



Charles A. "Charlie" DiGeorgio

July 10, 1937 - May 9, 2012

Mr. Charles A. "Charlie" DiGeorgio, age 74, of Frankfort, passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, May 9, 2012 with his loving wife at his side. Born in Utica on July 10, 1937, Charles was the son of the late Giacinto "Jack" and Teresa E. (Coriale) DiGiorgio. He was raised and educated in Utica. On November 26, 1955 he married the former Margaret "Peggy" Berrus with whom he shared 56 years; Charlie and Peggy supported each other, made decisions together, and dedicated their lives to the happiness and well-being of their family. In 1965 Charlie and his family relocated to Frankfort. Charlie was employed by the New York State Department of Transportation for 37 years and upon his retirement he established and operated DiGeorgio Enterprises where he continued his work and love for automobiles. He was blessed with an excellent work ethic and had a natural mechanical inclination. He was an industrious man with a variety of occupational talents. He was adept in the operation of machines and tools of the trade, and he was professional, honest, and organized in his line of work. Charlie also valued his community and was generous with his time, talents, and charitable donations. He would go out of his way to help you anytime, anywhere. Charlie was also known to be vocal about what he deemed to be "right" and his fair-minded sense of justice. As a father, he held equality and fairness paramount, and he took pride in teaching his children his down-to-earth endeavors and expertise he acquired during his life, including gardening, farming, hunting, construction, and mechanics. He enjoyed holiday dinners and gatherings with the family all

together, and was so proud of his classic antique car collection. At one time, he was an enthusiast of Black Powder Rifles. In looking back on his life, Charlie was a good man of true character and generous to a fault.

Charlie is survived by his wife, Margaret "Peggy"; his children and their spouses, Charles "Chuck" DiGeorgio, Jr. and fiancée Barbara Higgins of Ilion, Mark and Jacqueline DiGeorgio of Herkimer, Patty and David Bower, Michael and Paula DiGeorgio, and Lorraine "Lorie" Gonyea and fiancé Sal Sgroi, all of Frankfort, and "Chipper", who he loved like a son, and Donna Pugliese of Herkimer. Always close to his heart was the memory of his son, Patrick H. "Pat" DiGeorgio, who passed away on November 9, 2010. He also leaves his 13 grandchildren, and 4 great-grandchildren, with one on-the-way. Also left to mourn his passing are his sisters and brother-in-law, Marguerite "Marge" Miller of Whitesboro, and Carmelita A. and John H. "Jack" Armstrong of FL; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, sister-in-law, Elizabeth Walters of Lowville; and the many friendships he cherished over his lifetime. He was predeceased by his sister, Jacqueline Lingle; brother-in-law, Robert G. Miller; and several in-laws.

The family is grateful to the doctors, nurses, and staff of the University of Maryland Medical Center and the R. Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center; and Dr. Sudershan Dang who worked so hard in caring for Charlie's family. Visitation will be held on Tuesday from 4-7 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Charlie's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Wednesday morning at 11:00 at the funeral home with Deacon James Bower officiating. Interment will follow in Calvary Cemetery in Herkimer.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery Herkimer

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 22. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.
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Utica, NY 13501
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Service

MAY 23. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Eannace Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Charles A. "Charlie" DiGeorgio



Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. - May 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Sherry Siegfried lit a candle in memory of Charles A. "Charlie" DiGeorgio



sherry siegfried - May 23, 2012 at 07:56 PM

SS

“ Aunt Peggy, it just seems like the other day you all were down here. It was always nice to see ya. My prayers and thoughts go out to all of you in this time of sorrow. Stay strong and get well soon. My love goes out to all of you, sorry I couldnt make it but you were in my thoughts,
Love your niece Sherry Siegfried

sherry siegfried - May 23, 2012 at 07:55 PM

RS

“ Rick Stillwell lit a candle in memory of Charles A. "Charlie" DiGeorgio



Rick stillwell - May 23, 2012 at 11:48 AM

RS

Chuck will be missed greatly, Please accept me condolences, I am truly sorry I could not be there for the family ,

Rick stillwell - May 23, 2012 at 11:51 AM

NR

“ Nate Russell sent a virtual gift in memory of Charles A. "Charlie" DiGeorgio



Nate Russell - May 22, 2012 at 09:38 AM

DR

“ Pop you will forever be in our hearts and memories. I feel very blessed to have had you so involved in my life growing up. You always were there to talk to and lend a helping hand. You brought our family close together and that’s something to be proud of; from our Sunday pasta dinners, to letting your grandkids borrow the limo to go to the mall, to Christmas Eve dinners. I want to thank you for always having faith in me and pushing me to be who I am today. You helped me out every time I ever called and needed anything; you were such a giving and understanding man. Even with my two speeding tickets; thank you for all you did. And honestly, what am I going to do without anyone telling me; hey Dani your butt’s getting too big. I miss you already. Love you Pop.



To my family and especially Nani: I’m sorry for our loss, and I pray God heals our pain and comforts us.

Danielle (DiGeorgio) Russell - May 22, 2012 at 09:27 AM

JF

“ Jim & Missy Ferdula lit a candle in memory of Charles A. "Charlie" DiGeorgio



Jim & Missy Ferdula - May 21, 2012 at 11:00 AM

MD

“ 3 files added to the album *New Album Name*



Mark DiGeorgio - May 20, 2012 at 11:22 AM

MD

“ 2 files added to the album *New Album Name*



Mark DiGeorgio - May 20, 2012 at 12:09 AM

MD

“ 4 files added to the album *New Album Name*



Mark DiGeorgio - May 19, 2012 at 07:51 PM

DM

“ *Mark, Jackie, and Amanda,
So sorry to hear about your Dad, (Grandpa). Even though I didn't know him personally you always talked so highly about him in our long conversations at the Cozy Corner...(Mark's favorite weekly shopping stop) :o) Love you guys like family, you are in my thoughts and prayers..with love Dana*

Dana Carney Madigan - May 18, 2012 at 09:32 AM

RB

*Chuck,
Pam and I want you to know how sorry we are for the loss of your father. We will keep you and yours in our prayers.
Rocco S. & Pamela R. Basi*

Rocco S. Basi - May 19, 2012 at 02:26 PM

KA

“ *Kenneth Allen lit a candle in memory of
Charles A. "Charlie" DiGeorgio*



Kenneth Allen - May 18, 2012 at 12:07 AM

CH

“ *Chuck sent a virtual gift in memory of Charles
A. "Charlie" DiGeorgio*



Chuck - May 17, 2012 at 07:45 PM

LT

“ I've been trying to decide what to write in this time of sorrow. I'm at a loss of words. Aunt Peggy and family you have our deepest sympathy. Life is taken unexpectedly from us. We are praying for your healing and speedy recovery. The coming days will be difficult; just to let you know we are available if you need anything or just to talk. As you said on the phone it's God's plan. You are a strong woman. May God Bless you, heal you and your family. In our prayers Brian & Lynn Tillson

Lynn Tillson - May 17, 2012 at 01:00 PM

BD

“ MOM,
You and Dad have always been like parents to me . I will always have fond memories of family get togethers and trips . The trips we all took with Dad were never dull . Dad would always pick a fight with me because he knew i would always fight with him .He would do it on purpose just for fun . He always had good advice to give and I always looked up to him . I love you Mom and Dad and he will be missed very much . I am so sorry that it happened this way . Just know I will ALWAYS be here for you .
brother and sisters in laws ,
I am so sorry for your loss . you always made me feel like apart of the family and I love you for that . I can not express how muh you all mean to me and I WILL ALWAYS be here for you . Bianca and I are deeply sorry .. love Bonnie and Bianca DiGeorgio

Bonnie DiGeorgio - May 16, 2012 at 09:07 PM

KA

“ Dear Aunt Peggy and cousins... It's hard to find the words to tell you how sorry I am for your loss. I know Uncle Charlie knew how much his family loved him and he was truly proud of all of you. Ours prayers will continue to go out for each of you in hopes in this time of sadness you stay strong. We will especially pray for you Aunt Peggy that you heal quickly.

We always keep a place in our hearts and minds for memories of those we loved that have passed on, we add a special place for you Uncle Charlie. From Karen, Nassef and Adam

Karen Ayouch - May 16, 2012 at 08:14 PM

KA

“ Karen Ayouch lit a candle in memory of Charles A. "Charlie" DiGeorgio



Karen Ayouch - May 16, 2012 at 07:54 PM



“ Mark Digeorgio sent a virtual gift in memory of Charles A. "Charlie" DiGeorgio



mark digeorgio - May 15, 2012 at 08:35 PM



“ *Mark Digeorgio lit a candle in memory of Charles A. "Charlie" DiGeorgio*



mark digeorgio - May 15, 2012 at 08:34 PM

DG

to aunt Peggy and my cousin I am so sorry for your loss it is hard to say good bye to a dad and to a husband the way you guys had to do but he knows that you all loved him and did what you could for him .He is now with his mother and father and his son and will be there when it is are time . I know he will be watching over his family from above because that is the way all fathers are .So look up and pick a star and that will be him .I LOVE YOU GUYS WITH ALL MY HEART . your cousin Denise and her family

Denise C garrow - May 15, 2012 at 08:49 PM



“ *Grandpa this is from my mom Jackie,*

*Dad I can't believe your gone, I love you, you were like a father to me. You always called up making jokes laughing with me about Mark. Remember the time you said you quit smoking "cold turkey" I said WOW!! thats easy to do, you mean you ate a piece of turkey?, Dad you were in stitches laughing you thought that was the funniest thing ive ever said!!!! We will miss you calling us up on the answering machine saying "hello Mark Hello Jack you up"!!! HELLO hang up call right back HELLO!!!! When MOM and DAD were in Florida they would go to walmart and Dad would say "I wonder if Jack is working" Thank you dad for thinking about me
God Bless You,
Love
Jacqueline DiGeorgio*

Amanda DiGeorgio - May 15, 2012 at 04:29 PM



“ Amanda DiGeorgio lit a candle in memory of Charles A. "Charlie" DiGeorgio



Amanda DiGeorgio - May 15, 2012 at 04:18 PM



“ Aunt Peggy, Our thoughts are prays go out to you and your family during this heart breaking time.



Tim and Tracye DiGeorgio - May 15, 2012 at 08:28 AM



“ Tim And Tracye DiGeorgio lit a candle in memory of Charles A. "Charlie" DiGeorgio



Tim and Tracye DiGeorgio - May 15, 2012 at 08:16 AM



“ *Lorraine, Scott, and Tiffany*
I am so deeply for the loss of a father and grandfather. He will always be in your hearts. Now is not the time to forget all the memories you had. Cherish each and everyone like was yesterday. My deepest sympathy to you, and your family. If there is anything I can do please let me know. Love you all and you are in my prayers.



Karen Brenton - May 15, 2012 at 01:28 AM

BH

“ *Aunt Peggy and the entire DiGeorgio family please accept my deepest sympathy and may God's peace comfort you.*

Barb Heck



Barb Heck - May 14, 2012 at 08:10 PM



“ *Tiffany Gonyea lit a candle in memory of Charles A. "Charlie" DiGeorgio*



Tiffany Gonyea - May 14, 2012 at 02:18 PM



“ Grandpa,
May your soul go on living and the love you have for everyone continues. That is shown through your wife, children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren of those that are here now and for the future ones on their way. Continue to always watch over us in the enjoyment of our lives and also in our time of need looking down with pride in your eyes that we have done well for ourselves. Rest in peace knowing that we all loved you and cherished the time we a had with you. Until we meet again.

love always,
Tiffany and Cameron

Tiffany Gonyea - May 14, 2012 at 02:18 PM



“ I am very sorry to hear of my cousins Charlie's untimely death. My prayers go out to his entire family. We had many very good conversations, and was always treated very well by Charlie when we visited Utica. Charlie will be missed by his entire large family.

Sal & Gayle Coriale
Magnolia, Texas

Sal Coriale - May 14, 2012 at 11:25 AM



“ Tish Fuller lit a candle in memory of Charles A. "Charlie" DiGeorgio



Tish Fuller - May 14, 2012 at 10:38 AM



Danielle is my co-worker and she is a delight and very obviously loved her grandfather very much. I second an earlier comment that she is a living testament to him. My sincere condolences to the family he was so proud of and to his wife and partner of so many years.

Tish Fuller - May 14, 2012 at 10:46 AM

BP

“ *Bonnie Paraschos lit a candle in memory of Charles A. "Charlie" DiGeorgio*



Bonnie Paraschos - May 14, 2012 at 09:42 AM

BP

I have had the privilege of working with Mr. DiGeorgio's granddaughter, Danielle, and she often spoke of him with great love and affection. Danielle is such a lovely person, and she is a living testament to her wonderful grandfather.

Bonnie Paraschos - May 14, 2012 at 09:45 AM

BB

“ *Brett & Jessica Barnes lit a candle in memory of Charles A. "Charlie" DiGeorgio*



Brett & Jessica Barnes - May 14, 2012 at 08:32 AM

LJ

“ *We are so sorry to hear about your loss. You are in our thoughts at this difficult time.*

Linda and Jim Jordan - May 14, 2012 at 07:12 AM

ND

“ *Nicole Dawley lit a candle in memory of Charles A. "Charlie" DiGeorgio*



Nicole Dawley - May 13, 2012 at 09:59 PM



“ *Amanda DiGeorgio lit a candle in memory of Charles A. "Charlie" DiGeorgio*



Amanda DiGeorgio - May 13, 2012 at 07:32 PM



“ *Grandpa I will always remember all of us grandchildren as children running around your house knocking the clock down over and over and you yelling "what are those kids doing out there".... I will remember you always picking on how light skinned I looked for being Italian. And I will miss not getting to tell you stories of my parents and you laughing I loved your laugh!!!! you will truly be missed this is so sad and such a shock.....till we meet again I love you*

Amanda

Amanda DiGeorgio - May 13, 2012 at 07:30 PM

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Please watch over Ken and I on our wedding day <3.

1024lee85 - May 14, 2012 at 09:51 AM

SK

“ Aunt Peggy and family, Our prayers and thoughts are with all of you at this time.

Love, Steve, Cyndi, Zack & Alex Kozak

Steve & Cyndi Kozak - May 13, 2012 at 01:45 PM

SK

“ Steve & Cyndi Kozak lit a candle in memory of Charles A. "Charlie" DiGeorgio



Steve & Cyndi Kozak - May 13, 2012 at 01:43 PM

DR

you will always be here in thought ..you have raised, such a wonderful family..where everyone always felt welcome.your memory will live on though out the heart of many. As you will never be forgotten! Debbie Reinhardt

Debra Reinhardt - May 13, 2012 at 08:22 PM