



Mr. Carmen G. Caruso

November 2, 1929 - January 11, 2011

Mr. Carmen G. Caruso, age 81, of Utica, passed away on Tuesday, January 11, 2011 at the St. Luke's Home with the love and support of his family by his side.

Born in Syracuse, NY on November 2, 1929, Carmen was the son of the late John B. and Carmela (Lupino) Caruso. His mother passed away when he was a young child and he was raised by Concetta who he loved as a mother.

Raised and educated in Utica, he was a 1948 graduate of T.R. Proctor High School. He was a proud veteran of the US Army; as well as a Reservist for 4 years. On April 27, 1957 he married the former Catherine Cavalier with whom he shared a sacred relationship and blessed partnership of 53 years.

In 1958 Carmen and Catherine established Café Caruso in East Utica. This location, 707 Bleecker Street, was not only his place of business, but also his second extended home where he welcomed friends, enjoyed laughter, and was a host to a multitude of memories. Doing something for someone else granted Carmen much happiness, and his kind nature and boundless generosity was known by this community. As a father, he loved his daughters and as a grandpa, he adored his grandchildren, and one of his greatest pleasures was traveling with family and friends. Carmen was a sociable person and enjoyed people watching. He was a parishioner of St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish.

Carmen is survived by his wife, Catherine; his daughters and sons-in-law, Carmela Caruso and Gary Fava, Francesca C. and Paul Raymond, and

Concetta and Darryl Rahn; and his grandchildren, Paul, Catherine, and Christina Raymond; and Nicole, Darryl, and William Rahn. Survivors also include his sisters and brother-in-law, Congetta "Tina" and Lawrence DeGironimo, and Mary Caruso; his brothers and sister-in-law, Enrico "Ricky" Caruso, and Joseph and Grace Caruso; his nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and in-laws, Nicholas J. Cavalier, Jr., and Linda Cavalier. Close to Carmen's heart were Michael Paniccia and Francine Ferro who worked tirelessly by his side for many years. He was predeceased by his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Nicholas, Sr. and Frances Cavalier; and his in-laws, John W. and Mary Cavalier, Anthony "Toto" Cavalier, Eleanor Salerno, and Mary Ann Cavalier.

The Caruso family wishes to thank Dr. Roger Breslow and his nurse Christine for their many years of professional medical guidance. The entire staff of the St. Luke's Home, especially those of Barton North, embraced the needs of Carmen and his family with much dignity, especially Justin. Each of these caregivers offered amazing care with much kindness, compassion, and genuine love for which the family will remain forever grateful.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend his funeral service and Celebration of Life which will commence on Thursday afternoon at 1:00 at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish where his Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. James Cesta. The family will receive visitors at the conclusion of the Mass. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave.

Tribute Wall



“ To the whole Caruso family and friends, I am sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. M. Martellotto

Michael Martellotto - January 21, 2011 at 01:46 AM



“ To The Caruso Family...I will always treasure the memories of times spent at your home and the warmth and hospitality which I always received from your dad (and husband). He was a wonderful man and although the years have passed, I want to let you know that my thoughts are with all of you. He will truly be missed.

Debbie DeVito-McGee - January 13, 2011 at 07:05 AM



“ To the entire Caruso Family. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of loss. Bleecker St. has lost another great man who always had a smile on his face. He was a pillar of your family, as our community. As a child growing up in the Bleecker St. area, I knew where I could always get a great cookie. The memories you have of him will be with you for your lifetime and will put a smile on all of your faces. May he rest in peace.

Bobby Ollerenshaw - January 13, 2011 at 06:21 AM

JD

“ To Mrs. Caruso, Carmie, Francesca, Concetta, and extended family: We wish to extend our condolences and let you know our thoughts and our prayers are with you at this heartbreaking time. We like to believe that when we lose someone close to us they still live through us and give us strength. Nothing we can say will ease your pain but just wanted you to know we are thinking of you. Love to you and your family, Jennifer and Wade Karam & Patty Dennison

Jennifer Wade Karam, Patty Dennison - January 12, 2011 at 09:29 PM

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“ To the entire Caruso family: My brother Justin, and I would like to offer our deepest sympathy to all of you. My brother and I use to work on the same unit, and that is where we had the pleasure of getting to know Carmen. Carmen was a man of true genuine character, he will be greatly missed by so many. I will always remember the times when I was working at the desk, and we would have Frank Sinatra, or Dean Martin on the CD player, and Carmen and I would sing a few tunes to the songs we would hear. Heaven has just been upgraded, they also got the best baker in town. May you rest in peace Mr. Caruso.

Kristin Smith - January 12, 2011 at 08:18 PM

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“ What a wonderful man. He will be missed.

Barbara Laible - January 12, 2011 at 01:29 PM

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“ From , Mary Jane Fava Nicoletta
I am so sorry for your Loss. Carmen was one wonderful person.
he also was One great baker.Our sympathy to the family.

Lorraine Stamboly Tedesco - January 12, 2011 at 10:15 AM