



Spencer "Spence" Plavocos

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S pencer "Spence" "Papou" Plavocos, 81, passed away on February 28, 2025, at Elderwood at Liverpool, with his loving family by his side. He was predeceased by his parents, Phil and Stella Plavocos and his brothers, George "Big George" Plavocos, and Alexander Plavocos of Wake Forest, NC.

Spence graduated from Syracuse Central High School where he met his high school sweetheart and future wife, Marie. Their love life continued for over 60 years and was a model for everyone who knew them. Spence's early years started in the diner and family Greek restaurant business. Family and friends always delighted in holiday and birthday dinners with Greek specialties. He was a loving father. You would find Spence and Marie at every Liverpool High School marching band competition during his son's and daughter's high school years. He was tireless in supporting his children in every endeavor. Spence undertook chairmanship of raising funds needed to bring the band to a national competition in Florida.

Spence was a zealous advocate for mental health awareness during his 28 years as Vice President of NAMI Syracuse and 17 years on the Board of Directors of Onondaga Case Management.

Spence was a very caring man who was always devoted to his family and always willing to help anyone in need.

Spence is survived by his soulmate and love of his life for 60 years, Marie (Johnson) Plavocos; his children, Christopher Plavocos of Syracuse and Kimberly Conte of Rome, NY; his grandchildren, Breanna St. Onge of Rochester and Nicholas Conte of Liverpool; and his sister-in-law, Judy Plavocos.

Calling hours will take place on Saturday, March 8, 2025, from 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. at the THOMAS J. PIRRO JR. FUNERAL HOME, 3401 Vickery Rd. (corner of Buckley Rd.) North Syracuse, NY, immediately followed by a funeral service in celebration of Spence's life at 12:00 P.M.



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In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to NAMI Syracuse, 917 Avery Avenue, Syracuse NY 13204.




Events


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Visitation


 **Saturday**, March 8, 2025


 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM ET


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



Funeral Service

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 12:00 PM ET

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Tribute Wall

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Robbie Wells lit a candle in honor of Spencer.



March 8 at 3:53 AM



Robbie Wells posted:

My sincere condolences go out to the family of Spencer. Having worked at WNDR under his brother George I met him very long time ago and he was a super person. Sorry that I don't live in Syracuse anymore and can't be at the services, but I am thinking of you all during this time of need Rest in peace Spencer.

March 8 at 3:53 AM



Joanne Aloï posted:

I am so sorry to hear of Spence's passing. He was a very special gentleman that I had the privledge of working with at WNDR & WNTQ for numerous years. Spence was always there to pitch in and help whatever the occasion may be. He definitely enriched our team over the years. My thoughts and prayers go out to Marie and his family.

March 7 at 2:28 PM



Willaim R Mccartin posted:

I am so sorry to hear about Spence's passing. I had the privilege of working with Spence for many years at WNTQ and WNDR in Syracuse. Spence was always a very talented, hard working and trusting account manager. We had a great team in those years and Spence was one of the leaders in making us successful. He loved his family and had a great sense of humor. He will be missed by all

March 7 at 6:53 AM



Anonymous sent an Anything for You to the Plavocos family.



March 6 at 5:24 PM



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Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Spencer.



March 6 at 5:24 PM



Paul posted:

SPENCE, WAS A KIND SOUL, HE WAS FORTUNATE TO COME FROM A LOVING FAMILY. I HAVE ONLY GOOD THOUGHTS AND MEMORIES OF HIM. MAY HE REST IN ETERNAL PEACE.

March 4 at 9:25 AM



Donna Rae Wells posted:

Dear Marie and family, Sending my condolences and prayers for comfort and peace to all of you. Marie, we both were blessed to marry our High School sweethearts and have many years together. I lost mine last October after 61 years of marriage. I remember Spence in Choir and Ensemble, a very nice guy and singer. I remember you and our chats in study hall. If you ever want to talk, please don't hesitate to call me: 720-778-6919. Blessings, Donna Rae (Hayes) Wells

March 4 at 7:07 AM



Mark Turcotte posted:

Marie and family, please accept my sincerest condolences on your loss. The time we spent together in radio was without question the best of my life. We were family and I'll never forget it. I'm so sorry for your loss. For our collective loss of a great man and mentor.

March 4 at 6:18 AM



Sandy Walker posted:

So sorry to learn about Spencer's passing. He was a wonderful person. Seems like I have known him forever. His father & uncles, George & John, leased my grandmother's diner many years ago. Then I worked for the brothers at the Draught and at the Poseidon. He always managed to put a smile on my face. My thoughts & prayers are with all of his family.

March 4 at 5:51 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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