



Carlo P. "Carl" DeFazio

September 2, 1927 - February 8, 2007

Mr. Carlo P. "Carl" DeFazio, age 79, of Utica, passed away on Thursday, February 8, 2007, at the St. Elizabeth Medical Center with his loving family by his side.

Born in Utica on September 2, 1927, Carl was the son of the late Joseph and Grace (Domanico) DeFazio. He was raised and educated locally, and in 1948 graduated from T. R. Proctor High School where he participated in track and field. On July 4, 1956 at St. Anthony of Padua Church, he was united in marriage with the former Flora N. Rubino with whom he shared a 50 year union. The couple had a unique relationship that balanced their love and respect for each other and family life.

Carl was a barber by trade. As a teenager, he followed in the footsteps of his father and became the owner of DeFazio's Barber Shop located at 785 Lansing St, a place he considered his second home. Carl's beloved patrons knew him to be a good listener as well as a conversationalist. He was a genuine and humble man who laced his wisdom with humor. He was hospitable, responsible, and was appreciative of what his hard work ethic brought his family and his business. Many would remember him concentrating on his crossword puzzles and word searches, playing the harmonica and accordion, and enjoying Italian and polka music, especially on Sunday mornings. He was also an accomplished history buff. A loving family man, his home was his castle and all he wanted in life was 'peace and contentment'. He valued his "Sunday drives" as an opportunity for his family to be together.

Carl's great accomplishment in life was to have raised a family who respected and honored him. In this he succeeded. His leisure activities included fishing, bowling; golfing, and football which he enjoyed watching on television. Carl was proud of his garden and the plants that were started from seeds in the comfort of his barber shop. He was a communicant of the parish's of St. Agnes Church and St. Anthony of Padua Church.

Carl is survived by his devoted wife Flora; his daughters and son-in-law, Carol Ritchie of Utica, Grace and Joseph Bouse of Utica, and Esther Rindenello of New Hartford; and his son, Joseph J. DeFazio of North Utica. He was preceded in death by his daughter-in-law, Irene DeFazio. Also surviving are his 3 beloved grandsons of whom he was so proud, Paul J. Rindenello of Albany, Michael Rindenello of New Hartford, and John Matthew Ritchie of Utica; his sisters and brothers-in-law, Angeline and Anthony Mattia of Utica, Marie Pugliese Capra of Utica, and Jessie and Raymond Lechevet of New Hampshire. His extended family includes his nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, many godchildren, cousins, and his in-laws, Rose and Ralph Jackson of Florida, Jo Lucy and Paul Zakala, Mary Rubino, and Santo Rubino, all of Rome. He was also blessed with many special and loyal friends and customers. He held a very longtime and blessed relationship with Sister Rose Vincent and Sister M. Johanna. He loved the family "pets" and considered the time he spent with them as precious. He was predeceased by his brother, Carlo; his sister and brother-in-law, Pat and Kelly Durse, and his in-law, Giovanna "Jennie" Rubino.

Sincere thanks are extended to Carl's physicians; Dr. Sudershan K. Dang, Dr. Atul Butala, Dr. Emile Wassel, Dr. Faina Sherman, Dr. Thomas Mathew, Dr. Sushma Kaul, Dr. James Bramley, and long time family physician Dr. Samuel T. Rubino, for their outstanding commitment. Also the St. Elizabeth Medical Center, the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center Dialysis Unit, the Faxton Regional Cancer Center, and the Heritage Health Care and Rehabilitation Center for the quality and excellent care rendered to Carl by all who attended him. Gratitude also to Rev. Msgr. Francis J. Willenburg, Father Anthony P.

LaFache, Father John Comesky, and Brother Ed Bick, for their prayers and spiritual support.

Visitation will be held on Sunday (today) from 2-5 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. By family request, please omit floral offerings. Carl's funeral will commence on Monday morning at 9:30 from the funeral home and at 10:30 at St. Anthony of Padua Church where his Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Tribute Wall



“ Dear Aunt Flora, Carol, Grace, Esther and Joe: Uncle Carl was truly the center of a wonderful family with generous, loving hearts. Uncle Carl was a very talented man. He could make anyone laugh and anything grow! As kids, I remember Uncle Carl being the ringleader when he, my father (Ralph) and Uncle Paul would rearrange Grandma's knickknacks. She would get furious! They would wait like little kids for her reaction. I am sure he's in heaven doing the same...Joe said he never had a better plum in his life until he tasted the plums Uncle Carl grew... He ate about ten in one sitting, with Uncle Carl just smiling, offering him more. Uncle Carl will be missed. With Love, Rose Ann and Joe###imported-begin###Rose Ann and Joe Knapik###imported-end##

February 13, 2007 at 08:56 PM



“ Dear Flora, Carol, Grace, Esther, and Joe, I wish there were words to alleviate your sorrow. May knowing that Carl is with Our Lord give you comfort and peace during this difficult time. Carl's love and respect for family was always evident. Blessings, Rosemary###imported-begin###Rosemary Commisso Lowden###imported-end##

February 12, 2007 at 04:19 PM



“ Jimmy & I were sorry to hear about your loss. We want you to all know Carl is in our thoughts . With our Deepest Symphy Maryrose & Jimmy###imported-begin###Jim & Maryrose Schiavetta###imported-end##

February 12, 2007 at 03:09 PM



“ Aunt Flora and Family, I will always have the best memories of visiting your house and spending time with Uncle Carl. He always made me laugh and I used to love sitting in the barber shop and watching him work and talk with family and customers. He was a wonderful man and I will miss him. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Love, Sheri, Mark, Hanna and Benjamin##imported-begin##Sheri Branco##imported-end##

February 12, 2007 at 11:56 AM



“ My respects to the DeFazio Family. Mr. DeFazio was my barber for several years in the late seventies and early eighties when I was a teenager. Mr. DeFazio was always pleasant and entertaining. I am sorry for his passing. Bless you all through this difficult time.##imported-begin##STEVE A.##imported-end##

February 11, 2007 at 06:12 PM



“ *Flora, Gracie, Carol Esther and Joey, I am so sorry for this loss. I am out of town and received a call this morning telling me of Carl's passing. I still think of him as Mr. Defazio.*

It is odd, everyone crossed my mind just a few nights ago when I watched a movie, The Three Feathers, that I had seen only one time before, so many years ago, with Carl at your home on a Sunday after dinner.

To all, I am truly sorry, he was a caring and great homebody and I wish I was able to get back to Utica in time to come by, but don't hesitate to let me know if I can do anything.

*All the best to all of you & God Bless,
Rocco##imported-begin##Rocco Garro##imported-end##*

February 11, 2007 at 05:06 PM



“ *Grace I was so sorry to her about your dad. Our deepest symphthies are with you and your family. Take care and God Bless.##imported-begin##Chris and Denise Closson##imported-end##*

February 11, 2007 at 04:29 PM



“ *Your Missed more then the words i use here can explain... I Love You ..Be at Peace!##imported-begin##Dino##imported-end##*

February 11, 2007 at 03:22 PM



“ Flora, Carol, and Joe, I was saddened to hear of Carlo's passing. He always had a big smile on his face when ever we saw him wondering the halls of Faxton Hospital and St.Lukes. When visting Jennie and Irene. I always enjoyed talking to him in the family lounge as he waited for Flora during the many times our dear Jennie was hospitalized. I grew to love both Flora and Carl in those days and continue to think of them as family. I just know in my heart that Irene was waiting for him at the gate of heaven with her bright smile. God Bless you all in the days and years to come and take comfort that Carl and Irene are together. I bet he has a golden harmonica to play and someday we will be able to hear his music once again. Tracey Koss and the 5th floor St. Lukes.##imported-begin##Tracey Koss LPN##imported-end##

February 11, 2007 at 01:43 PM



“ My deepest sympathy on the loss of Carl. He will be sadly missed. Alex##imported-begin##Alexander Levi Banks##imported-end##

February 11, 2007 at 01:08 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy on the loss of Carl. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this difficult time. Love, Wayne & Janell Hasty##imported-begin##Wayne & Janell Hasty##imported-end##

February 11, 2007 at 01:05 PM



“ Dear Aunt Flora and Family:
We will not forget the wonderful story that Uncle Carl told about Aunt Flora's Trip to Italy. His humor and funny discussion about how it happened will remain forever in our minds and hearts. God love all of you.
Dan and Ken###imported-begin###Dan Jackson and Ken Salvas###imported-end###

February 11, 2007 at 12:56 PM



“ Dear Aunt Flora and family,

I am truly sorry for your loss, I know how difficult this must be. I will always remember Uncle Carlo in the barber shop. Whether he was with a customer, or in the window he always welcomed us with a warm smile as we barged through to get to the house. My thoughts and prayers are with you.###imported-begin###Cathy Rocco###imported-end###

February 11, 2007 at 12:52 PM



“ To my dear sister Flora and her beautiful family.
No words I can say can tell you how sorry we are to hear we lost our wonderful brother in law Carl. We will certainly miss him and we will always chersih all the good times our family had together.
Love your sister Rose and Ralph###imported-begin###Rose and Ralph Jackson###imported-end###

February 11, 2007 at 12:51 PM



“ We were deeply saddened upon hearing of Carl's passing. Our sincere sympathy to Flora, Carol, Grace, Esther, & Joe. We will always remember him as a kind and sincere man.##imported-begin##Mr. & Mrs. Dominick Plado, Bartlett, TN##imported-end##

February 11, 2007 at 12:12 PM



“ Dear Aunt Flora and Family,

Uncle Carl was a remarkable man. His love and support to his family and friends is a tribute to the man he was. He was such an important part of my life. He was my Godfather, and with his beliefs and values made me the strong woman I am today. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Uncle Carl lived a wonderful life and he made everyone he knew feel loved. I love you all and send my caring thoughts to you.

Love, Paula Jo and Family##imported-begin##Paula Jo Jones##imported-end##

February 11, 2007 at 08:38 AM



“ Dear Flora and Family: It is with sincere sympathy that I feel for you. I remember Carl as a very gentle man. Susan##imported-begin##Susan (Mattia) Dembowski and husband Ray##imported-end##

February 11, 2007 at 08:08 AM



“ Dear Flora and Family, I am presently in Tucson AZ. visiting my brother Frank. It is with deep regret that I read of Carl's passing. I am so thankful that my brother Frank and I got to go to dinner with the both of you last year at Grimaldi's. I will always remember the time I walked into the barber shop about 20 yrs ago and Carl had some one in the chair and said it will be about 5 minutes. He kept looking at me wondering where do I know this young man from. When it was my turn I said do you know me and he said are you Frankie and I said no, Anthony and then I lost it and started to cry. He hugged me and we had a good cry and talked for an hour. He made me feel close to my dad who as you know I lost when I was 4 yrs old. Again my deepest sympathy to you Flora and your family.. Sincerely, cousin Tony Domanico###imported-begin##TONY DOMANICO###imported-end##

February 10, 2007 at 10:41 PM



“ To my loving Uncle Carl who will always live on in my heart. You brought so much love into our family for just being you. You brought love, laughter, and music to everyone you touched. You always put a smile on everyone's face. I will miss you deeply and carry you in my heart always.

All my love,
Your Niece Carla###imported-begin##Your loving Niece
Carla###imported-end##

February 10, 2007 at 02:37 PM



“ Dear Mrs. DeFazio: May God give you strength to live through this difficult time. My prayers and thoughts are with you!
Sincerely, Harold W. Baum, M.D.##imported-begin##Harold W. Baum##imported-end##

February 10, 2007 at 01:18 PM



“ Flora and family,
So very sorry to hear of Carl's passing, my thoughts and prayers are with you during this sad time. Remembering Carl as a dear man with a big beautiful smile.
Judi Schultz, Melbourne, Florida##imported-begin##Judi Schultz##imported-end##

February 10, 2007 at 11:44 AM



“ Aunt Flora, Carol, Gracie, Esther, Joey, and all,
I am so sorry about Uncle Carl. He was a gentle soul and a wonderful husband & father. I can't imagine your loss, but I know he's in heaven and will always be with you. I will always remember him in the Barber Shop, in the garden, or playing the accordian. My mother misses him so. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.
Love, Judy, Abbey, Ashley & Lindsay.##imported-begin##Judy##imported-end##

February 10, 2007 at 01:40 AM



“ Defazio family - We are so sorry to hear of Carl's passing, please accept our heartfelt condolences. We enjoyed meeting him at the Heritage Home and pray for all of you during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Family of Anthony Mancuso##imported-end##

February 09, 2007 at 09:10 PM



“ Aunt Flora,
I don't know if you remember me but I am Marion's oldest daughter. My thoughts and prayers as well as Mom and Joe's are with you today and every day. God Bless you, Love, Sally##imported-begin##Sally Hall Kaye##imported-end##

February 09, 2007 at 04:40 PM



“ Dear Flora and family

My deepest sympathy on the loss of Carl, he will be missed. You are all in my prayers.

Chris Casaletta##imported-begin##Chris Casaletta##imported-end##

February 09, 2007 at 01:48 PM



“ Dear Aunt Flora and family,
I am very sorry to hear of the loss of Uncle Carl. My thoughts and prayers are with you, and if you need anything at all just let me know. I love you all.

Love Holly##imported-begin##Holly##imported-end##

February 09, 2007 at 01:34 PM



“ DEAR FLORA: MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU AND YOUR FAMILY DURING THIS LOSS OF CARL, YOUR HUSBAND. I AM GLAD THAT I WAS ABLE TO SEE BOTH OF YOU WHEN I WAS BACK IN UTICA THIS PAST YEAR AND WE WERE ABLE TO GO OUT AND HAVE DINNER TOGETHER. PLEASE TAKE CARE AND GOD BLESS YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.
COUSIN FRANK IN TUCSON AZ.##imported-begin##FRANK F. DOMANICO##imported-end##

February 09, 2007 at 01:06 PM



“ Dear Flo and Family,
Please accept my deepest sympathy.
Carl will sadly missed and remembered
with a smile in our heart. May God and the Angels be with you all in
your time of need.
Love Always,
Paula and Family##imported-begin##Paula Rzepka##imported-
end##

February 09, 2007 at 12:03 PM