



## STEPHEN JAMES SALATTI

May 6, 1945 - September 8, 2024

Stephen James Salatti, 79, of Mexico, NY passed away peacefully at his home on September 8, 2024 after enduring a brave fight against Glioblastoma.

Steve was born on May 6, 1945, to Lewis J. and Ida M. (Bresadola) Salatti in Syracuse, NY. Surviving are his beloved wife of 16 years, E. Lynn (Hutton) of Mexico, NY; two daughters, Erin Lynn of Mexico, NY, and Beth Anne (Ryan Barbeau) of Syracuse, NY; stepchildren, Dawn Caroline (Michael Odrzywolski) of Buffalo, NY, and Benjamin Robert Boyle of Denver, CO; grandchildren, Louis, Charles and Eleanor Barbeau, and step grandchildren, Evalyn, Thomas and Cecilia Odrzywolski,; his sister, Bonnie J. Salatti of Denver, CO and many cherished relatives and friends.

He received an A.A.S in Forestry (1965) from Paul Smith's College and then received his B.S. in Fisheries Management (1967) at Utah State College. Following graduation, Steve was accepted to Officer Candidate School and proudly joined the U.S. Navy as an officer attaining Captain rank (5 years active and 20 years reserve) before retiring in 1992. He was employed as Territory Sales Manager and District Sales Trainer for Bristol-Meyers Squibb where he worked for 33 years and retired at age 60 (2005). A strong advocate for passenger rail and a frequent traveler, Steve was past president of the Empire State Passenger Association for 8 years following its founding. He also served as a member, and eventual Board Member and Secretary for Rail Passengers Association (formerly National Association of Rail Passengers)

for which he received the John “Jack” R. Martin Passenger Train Advocacy Award in recognition of his 40 years of commitment and dedication to the improvement and expansion of rail passenger service. Steve served for 4 years on the Planning Board for the Town of Mexico, NY, and supported his community as President to the Parish Council of St. Anne, Mother of Mary Catholic Church. He also provided mentoring to scholarship students of Father Chaplin’s Guardian Angel Society.

Steve leaves behind a legacy of love for family, friends, country and God. Nothing made him happier than to share meticulously prepared Italian dishes with many bottles of wine and a big serving of laughter and raucous conversations. Steve is remembered for sharing the bounty of his lovingly tended vegetable garden, his fondness for good wine, garlic and olive oil, his quick wit, and his deep emotions that endeared him to so many. He loved Frank Sinatra, big band music and musicals. Steve traveled to many countries in his lifetime, but none captured his heart quite like Italy, the homeland of his ancestors, where he journeyed extensively both before and after retirement. Throughout his naval career, he exemplified honor, courage, and commitment, demonstrating clear and accountable leadership to ensure mission readiness and success. Those who experienced this side of Steve—whether through work, worship, or shared meals and wines—will cherish and appreciate the lasting memories he helped create.

Steve embraced and treasured life to its fullest, ever observant, curious and grateful. The world will deeply feel the absence of its greatest admirer.

Relatives and friends are invited to call from 4:00 – 7:00 pm on Friday September 13, 2024 at BAGOZZI TWINS FUNERAL HOME, 2601 Milton Ave, Solvay, NY 13209. A Memorial Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday September 14 at 10:00 am at St. Anne Mother of Mary Catholic Church, 3352 Main St., Mexico, NY. Private Burial will be held in Greenlawn Memorial Park Cemetery at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Gray for Glioblastoma Attn: Katherine Snedeker, 7272 Wisconsin Ave, Fl.9, Bethesda,

MD 20814 or St. Anne Mother of Mary Catholic Church and would be deeply appreciated.

Please share online memories and tributes at [www.bagozzitwins.com](http://www.bagozzitwins.com).

## Cemetery Details

### PRIVATE BURIAL - GREENLAWN CEMETERY

WARNERS, NY

## Previous Events

### Calling Hours

SEP **13**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

BAGOZZI TWINS FUNERAL HOME

2601 Milton Avenue

Solvay, NY 13209

[info@bagozzitwinsfh.com](mailto:info@bagozzitwinsfh.com)

<http://www.bagozzitwins.com>

### MEMORIAL MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL

SEP **14**. 10:00 AM (ET)

ST. ANNE MOTHER OF MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

3352 MAIN ST.

MEXICO, NY 13114

# Tribute Wall



“ *Bagozzi Twins Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of STEPHEN JAMES SALATTI*



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**BAGOZZI TWINS FUNERAL HOME, INC.** - September 12, 2024 at 01:43 PM



“ *Sharon and I extend our condolences to Steve's family.*

*I was fortunate to work closely with Steve during my first Naval Reserve command, the reinforcement unit for the frigate USS Ainsworth (FF-1090). Steve joined the unit and served as Executive Officer. I am most grateful to Steve for his expertise and professionalism as our team overcame many challenges and earned the award as Best Naval Reserve Afloat Unit in New York State in 1982. Steve's tact and diplomacy in a most demanding position were nicely complemented by his upbeat and often humorous observations. His service to his Nation and beloved Navy were outstanding.*

*Most Sincerely, John F. Paddock, Jr., Rear Admiral, USN (Retired)*

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**John F. Paddock, Jr.** - September 17, 2024 at 09:35 AM

TF

“ Steve was a special friend & supporter of the Guardian Angel Society for many years. He was a dedicated mentor and truly wanted to make a difference in the lives of Father Champlin’s kids. We are grateful for his gifts & generous spirit.  
Tammi Fabiano

Tamela J Fabiano - September 14, 2024 at 03:06 PM

JP

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Joe Pieri - September 13, 2024 at 03:54 PM



“ 43 files added to the album Loving Memories



Lynn Salatti - September 13, 2024 at 08:04 AM

KK

“ Steve called on my office for many years and we loved him. He was sincere and dedicated to his work. I am truly sorry to hear of his passing and his struggle with glioblastoma. He is remembered fondly. I hope your memories will sustain you in this difficult time.  
Dr. Kristen Kratzert  
The Women’s Wellness Place

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**Kristen Kratzert** - September 12, 2024 at 11:21 PM



“ Love's Journey was purchased for the family of STEPHEN JAMES SALATTI.



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September 12, 2024 at 11:57 AM

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“ Sincerely, Lisa and Jim Mathews planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of STEPHEN JAMES SALATTI.

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**Sincerely, Lisa and Jim Mathews** - September 12, 2024 at 11:57 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of STEPHEN JAMES SALATTI.

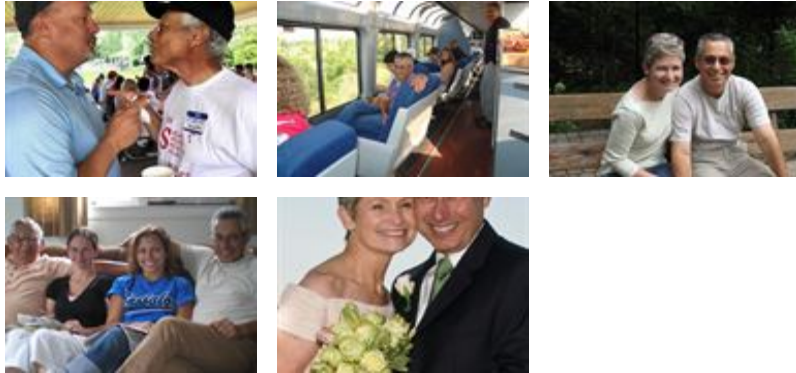


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September 12, 2024 at 09:42 AM



“ 39 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



**BAGOZZI TWINS FUNERAL HOME, INC.** - September 12, 2024 at 09:34 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of **STEPHEN JAMES SALATTI**.



September 11, 2024 at 04:48 PM



“ *Albert L. Papp, Jr. New Jersey-ARP* planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of **STEPHEN JAMES SALATTI**.

**Albert L. Papp, Jr. New Jersey-ARP** - September 11, 2024 at 04:48 PM

JL

“ We will miss our wine dinners. What a great memory of the conversations, the laughter and of course the food and wine. Never will we have such a great mix of people, food and wine ever again. I remember with a tear in my eye the smile, the voice, the wit and the sharp opinions. I admit I share his opinions. Your house and your hospitality are unmatched. And his garden!!! He was so meticulous with that garden and the bounty that he so generously shared with us on many occasions. I thank you both for the wonderful meals I made with his creations. Cuz, may you rest in peace with our Lord. Put in a few good words for me and I will see you some day.  
Love,  
Joan and George

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Joan Laura - September 10, 2024 at 02:55 PM