



Mr. James P. Abiusi

November 29, 1939 - December 11, 2019

DEERFIELD - Mr. James P. Abiusi, age 80, departed this earthly life on Wednesday, December 11, 2019 with the love of his wife and family in his heart.

Born in Utica on November 29, 1939, James was the son of the late James R. and Josephine (Mangano) Abiusi. Raised and educated locally, he was a graduate of T.R. Proctor High School and MVCC. He also participated in Job Related Education Courses. A proud veteran of the United States Air Force, James honorably served his country from 1958-1961 stationed in Spain. His duties included being a sharpshooter and part of the first company to train guard dogs from Germany. On October 29, 1983 he married the former Carol Ann Rzotkiewicz with whom he shared an absolutely wonderful relationship, a marriage of 36 years that was a blessing to both of them.

Jim was employed by the Business Services Company where he served as Assistant Vice-President. His stellar work ethic yielded him a promotion to Corporation Vice-President, the position he held until the company was bought out by Ikon. Jim retired in July of 1999.

A gentle man in all aspects of his life, Jim always had a smile upon his face and embraced all of his life's endeavors with dignity and energy. A meticulous and monumentally funny man, Jim had the lightness of heart to laugh at his own jokes!

Throughout his life, he enjoyed the sports of hunting and fishing. He regularly met his "men friends" for coffee at various Dunkin' Donuts, as well as his "Monday night" group of pitch friends.

Jim is survived by his cherished wife and best friend Carol; his son, Scott J. Abiusi; and his sister, Judy Abiusi and Jerry Shannon. He also leaves his mother-in-law, Stella Rzotkiewicz; brother-in-law, Guy Rzotkiewicz and Debbie Schepsis; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Brenda and Patrick Castelli; sister-in-law, Judy Barbrie; his beloved nieces and nephews, Kim and Victor Costanza, and Mike Castelli; Nick and Paula Abiusi and their children Whitney, Rocco, and Rachel; Dr. Lori and Tony Mazza and their children Joey and Jacob; Rob and Dr. Angela Abiusi and their children Alec, and Alicia; goddaughter, Kristin Joy; cousins; lifelong friends Peter Greco, Frank Mondì, and Dan Loconti. He was predeceased by his brother, Rocco S. Abiusi; and his father-in-law, Walter Rzotkiewicz.

Carol is grateful to the staff of the Abraham House in Rome for the love and compassion they shared with Jim the last several days of his life. In recognition of their kindness, and in lieu of floral offerings, contributions may be made to the Abraham House in Rome, 417 N. Washington St., Rome, NY 13440 or online at <https://www.theabrahamhouse.org/abraham-house-rome/>. Envelopes will also be available at the funeral home. Among the many friends Jim had culminated in his lifetime, to the very end Rich Silverman visited Jim with a cup of Dunkin' coffee and a Boston Cream Donut.

Visitation will be held Sunday from 2-4 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. Jim's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Sunday at 4:00 at the funeral home with Military Honors conferred. Interment in St. Stanislaus BM & St. Casimir Cemetery will take place at the convenience of the family.

Cemetery Details

St. Stanislaus and Casimir Cemetery

Woods Road
Whitesboro, NY 13492

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 15. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.
932 South Street
Utica, NY 13501
eannacefh@roadrunner.com

Celebration of Life

DEC 15. 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

CD

“ Carol and family,
I was so saddened to hear of Jimmy's passing. He was a much loved man. I think someone only had to meet Jimmy once to surmise that he was a man of great character and also was a great character! He always made us laugh! I am so sorry I missed the service. I would have been there if I could have. Please accept my deepest condolences. You know that you and Jimmy hold a special place in my heart. My prayers are going out to you now, that you may heal. Jimmy is in Heaven now and free of pain. Now it's time for you to breathe again. Your work is done. You took wonderful care of your husband.
With Love,
Cathy Dodge

Catherine Dodge - December 15, 2019 at 11:37 PM

RP

“ Carol and family,

Our hearts are heavy with the loss of our beloved Jimmy. We are so sorry we can't be there in person. You are in our thoughts and prayers today and for all of your tomorrows without him. Much love, Roe, Don and Pixie

Roe Polczynski - December 15, 2019 at 02:35 PM

DG

“ Carol, Scott and extended family please accept my sincere condolences on the loss of James. We were stationed together in Spain, and he was a really nice guy to know and serve with. May his memory be with all of you forever. R.I.P. Jimmy.

Dennis Galt

Dennis Galt - December 14, 2019 at 08:04 PM

LK

“ Love, Amy, Emma Gail & Skylar Rose Kobelia purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mr. James P. Abiusi.



Love, Amy, Emma Gail & Skylar Rose Kobelia - December 14, 2019 at 07:36 PM

JR

“ Jim and I met in Spain 1961, we were both with the Security Force US Air Force. Jim was a great friend and fun to be around. I had the great pleasure to meet Carol at a reunion in Orlando several years ago. My deepest condolences go out to Carol and the family. John Ryan

John Ryan - December 14, 2019 at 06:59 PM

PS

“ Carol-

My deepest sympathies to you and your family.

Philip Styc - December 14, 2019 at 11:12 AM

TM

“ Carol and family my deepest sympathy to all of you. Remembering Jim as my next door neighbor on Kossuth Ave bring a smile to my face wonderful memories of a long time ago. Jim always had a smile on his face, very well liked n respected. I remember him trying to teach me English as we came here from Italy. A new word when I saw him and telling me how great I was doing. RIP my friend you've given me wonderful memories. 🙏🙏🙏💔💔💔💔💔💔 Tosca Ventura Meola

Tosca Meola - December 14, 2019 at 09:02 AM

GF

“ Dear Carol & family. We've shared so many great memories & oh so many laughs. Jimmy was such a joy to be around. I'll certainly miss him & his laugh that just made you smile. So thankful for the vacations in Fl & the memorable Cape trip. We laughed so much our face & stomach hurt. Jimmy will always hold a place in all our hearts. Peace & prayers Love, Gail

Gail Fobes - December 13, 2019 at 09:47 PM

RW

“ Richard Wynn lit a candle in memory of Mr. James P. Abiusi



Richard Wynn - December 13, 2019 at 09:17 PM

RW

“ *Richard Wynn purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Mr. James P. Abiusi.*



Richard Wynn - December 13, 2019 at 09:03 PM

CB

“ *Coffee Boys purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of Mr. James P. Abiusi.*



Coffee Boys - December 13, 2019 at 08:59 PM

SF

“ *Monday nights won't be the same without Jimmy. His card playing was legendary. God bless you Jimmy.*

Sal Farina

Sal Farina - December 13, 2019 at 04:32 PM

SB

“ *Thoughts and prayers with Carol and the family. Jimmy was such a sweet guy, I remember him always having a big smile on his face. He used to like to eat dinosaur chicken nuggets with my sons when they were younger. He will be greatly missed. RIP Jimmy. Much love to you Carol. Love Scott, Sue, Mike and Rob*



Suan Bartkowiak - December 13, 2019 at 02:33 PM

RJ

“ *Roman And Jennifer lit a candle in memory of Mr. James P. Abiusi*



Roman and Jennifer - December 13, 2019 at 11:47 AM

RA

“ Roman, Jennifer, And Ashlynn lit a candle in memory of Mr. James P. Abiusi



Roman, Jennifer, and Ashlynn - December 13, 2019 at 11:46 AM

DT

“ Darryl And Kerry Taman lit a candle in memory of Mr. James P. Abiusi



darryl and kerry taman - December 13, 2019 at 10:11 AM

KM

Carol thinking of you as always and here for you with loving support .May memories of Jimmy surround you and give you strength in the coming days. My heart and prayers go out to you and yours . Love always Kathy and John

Kathy Maunz - December 14, 2019 at 06:58 AM

NL

“ Carol Jim will surely be missed, His laugh and smile will never be forgotten. Love Nan and Dan

nan loconti - December 12, 2019 at 06:24 PM

JT

Jim was so easy to love, He would stop by with a cup of coffee in his hand and bring one for me also..

John Toukatly - December 13, 2019 at 09:30 AM

JC

I've known Jimmy since My teenage years and even dated him shortly before he met and married Barbara Dembroski Marose, who passed away a few weeks ago. Just unbelievable. Sending prayers to his entire family especially Scott, his son. Know that he is watching over his family and always will. R.I.P. Jimmy.

Jeannie Collea - December 13, 2019 at 12:41 PM

JC

Will miss you Coco Pops 2 from Coco Pops 1. I know you are in a better place Buddy. Our sincere condolences to Carol and family. Jimmy and Kay Critelli

james critelli - December 14, 2019 at 01:14 PM

DB

Carol we have never met but Jim is a cousin I guess you could say twice removed. Jim's dad was my stepfather's uncle so we also called his dad and mom Uncle Jim and Aunt Jay. My wife Janis and I are so very sorry for your loss. We lost contact with my many years in the Army but caught back up with Jim after my retirement when he was employed by business services and I was working in IT. Please give Judy our condolences as well.

Dick Borgia - December 14, 2019 at 05:26 PM

KM

Km

Kathy Maunz - December 15, 2019 at 10:38 AM

DL

Carol and Family. We are so sorry to hear of Jimmy's passing. He is now at peace and will be watching down over you and all. The guys at the coffee shop will especially miss his company. Our sincere condolences to you and your family.

Frank (Butch) & Donna Lacatena

Donna Lacatena - December 18, 2019 at 01:45 PM