



## Gerard Joseph Spagnoli

December 3, 1951 - June 8, 2026

Gerard Joseph Spagnoli, a devoted husband, loving father, faithful Catholic, and respected member of the Valley community passed away on June 8, 2026, age 74.

Born on December 3, 1951, in Waverly, New York, Gerard lived a life defined by faith, service, family, and friendship. Gerard was the son of Anthony and Mary Marco Spagnoli. Raised in South Waverly, Pennsylvania, Gerard served as an altar server at St. John's Roman Catholic Church in South Waverly. He graduated from Waverly High School in 1969, where he was a member of the swim team and a drummer in the marching band.

After working initially for the railroad, Gerard began his career as a chef at IBM in Owego. This instilled a lifelong love of cooking in him and became a hobby that continued throughout his life. An additional interest in drawing prompted Gerard to receive his associate's degree in graphic art from Corning Community College. He then began a second career as a technical artist for various companies, including Lockheed Martin in Owego.

Gerard was deeply committed to his Catholic faith, which guided his actions and relationships all his life. His unwavering devotion to God was reflected in the kindness, generosity, and compassion he showed to everyone he encountered.

Above all else, Gerard cherished his family. He was a devoted husband to Margaret (Meg) Hogan, whom he wed on October 4, 2003, and he built a loving life of faith together in Sayre with their cats, Jenny, Tetta, and Winifred.

As a father to three sons, Gerard was a constant source of guidance, wisdom, encouragement, and unconditional love. His family was the center of his life, and he took immense pride in their accomplishments and happiness.

Gerard was actively involved in numerous organizations and community groups during his life. He was a past member of the Athens Area District School Board, coached for the Athens Little League, and was instrumental in organizing the Valler Youth Soccer Association.

A member of St. John's Roman Catholic Church in South Waverly, and later the Church of the Epiphany in Sayre, Gerard served his parish communities as an altar server, lector, Eucharistic Minister, past member of the Epiphany Parish Council, religious education instructor, adorer for the Adoration Chapel, and a member of the Marriage Preparation Team. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and helped organize the Knight's annual winter coat drive for the needy. Gerard brought his culinary skills to the parish kitchen, spending many long hours cooking for parish and community dinners. Gerard also did much to implement and organize the Parish Faith Library.

Gerard generously gave his time, talents, and leadership skills to causes he believed in, earning the respect and admiration of countless friends and colleagues. Whether serving his church, supporting local initiatives, or helping those in need, Gerard approached every endeavor with enthusiasm, integrity, and a genuine desire to make a difference.

Known for his gregarious personality, thoughtful nature, and ability to connect with people from all walks of life, Gerard built lasting friendships wherever he went. His presence brought comfort, laughter, and encouragement to those around him. He lived with purpose and humility, leaving a lasting impact on his family, friends, church, and community. He was always armed with a new joke or a story to tell. He loved to inform anyone that he was an "international comedian", having won a joke contest at a radio station in Toronto, Canada. Gerard loved people and he loved to laugh.

Though his passing leaves a profound void, Gerard's legacy of faith, service, love, and dedication will continue to inspire all who knew him. His memory will

live on in the hearts of his family, friends, and the many lives he touched throughout the years.

Gerard is survived by his beloved wife, Meg; his sister Rita Spagnoli of Sayre; his children Joshua (Virginia) Spagnoli; Joseph Spagnoli of Sayre; and Anthony (Amyra Weiss) Spagnoli of Camp Hill, PA; grandchildren David, Hayli, Victoria, Alexandria, Julian, Ella, and Laila; great-grandchildren Ara, Theoden, and Micah; brothers- and sisters-in law Mary (James) Hogan Smith; Anne (James) Hogan Riley; Richard (Wilma) Hogan; and Kathleen (David) Hogan Rae; numerous nieces and nephews; cousins; and many other loving family members and friends. Gerard was predeceased in death by his parents Anthony and Mary Spagnoli and his brother Joseph Spagnoli. He was also predeceased by his mother- and father-in law Richard and Genevieve Hogan. Calling hours will be at Alteri-Bowen Funeral Home on Tuesday, June 16, 2026, from 4-6 pm. A Mass of Christian will be celebrated at the Church of the Epiphany in Sayre on Wednesday, June 17, 2026, at 9:30am. Family and friends are invited to gather in remembrance and celebration of Gerard's life. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Epiphany Church Knights of Columbus Council #1807, C/O Gary Seliga, Epiphany Parish 304 S. Elmer Ave. Sayre, PA 18840, or to any animal charity of your choice.

Gerard will be deeply missed by all who knew him. "Well done, good and faithful servant." Mathew 25:23

# Cemetery Details

## Tioga Point Cemetery

PA ave  
Athens, PA 18810

# Upcoming Events

## Visitation

JUN 16. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Alteri-Bowen Funeral Home  
314 Desmond Street  
Sayre, PA 18840  
(570) 888-2113  
[info@bowenfuneralhomes.com](mailto:info@bowenfuneralhomes.com)

## Mass of Christian Burial

JUN 17. 9:30 AM (ET)

Church of the Epiphany  
304 South Elmer Ave  
Sayre, PA 18840