



Achille "Corky" Pastorella

March 16, 1919 - October 7, 2009

Mr. Achille "Corky" Pastorella, age 90, of Utica, passed into the hands of the Lord on Wednesday, October 7, 2009 at the St. Elizabeth Medical Center with his loving family by his side.

Born in Utica on March 16, 1919, Achille was the son of the late Nicholas and Beatrice (Coviello) Pastorella. He was raised and educated locally. A veteran of the U.S. Army, he was also a proud member of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC). On April 29, 1944 he married his love, the former Rose M. Marino, with whom he shared 65 years committed to one another; whether they faced hardships or exciting moments, they faced them together, creating lifelong memories they never forgot. As a couple, they instilled in their children to believe that home and family is where the heart is.

A loyal and conscientious employee, Corky retired from the U. S. Postal Service after many dedicated years of service. Among his interests, he loved following the stock market, a pastime he has pursued since the Great Depression. He also enjoyed antiquing, and vegetable gardening, an activity from which he produced award-winning garlic. Corky especially enjoyed sharing stories of his childhood with his grandchildren. He was a member of the Faxton Oriental Masonic Lodge #224 where he was a recipient of the Distinguished Service Award, the Ziyara Shriners, the Disabled American Veterans (D.A.V.) Stars & Stripes Chapter #82, and at one time, a member of the International Association of Machinists. He was a parishioner of St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church.

Corky is survived by his wife, Rose; his daughters and sons-in-law, Beatrice "Bea" A. and Dale Allison of Holland Patent, NY, Cheryl A. and Richard "Dick" Dowe of Whitesboro, and Rosemarie Pastorella of Deerfield; and his son and daughter-in-law, Vincent "Vinny" and Cecelia "Cissy" Pastorella of N. Utica. He cherished the memory of his infant son, Nicholas Vincent, who preceded him in death. He also leaves his grandchildren, Renee R. Nolan, Christopher D. Allison, Jennifer L. and Mark Zalatan, Richard M., Jr. and Kory Dowe of RI, Dana L. Dowe of Astoria, NY, Louis R. DeMichele, Jr., Nicholas V. DeMichele, Vincent A. Pastorella, and twins, Marianne Pastorella and Amy Lynn Pastorella. He was saddened by the passing of his great-grandson, Noah Thomas Nolan. Surviving are his great-grandchildren, Rylee Elizabeth Nolan, Marcus Achilles Zalatan, and Nathan Richard Zalatan. In addition, he leaves his sisters and brother-in-law, Antoinette Smith, Mary and Pat Polera, Anna Stores, and Beatrice LaPlante, all of Utica; his nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and sister-in-law, Vita R. Marino of N. Utica. He was predeceased by his brothers, Gerald, Alfred, Anthony, Ralph, and Nicholas, Jr. Pastorella; and his sisters and brothers-in-law, Josephine and Joseph Cannerelli, and Jennie and John Gerstner, Jr.

The family is grateful to Corky's primary physician, Dr. Francis Constantine and staff for their care, Dr. Emile Wassel, the St. Elizabeth Medical Center Special Care Unit, especially acknowledging Dawn, Amy, Ann, Teresa, Ethel, Susan, and Charlene; the staff of the ER for their care and compassion; and the Rev. Anthony P. LaFache for his spiritual guidance.

Visitation will be held Friday from 4:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. 932 South St. corner of Hammond Ave. By family request, please omit floral offerings. Corky's funeral service will commence on Saturday morning at 8:30 from the funeral home and at 9:30 at St. Anthony and St. Agnes Church where his Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated with Military Honors. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family. "From their teenage years when Corky and Rose first met, fate would not let the two of them get away from what was meant to be. As the years and

anniversaries went by, they never lost their commitment to their life together, a commitment that even now transcends the bounds of earth.”

Tribute Wall



“ Eannace Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Achille "Corky" Pastorella



Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. - October 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Popster was one of the best Grandfathers! There is so much to remember and love about him. He taught us all a great deal! I love you Poppie and I know you are watching us and keeping us safe! You are truly missed and will be cherished forever. "You'll be with me, like a hand print on my heart.". Ti Amo Poster!! xoxoxo, Amy (Your Writer!)###imported-begin###Amy Pastorella###imported-end##

October 10, 2009 at 02:57 PM



“ Rosemarie,
I will always remember your dad working outside of your house on Kossuth Ave. Many years have passed and everyone tends to go their separate ways, but our past on Kossuth Ave will never be forgotten. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time. I'm sorry I couldn't attend the services. Love,
Marilyn###imported-begin###Marilyn (Maggio) Brescia###imported-end##

October 10, 2009 at 01:49 PM



“ Dear Aunt Rosie and Family,

I was so sorry to hear of the loss of Uncle Corky. I will always cherish the wonderful memories I have of holidays and get togethers at your house. You both have always had a special place in my heart I know how much you will miss him, but you have a wonderful family that will always be there for you.

Love,

*Natalie and Family##imported-begin##Natalie
DeMartino##imported-end##*

October 09, 2009 at 07:29 PM



“ Sorry I could'nt make the service. My heart goes out to you and your family. Stay strong Corky would want that. God bless you and your family##imported-begin##Anita Pieber##imported-end##

October 09, 2009 at 05:34 PM



“ Dear Mr. & Mrs. Allison, Renee & "Ry",
We are very sorry for your loss. We know it's never easy to loose a loved one, espically someone as special as a parent, grandparent or great-grandparent. You will all be in our thoughts and prayers. Please let us know if you need anything.
*Love, The Russell family##imported-begin##Rhonda Zangrilli-
Russell##imported-end##*

October 09, 2009 at 10:35 AM



“ I am so very sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.##imported-begin##Nadine##imported-end##

October 09, 2009 at 07:24 AM



“ Aunt Rose,
I am so sorry to hear about your loss. Uncle Corky was such a warm and loving person. I remember all the amazing memories I have of your house, eating delicious food and listening to his wonderful stories. He will be missed dearly. I am praying for you. Love, Brooke Gambino##imported-begin##Brooke Gambino##imported-end##

October 08, 2009 at 11:18 PM



“ I love you and will miss you a lot uncle corky.
Love Always,
Ashley Gambino##imported-begin##Ashley Gambino##imported-end##

October 08, 2009 at 08:00 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. May your happy memories and close family and friends help you through this difficult time. With sympathy...##imported-begin##Joan & Greg Hunter##imported-end##

October 08, 2009 at 05:26 PM



“ Hi Aunt Rose,

I am so sorry to hear about the loss of Uncle Corky. I loved visiting you and Uncle Corky when my sisters and I would come to Utica and eating your delicious cookies. He was such a good man and he is truly missed.

God bless you and the family. We love you so much and are praying for you.

XOXO###imported-begin##Lauren Gambino##imported-end##

October 08, 2009 at 03:03 PM



“ Dear Aunt Rose & Family,

We are so sorry to hear of Uncle Corky's passing. It reminds me of all the great memories growing up in Utica. My family always wanted to see Aunt Rose & Uncle Corky on any visit to Utica. My God Bless you and strenghten you through this difficult time. With all our love,

Dean,Liz,Lauren,Ashley & Brooke Gambino ,

Tempe,Arizona###imported-begin##Dean Gambino##imported-end##

October 08, 2009 at 08:52 AM



“ Cissy, Vin, and family-I know this is a very hard time on all of you but know that Corky is being well taken care and is now your angel watching over his beautiful family. God Bless you all...###imported-begin##Tina and Eddie Rivera##imported-end##

October 08, 2009 at 07:06 AM



“ Dear Vin, Cissy and family
We are so sorry to hear of your loss, just wanted you to know that we are all thinking of you and your family. If there is anything I can do please just let me know. Always remember that time heals..god bless.
Max, Al, Jenn and Mark.##imported-begin##Max, Al, Jenn and Mark##imported-end##

October 07, 2009 at 06:16 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Uncle Corky. God be with him and his family.##imported-begin##Jerry & Marie LaPlante##imported-end##

October 07, 2009 at 06:12 PM