



# Dr. Armand J. Cincotta

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**D**r. Armand J. Cincotta, 90, a devoted physician, husband, father and grandfather passed away at home on February 10, 2026 after a six-year battle with a progressive neurological disease surrounded by the love of his family and caregivers.

Armand was the younger of two sons of Dr. Anthony J. Cincotta and Theresa M. Cincotta of Fulton, NY. At age 13, he left home to attend Deerfield Academy, graduating in 1952. After graduation, he attended Le Moyne College where he established lifelong friendships. Following graduation from Le Moyne, he enlisted in the Marine Corps. He was proud to be a Marine and remained true to the Corps for the rest of his life, leaving his beloved Marine Corps with the rank of 1st LT.

Upon his return home from the Marines, he re-connected with his teenage sweetheart, Joan Bevacqua and, after her completion of nursing school, they were married. Armand soon followed in his father's footsteps and became a doctor, receiving his Medical Degree in 1967 from University of Ottawa. From there, he returned to Syracuse to complete his internship and residency in Family Practice at St. Joseph's Hospital.

After the opening of the North Medical Center, Armand established a practice in Family Medicine that brought him immense gratification for over forty-five years. He was an incredible diagnostician and caregiver, known for his sense of humor (and his sometimes-off-color jokes!). The smile on his face would light up a room. Armand loved his patients and they loved him in return.

Armand's greatest joy was his family and spending as much time as possible with them, especially holidays, family vacations and shared journeys. For him, his three daughters, his son and his seven grandchildren were a source of pride and accomplishment. He loved playing games with them, walking on the beach and sharing meals with them, cherishing memories made at homes in Vermont, Thousand Islands and Florida. He could be seen at their ballet and musical recitals,



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sporting events, birthday parties and religious ceremonies always with a tear in his eye. They brought beauty and relaxation to his busy life.

Armand was an ardent sports fan and could be found at anything SU or Le Moyne, cheering on his teams from the sidelines. He was a longtime season ticketholder for SU football and basketball, a member of the Orange Pack and the Ernie Davis Club, and a Syracuse Crunch season ticketholder. Armand was a fan, as well as the physician for the Syracuse Chiefs baseball team. Along with watching sports, he was a great tennis player and loved boating, jet-skiing, swimming, dancing, walking; he was always ready for a game of pitch or a hand of bridge.

Armand was a Diplomate in the American Academy of Family Medicine. He was Chief-of-Staff of St. Mary's Hospital in Syracuse and served as a clinical assistant professor of Family Medicine at Upstate Medical Center. He was a member of the Executive Committee at St. Joseph's Hospital and for the Onondaga County Medical Society where he was a life member. He was also a life member of the Medical Society of the State of New York, a delegate to their Annual Convention and a life member of the American Medical Association. He was a member of the NYS Academy of Family Physicians and a Fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians. In addition to his practice at North Medical, he was a dedicated and caring Medical Director at Le Moyne College for 34 years. It was a 24/7 position that he loved whole-heartedly, as he tirelessly responded to the welfare of the students. Before becoming Medical Director, he served on Le Moyne's Board of Governors. In 2019, he decelerated his long and productive medical career as a loving physician by caring for prisoners at the Auburn Correctional Facility. Throughout his lengthy career in medicine, his patients trusted his medical expertise and enjoyed his wit and sensitivity.

Armand was president of the American Heart Association, Upstate Chapter after having served on its Board for several years. He received their Community Service Award. He was a volunteer with Elmcrest Children's Center and served on its Board, as well as on the Board of CONTACT. At the annual Komen Race for The Cure, he could be found in the medical tent as a volunteer physician. He was a United Healthcare consultant serving on their Advisory Board and Credentialing Committee. He was a member of the NYS Athletic Commission and was a member of the Medical Advisory Board of the World Boxing Council and the Medical Advisory Board of the United Indian Nation Athletic Commission. He was a Board-Certified member of the American Association of Professional Ringside Physicians where he served as state representative and a Diplomate in Ringside Medicine. He was a physician for US Amateur Boxing, Inc. and for World Wrestling Entertainment. Being a physician to these athletes was his passion!



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Throughout his medical career, Armand received many awards and honors including Le Moyne's highest honor, the Simon Le Moyne Award which he shared with his wife Joan, and the Ignatian Award for service to the College. He also received the OCMS's highest award, the Distinguished Service Award. Having been the physician for the Syracuse Chief's Baseball team for many years, they presented him with their "Great Guy Award". The International Boxing Hall of Fame awarded him the CNY Appreciation Award and AAPRP awarded him the Tony Paris Memorial Award. He also received the Ring '76 Award for his "dedication, professionalism and humanitarianism to the sport of boxing". These were a few of his favorite awards among many.

Armand was predeceased by his parents. He leaves behind his wife of 65 years, Joan; his beloved children: Dr. Kimberly Cole Olsen (David), Tracy Sala (Lawrence), Jodi Schwedes (Scott), and his son, Andrew, as well as his beloved grandchildren: Bailey (Natalie), Allison, Molly Cole and Danielle (Brandin) Phillips; Lauren Ilacqua (Joseph) and Dr. Luke Sala (Dr. Alexandra); Michael and Erica Schwedes; and great-granddaughter, Brooke Ilacqua. He also leaves behind his brother, Joseph; his brothers/sisters-in-law and several nieces and nephews.

Armand was blessed with a wonderful team of caregivers throughout his long illness and confinement to bed. Heartfelt thanks go out to Kelley, Kim, Marva, Max and Lissa, as well as to his wife, Joan, who all shared in his care. Their devotion and tireless dedication is deeply appreciated and incomparable.

The family is so grateful for their time and effort in maintaining his comfort. A long-time communicant of Holy Cross Church in DeWitt, he enjoyed friendships with many priests within the community over the years, several of whom visited during his illness.

A funeral Mass in celebration of Armand's life will be held at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, February 17, 2026 at Holy Cross Church, DeWitt, NY. Burial with Military Honors will follow in St. Mary's Cemetery, DeWitt. Family and friends may call from 4:00 – 7:00 PM on Monday, February 16, 2026 at THOMAS J. PIRRO JR. FUNERAL HOME, 3401 Vickery Rd. (corner of Buckley Rd.) North Syracuse, NY.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Le Moyne College: the Armand J. Cincotta, MD '57 and Joan M. Cincotta '88 Scholarship Fund, Catholic Charities, Hospice of CNY or Emmaus Ministry.



# Events


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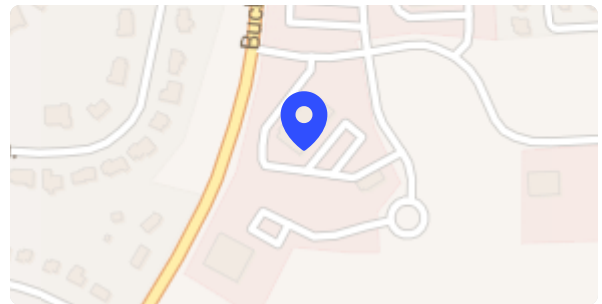
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## Visitation


 **Monday**, February 16, 2026


 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM ET

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

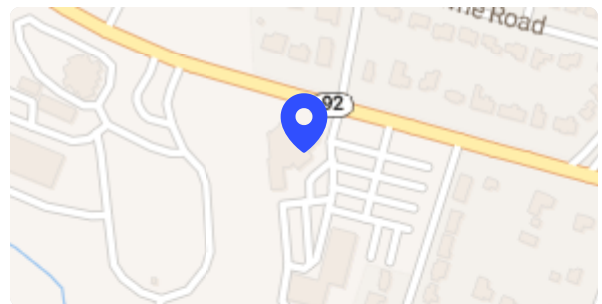


## Funeral Mass


 **Tuesday**, February 17, 2026

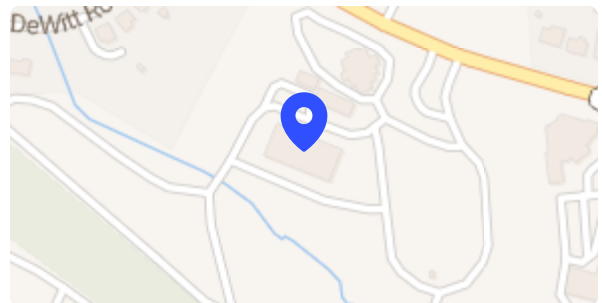
 11:00 AM ET

 **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 12 at 5:34 PM



**Anonymous** planted a grove of 3 Memorial Trees in honor of Armand.



March 17 at 12:28 PM



**Jerry Tetro** posted:

His father was our family Doctor for many years in Fulton He was a great man so not surprised to hear that Armond was also a great family Doctor. The acorn does not fall far from the tree! I remember seeing him as a boxing ring Doctor for some NY matches. The family has a great and proud legacy. Jerry Tetro

March 16 at 12:10 AM



**Al Somlo** posted:

So sorry to find out today about your loss. I am thinking of you. Take care - Al Somlo, Able AI's

February 19 at 6:00 PM



**Jef Sneider** posted:

Joan (and family) - so sorry to hear of Armand's passing, though I know he had a tough time the last few years. He was always a joy to see at the hospital or around town. Loved working with him and Joan through the Medical Society. He will be missed. May there be no more sorrow...Jef Sneider

February 16 at 5:43 PM



**My Deepest Condolences, Tracy Mezzalingua** sent a Forever Our Angel Bouquet to the Cincotta family.



February 16 at 11:45 AM



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CE

**Cheryl Epstein** posted:

Dearest Joan and family I am so sorry to hear of Armond's passing. Sending healing hugs your way!  
Bob and Cheryl Epstein

February 15 at 4:02 PM

AP

**Amy & Tony Pietrafesa** posted:

Armand was one of the great people in the world, so lucky to have known him as a doctor and friend. Such a great partnership with Joan , yielding a wonderful family. Our thoughts are with you this day.

February 13 at 9:29 AM

RW

**Robbie Wells** lit a candle in honor of Armand.

I am truly amazed at what I'm reading about Armand My Buddy. When I was in Syracuse in July last year, I was up at the bay. I ran into him and his daughter in the store and we talked for 10 minutes about the old days and family. Rest in peace big guy you deserve it. You were a great guy to know and a great doctor. May God bless you and your family Doc, and you will always be remembered by everyone that knew you as that guy, the good doctor



February 12 at 8:26 AM

MC

**Marc Chandler** posted:

Jodi, please accept my condolences on your father's passing. Rest in peace, Dr. Cincotta.

February 11 at 10:03 PM

JR

**John Romagnoli** lit a candle in honor of Armand.

Joan and family, Armand was a true friend and a great doctor.. Always had a smile on his face. His humor will be greatly missed by all that new Armand Our thoughts and prayers are with you Joan and your family Armand will "Rest In Peace"



February 11 at 4:52 PM



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**The Ilacqua Family** sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Cincotta family.



February 11 at 3:03 PM



**Patrick Aregano** lit a candle in honor of Armand.

What a sad day seeing this, the great Dr Armand Cincotta, to know him was to love him, all the years of knowing him not only as my doctor but later becoming my customer and friend, Sunday dinners at Rico's were always a trip with Joan, Tracy, Larry, Andy and Lauren & Luke, the laughs, conversations and those "F-Bombs" from the Doc, he had a true love for Joan, Andy, his family, patients and friends, what a great accomplished, long life who touched many, many people, "Heart Felt Sympathy" to everyone!! "Rest In Peace" Doc!!



February 11 at 2:51 PM



# Media

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February 12 at 5:34 PM





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

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



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