a gentle soul. He will be missed.

September 30 at 5:38 AM



Tony Russo lit a candle in honor of Richard.



September 30 at 3:28 AM



Dan posted:

To the Arenas I'll always remember Richard being a very happy person, one time I was at bus stop waiting to go to destiny mall Richard and offered me a ride that's the kind of person I'll always remember a very caring person from dan Lansing

September 29 at 7:50 PM



Maryann Michelson lit a candle in honor of Richard.

Rosanne & Mark, Frank & Diane & families- I have so many fond memories of your brother Richard from our old neighborhood that I will cherish forever. Whenever I would see him later in life, he always had a kind word and a smile. He would make you feel happy to know him. I know he had a hard life that was just cut too short. May he rest in peace in the arms of the angels. I wish you all peace - may you find comfort in all your sweet memories of your beloved brother. God bless you all. Love, MaryAnn Michelson (Lansing)



September 29 at 5:26 PM



Media

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Memories only last if you share them

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



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