



Mr. Arthur J. Battista Jr.

April 10, 2021

Arthur J. Battista, Jr. passed away at his winter home in FL on April 10, 2021. At the time of his transition from this earthly life he was surrounded by his most beloved and devoted wife, Diane, and her family.

Arthur was a graduate of Thomas R. Proctor High School and Clarkson College of Technology in Potsdam, NY graduating with a BS in Business Finance. Art began working in Rochester, NY and after a very successful thirty-five-year career at General Dynamics and General Electric, retired from Martin-Lockheed, Utica, NY in 1994 where he negotiated government contracts. He and Diane spent many blissful, fun-filled summers at their residence in White Lake, NY and traveled extensively.

He was, at one time, married to the late Shirley Arnett Battista with whom he had three children.

Besides his wife and soul-mate, Diane Russo Battista, Art leaves two sons: James V. Battista, Chadwicks, and Michael D. Battista (Kellyann) of Texas and their three daughters: Alexandra, Samantha, and McKenna, all at home. He also leaves his faithful, caring and most loved daughter, Cheryl A. LoConte (Nick) of Waterville and cherished granddaughter, Dr. Micaela LoConte and husband Trevor Morehouse of PA. Artie leaves his grieving in-laws, Patty R. and Bill Klimacek and their two children whom he adored and treasured, John Klimacek, MD, and Katie Klimacek, IL. He also leaves an aunt, Rose Sangiacomo, numerous friends, especially remembering Ken & Rosemary Williams of Clinton, and many cousins.

Art was pre-deceased by his parents, Arthur J. and Mary Pia Scampone Battista, Sr. and his in-laws, Sal and Mary Russo, all of Utica.

Artie was an avid sports enthusiast participating in baseball, racquetball, jogging, skiing, and golf. He was a long-time member of BPOE Elks #33, the Elfun Society of General Electric, fraternity Tau Phi Zeta, and the Proctor Boys.

Family and friends are respectfully invited to attend Arthur's funeral service and Celebration of Life which will commence on Wednesday afternoon, May 19, 2021 at 2:00 at the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes where his Memorial Mass of Christian Burial will be offered. Face masks covering your nose and mouth are required, and social distancing and contact tracing will be implemented. At the request of the family, please omit floral offerings.

"Rest in Peace, my darling, and know your love was a gift to me."

Tribute Wall

AF

“ *Diane, Alan & I are very sorry for your loss and we are thinking of you.*

Anne Frederick

Anne L Frederick - May 20, 2021 at 09:17 PM

JJ

“ *Dear Diane and family,
I am sorry to learn of Art's passing. He had a wonderful sense of humor and a way about him that made you feel good about yourself. I hope the void you feel will soon become a very special place you go for comfort, a little nook that just belongs to all of you and him. My heartfelt condolences, John Piazza*

John Piazza Jr - May 19, 2021 at 10:03 PM

MR

“ *Dearest Diane and family,
Thinking of you every day and praying for comfort as you grieve the loss of such a wonderful man. Art was truly a magnificent human being...fantastic sense of humor and so generous and gracious. He always left you smiling. We will always hold his memory close to our hearts and be forever grateful for the sweet times we enjoyed together. God bless you during this time and always.
Cousin Marybeth*

MB Russo - May 17, 2021 at 07:35 PM

GD

“ Diane,
So sorry to hear of Art's passing. I know how much you two meant to each other. I always enjoyed seeing him at work. He had a kind word for me whatever the situation. Please take care of yourself. You are in our prayers.

Greg and Leigh D'Agostino - May 17, 2021 at 04:57 PM

SJ

“ Diane and family:

Remembering Arthur's YMCA workouts with so many @ the health club. He enjoyed fitness and inspired many!

We will continue to offer prayers, rosaries and masses for Art's soul. He was a good man and always a gentleman.

*Janice and Samuel L. Russo, Jr.
Family*

Samuel L. Russo Jr. - May 17, 2021 at 12:27 PM

PD

“ Diane, Cheryl, and families. We are so very sorry to learn of the passing of Art. He is one of my favorite cousins. always smiling, full of laughter through the years. Aunt Pia and Uncle Duke will be reunited with him in Heaven. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Phil and Doreen - May 16, 2021 at 07:38 PM