



Mr. Amedeo James "Jim" Scarchilli

February 26, 1928 - June 27, 2019

UTICA - Mr. Amedeo James "Jim" Scarchilli, age 91, passed away peacefully on Thursday, June 27, 2019 at the Masonic Care Community of NY with his devoted family by his side.

Born in Utica on February 26, 1928, Jim was the son of Amedeo Michael and Zelphia (Sytz) Scarchilli. He was raised and educated in Utica's 2nd Ward attending Potter Street Elementary School and UFA. A proud veteran, Jim was drafted into the United States Army during the Korean Conflict and served his country with honor. He saw action on the front lines and was a recipient of the Korean Service Medal, 2 Bronze Stars and was discharged as Sergeant First Class. On April 18, 1959 he married his true love, the former Florence "Florie" Tocco. They shared a wonderful relationship and enjoyed the pleasures of dining and dancing during their era. They renewed their marriage vows on July 16, 2016 in celebration of their 58 years together. Ultimately, Jim and Florie were married for just over 60 years. They were true loves... and he was the love of her life.

Jim worked at Griffiss Air Force Base prior to his military service and returned to Griffiss as a warehouse man after his discharge. He was also associated with Ferrone Brothers Service Station where he loved the camaraderie of the boys and the patrons. Jim was a man's man who was true to himself, conducted himself with honesty and integrity, and was a loyal friend to many. His family was his priority, and he was a loving dad. He showed his paternal pride with the phrase he pronounced so often, "I love you all". Many admired

the loving relationship Jim upheld with his family. Summers were spent at Brantingham Lake — same cabin, same week, same great friends, fishing and camp fires, and Jim was the father figure to everyone who showed up. He was also the cook who made delicious dishes, and the tradition is still carried on by his children today. He was sensitive to others' needs, and it was not uncommon for him to be a true father figure to many of his son's friends and many of them referred to him as dad. He was so attentive to his grandchildren that they affectionately called him "beba", and grandma was known as "gema". There was nothing they wouldn't do for their grand kids, and they always attended their school functions and special events.

Jim loved and appreciated automobiles and their uniquely different styles. His favorite cars were Cadillacs and Buicks, and he kept them forever shining. Holidays were a must, and Thanksgiving at their home was a picture-perfect feast. On Christmas their house was decked with decorations galore, and traditional food was always on the menu. On Sunday mornings Jim was off to the original O'scugnizzo Pizzeria on Bleecker Street to meet his coffee club friends for pizza frita. Sunday dinners were served at 1:00 p.m., and don't be late! During the week he could be found at the former Suppa's Tilden Ave. Garage hanging with the boys. Jim was a true diehard Yankees and Giants fan, and if you happened to be walking by during a game you would hear his cheers or jeers on the players' performances. As a former member of the Moose Lodge, he participated in their festivities. More recently, Jim and Florie practiced their Catholic faith at Historic Old St. John's Church where Sunday Mass was a must and Jim was attired in a suit, sat in the same pew, and was renewed for the week ahead. So many people will remember Jim's unique wave in his hair and his pristine mannerisms. In life, Jim faced adversities and the attributes that always prevailed were his strength and determination, ... and he fought to the very end.

Jim is survived by his wife, Florie; his sons and daughter-in-law, Officer James "Jim" Scarchilli, Whitestown PD and his wife Dina, and Sergeant Frank Scarchilli, UPD; his daughter from a previous marriage, Pamela and husband

William Finocchiaro; and his grandchildren who were the light of his life, James “Jimmy” Scarchilli, Anthony Scarchilli; Brooke Lynn Scarchilli, Amedeo Michael Scarchilli, and their mother Deborah Scarchilli. In-laws, Edward Godemann, Angie and Charles Caiola, and Dr. Carol and Sam LoVullo. He also leaves his nieces and nephews, Betty and Bill Christiansen, Linda and Roger Nowak, Robert and Elizabeth Scarchilli, Retired Colonel US Army David and Christine Scarchilli, Rhea and Dr. Thomas Webb, James and Denise Godemann, Deborah and Michael Cole, James and Ella Caiola, Cecelia and Ron Bolar, Frank Caiola, Kristen and Brian Squillace, and always remembering his nephews who preceded him, Philip “Sonny” Sinker, and William Sinker; his great-nieces, great-nephews, and cousins. During his life, Jim had meaningful and unforgettable friends including Frank Suppa “V”, Mary Jane Zammiello, and Tim Gregg who was a great neighbor; and many who have gone before him but always remained in his heart. He was predeceased by his siblings and their loved ones, Charlotte and Philip Sinker, Robert J. and Jane Scarchilli, Mary Godemann; and in-laws, Frank J. and Lucy (Blandino) Tocco.

The family is grateful to the staff at the Masonic Care Community/Placid Household; and all the shifts of caregivers who tended to Jim with a respectful and attentive nature. They made it home because of their love and compassion, and they became his family. His loved ones will always be thankful and remember their humanity; his caregivers, Patricia Young and Maryann Wells who instantly became a dependable and much loved part of his life and were a godsend; and Fr. John Buehler, Fr. Anthony LaFache, and Fr. Art Krawczenko who offered prayers, solace, and sacraments when they visited Jim.

Visitation will be held Sunday from 2:00-5:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Jim’s memory may be made to the Alzheimer’s Association/Central New York Chapter online at <https://www.alz.org/centralnewyork>. Envelopes will be

available at the funeral home. Jim's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Monday morning at 9:30 at Historic Old St. John's Church where his Mass of Christian Burial will be offered with Military Honors conferred. Interment will take place privately in Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Frankfort at the convenience of the family.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Olivet Cemetery - Frankfort

Elizabeth Street
Frankfort, NY 13340

Previous Events

Service

JUL 8. 9:30 AM (ET)

Historic Old St. John's Church
240 Bleecker Street
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 724-6159
<https://www.historicoldstjohnschurch.com/>

Tribute Wall

AH

“ Jim always made us feel welcome at the various gatherings at our dear old neighbors home with Jim and Dina next door. He was such a friendly face and a kind spirit.....always a smile and conversation. He will be missed.



Amy Hawley - July 07, 2019 at 09:33 AM

JJ

Thank you Amy for the kind words. Dad always liked visiting with you and Phil.

Jim Scarchilli jr - July 08, 2019 at 03:29 PM

AS

“ Anna Grzesiak Shaut lit a candle in memory of Mr. Amedeo James "Jim" Scarchilli



Anna Grzesiak Shaut - July 05, 2019 at 10:57 AM

JJ

Thank you Anna. Jim jr

Jim Scarchilli jr - July 08, 2019 at 03:30 PM

AO

“ Sending condolences to Florie and family. I have many happy memories of family time together

Antonia Ferrone Orlando - July 04, 2019 at 07:56 PM

JJ

Thank you for your condolences. Jim jr.

Jim Scarchilli jr - July 08, 2019 at 03:31 PM

PP

“ *My heart is breaking for our families at this time. What a wonderful man to know. I will pray for the family tonight, and for my father, Peter Paratore. Our lives are so short, I'm glad to know that both loved life and lived it for their families.*

Paul Paratore - July 03, 2019 at 11:19 PM

JJ

Thank you Paul for thinking about my dad. I'm sure our fathers are spending this 4th with all of our families in heaven looking down on us smiling. Jim Jr and family

Jim Scarchilli jr - July 04, 2019 at 04:57 PM

LL

“ *It was truly a pleasure knowing Jim. His "Hi, baby " made my day. He will be missed.*

Lori Lawton - July 03, 2019 at 07:34 PM

JJ

Thank you Lori for everything you and your staff did for dad! Jim Jr and family

Jim Scarchilli jr - July 04, 2019 at 04:55 PM



“ I have my first memories of Jim working at my Dads Flying A gas station. He helped show me the ropes at the station. He was like a second Dad to me. I remember Jim making flower boxes at dads request to sit on top of the gas pumps so my dad could plant his petunias. Later in years when running the Boilermaker I would look for Jim cheering on Culver ave and run over to him for a hi five. Jim was a great role model of respect and integrity.

Lou Ferrone Jr - July 03, 2019 at 06:11 AM

JJ

Thank you Lou for the kind word for dad. I remember him saying that your father was like a brother. He will immeasurably! Jim Scarchilli jr and family

Jim Scarchilli jr - July 04, 2019 at 04:53 PM

DM

“ Frank and Jim. So sorry about dad. He was a true gentleman and I have memories of him all the way back to our east Utica minor league baseball days. Prayers for you and the family.

Dave Matrulli

Dave Matrulli - July 02, 2019 at 09:57 PM

JS

Dave thank you for the kind words. Dad will truly be missed.

Jim Scarchilli - July 02, 2019 at 11:11 PM

CD

“ Aw, my sweet Jimmy Joe!!! So very sorry for your loss. Jim was a proud Dad and Grandfather who loved his family dearly. Rest easy in heaven, my friend, until we meet again.

Claire Dillard - July 02, 2019 at 11:12 AM

JS

Clair, again I can't thank you and everyone that attended to dad enough. I know dad loved you all! My family and I thank you! Jim Scarchilli

Jim Scarchilli - July 02, 2019 at 09:15 PM

JB

“ *Jim was a great guy! I am heartbroken for your loss.*

Johnny Barkett - July 01, 2019 at 06:58 PM

JJ

Thank you John. Jim Scarchilli

Jim Scarchilli jr - July 01, 2019 at 11:38 PM

CA

“ *Jim was such a nice and caring man I really enjoyed taking care of him he will truly be missed. May he rest in peace. My condolences to the scarchilli family. Sincerely, Christina Abdallah caregiver at Masonic home*❤️

Christina Abdallah - July 01, 2019 at 04:07 PM

JJ

Thank you Christina, you helped make his life at Masonic Home comfortable and memorable. Jim Scarchilli jr

Jim Scarchilli jr - July 01, 2019 at 11:40 PM

CP

Jim and Frank, I'm so very sorry for the loss of your dad. He was always so welcoming and always treated me with such kindness. What a great guy! ~Chris

Christopher Jude Pelli - July 02, 2019 at 11:06 AM

JS

Thank you Chris.

Jim Scarchilli - July 02, 2019 at 11:13 PM

CA

*It was a pleasure taking care of him he will be missed by all of us here!
My thoughts are with all of you during this hard time.*

Christina Abdallah - July 03, 2019 at 11:07 AM