

## Carmen A. "Pop" Artessa

August 10, 1920 - January 24, 2007

Mr. Carmen A. "Pop" Artessa, age 86, of Sauquoit, passed away in the comfort of his home on Wednesday, January 24, 2007, following a courageous battle. At the time of his passing his loving family was by his side. Born in Utica on August 10, 1920, Carmen was the son of the late Fortunato and Maria (Greco) Artessa. He was raised and educated locally, and was a veteran and aerial gunner in the U.S. Army Air Corps. As a recipient of the Purple Heart and 2 Bronze Stars, he served his country during the European Theater of Operations. He also received the European-African-Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon and 2 Bronze Stars for Western Europe and the Air Offensive European Medal with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters. At one time he was wed to the former Joy C. Deuvall.

At one time he served as the recording secretary of the Laborers' Local Union #35 HOD carriers AFL-CIO, a position from which he retired. Over the years, Carmen was proud to be involved in various landmark construction sites such as the Munson-Williams-Proctor Arts Institute. A dependable person with strong convictions, he always shared his insight and advice when needed. He had a personality that would light up a room, and as a loving, benevolent, self-sacrificing man, he constantly provided to all his children and especially his grandchildren. His love for his grandchildren was endless, and he tended to their needs with great attention and devotion. He always remembered special occasions and went out of his way to offer beautiful and unique memories to his loved ones. He loved to cook and shared his home made meals with his

family and relatives. He was a communicant of St. Anthony of Padua Church. Carmen is survived by his children and their families, Thomas F. Artessa, Sr., Frederick T. Artessa, Sr. and Sheila Mastrovito, Gary M. and Christine M. Artessa, and Donna M. Artessa-Creedon and husband Bernie, Jr. Also surviving are his grandchildren, Thomas F. Artessa, Jr., Frederick T. Artessa, Jr., Karri M. Artessa, and Carleen V. Creedon; and his great-grandchild, Bianca Nicole. In addition, he leaves his sisters, Katherine "Kay" Poynter, and Betty Angerosa; his brothers and sisters-in-law, Anthony Artessa, Frank "Hank" Artessa, Joseph and Mary Artessa, and Morris and Pat Artessa, all of Utica; his nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and cousins. Carmen was favored with steadfast friends, Joe Graziano and his godson, Rocco Graziano. He was predeceased by his sisters, Rose Duggelby, and Angeline King; and his brother, Ottavio Artessa.

Sincere thanks are extended to Carmen's primary physician, Dr. Scott Brehaut for his care, compassion, and guidance, and to his attending nurses, Lynn, Debbie, and Gayle.

Visitation will be held on Sunday (today) from 2-5 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Carmen's funeral will commence on Monday morning at 8:00 from the funeral home and at 9:00 at St. Anthony of Padua Church, where his Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated. Interment will take place at Calvary Cemetery with military honors.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Not much on my mind. Basically not much exciting going on today. Eh.I looked at the world.##imported-begin##emanuelleer##imported-end##*

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February 19, 2008 at 02:43 PM



“ *Dear Fred..Dave and i would like to offer you and your family our deepest sympathy on the loss of your Dad...Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time..##imported-begin##sarah and dave hensel##imported-end##*

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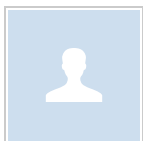
January 29, 2007 at 12:26 AM



“ *Carmen was very devoted to his family and was a warm hearted person. There were many gatherings at my Uncle Gary & Aunt Christine Artessa's home. Many times Carmen would be there & that always meant good conversation & many laughs. \*You will be missed\*##imported-begin##Janae LaClair##imported-end##*

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January 28, 2007 at 10:57 PM



“ *Christine and family,  
We didnt know your Dad personally but want to express our deepest sympathy to you and your family at this diffucult time.##imported-begin##Chuck, Bev and Stephen Covell ##imported-end##*

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January 28, 2007 at 10:05 PM



“ Donna, Bernie and family,  
We are very sorry to hear about the passing of your Dad. Please  
accept our deepest sympathy.  
Joanne & Chris Midlam##imported-begin##Joanne & Chris  
Midlam##imported-end##

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January 28, 2007 at 07:35 PM



“ With sincere sympathy to all of the Artessa family  
We know what a huge role Carmen was in your lives. Words cannot  
express the sorrow we are feeling for you. Know you are in our  
thoughts.##imported-begin##Steve , Booie & Seth  
LaClair##imported-end##

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January 28, 2007 at 01:01 PM



“ We would like to extend our deepest sympathy to the Artessa  
family.##imported-begin##Rick and Linda LaClair and  
family##imported-end##

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January 28, 2007 at 12:09 PM



“ Carmen was always a generous man that truly loved family. Just  
thinking of some of the funny memories with Carmen, puts a smile  
on our faces. He was a wonderful man and he will be  
missed.##imported-begin##Christopher & Deanna  
LaPaglia##imported-end##

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January 28, 2007 at 10:12 AM



“ My sincere condolences to all  
John Scala##imported-begin##John Scala##imported-end##

January 28, 2007 at 08:02 AM



“ Pop was a great man. He will be missed. My best to the  
family.##imported-begin##Kristin Dardano##imported-end##

January 26, 2007 at 09:28 PM



“ To one of my favorite uncles.Thank-you for saving my life.Say hello  
to my parents.Love, Gregg, Marlene and the girls##imported-  
begin##Gregg and Marlene Artessa##imported-end##

January 26, 2007 at 08:34 PM



“ Never to be matched. The best Dad, Pop, Santa Claus, Easter  
Bunny, Tooth Fairy! Who else would ever create a Heart Pizza for  
EACH of his special loved ones on Valentines Day? An 'Immortal  
Soul' Forever in our hearts.  
God's greatest gift to all of us! A brilliant man with the strongest  
convictions of the heart.##imported-begin##All of us!##imported-  
end##

January 26, 2007 at 04:12 PM



“ Sincere sympathy in the passing of your father. Sorry to hear of his  
passing. Regards, Nick Ciufu##imported-begin##Nick  
Ciufu##imported-end##

January 26, 2007 at 04:01 PM



“ Carmen was truly "one in a million." He was knowledgeable about a lot of things and was proud of his accomplishments especially being a part of the team that built MWPI. He loved to tell stories about that and we loved to listen.

We will miss him.##imported-begin##Maria and Richard Dardano##imported-end##

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January 26, 2007 at 03:17 PM



“ im sorry- carmen loved all his children so much.bob##imported-begin##robert a mcaleer##imported-end##

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January 26, 2007 at 09:00 AM



“ Rest in peace Uncle Carmen.##imported-begin##Andy Artessa##imported-end##

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January 26, 2007 at 08:57 AM