



Deacon John A. Lee

June 24, 1937 - May 4, 2007

Deacon John A. Lee, age 69, of Utica, passed away unexpectedly on Friday, May 4, 2007 at the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center. His loving family was by his side at the time of his passing.

Born in Utica on June 24, 1937, John was the son of the late Edward A. and Julia (Calogero) Lee. He was raised and educated in Utica and graduated from T. R. Proctor High School in 1955. He furthered his education at Utica College, earning a business degree. A U.S. Veteran he proudly served with the U.S. Navy. On April 28, 1962 he was joined in the sacrament of marriage to the former Barbara A. Fiore. The couple's married life was an example of perfect love and respect for one another. A hard worker all his life, Deacon John held a position as district manager for Distribution Services, Inc., retiring in 1998. His family was his utmost priority, and he was always available for anyone who needed him. He could never do enough to assist people. Graced with humor and vitality, he was a positive, happy individual who always had a smile on his face.

In 1994 he began his studies for the Holy Order of Deaconate and was ordained a Deacon in 1998 at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Syracuse. Prior to attending the Deaconate, he was involved in many areas of the church assisting in any capacity possible. Caring and compassionate with a strong faith in God and a dedication to the catholic and the deacon community, he served on many committees, representing the Eastern Region and the Utica/Rome area. His forte was in keeping the local deacon

community united, meeting every Tuesday morning for prayer and sharing. He was stellar in his vocation. He also served as Deacon and Spiritual Advisor for the Knights of St. John Commandery #385, and the Knights of Columbus Utica Counsel chaplain. During his leisure time he enjoyed the game of golf. He was an organizer and coach for little league baseball when his son Ed participated in the sport. He was an avid New York Yankees fan and a supporter of the Syracuse Orangemen. He was a communicant of both Sacred Heart Church and St. Mary's Church in New York Mills.

Deacon John is survived by his wife Barbara; his daughter and son-in-law, Carla and Sean Ryan of Whitesboro; his son and daughter-in-law, Ed Lee and Alyssa Lee-Kenney of Wisconsin; He mourned the loss of his grandson, Daniel Patrick Ryan, who passed away on August 22, 2006. Also surviving are his sisters and brothers-in-law, Josephine and Frederick Kilburn, Edwina and Robert Fitzpatrick, Theresa and Robert Aliasso, Kathleen and Donald Broccoli, all of Utica, Rosalind "Roz" Lee of New Hartford; his brothers and sister-in-law, Richard and Joan Lee, and David (Lee) Lia, all of Myrtle Beach, SC. His extended family includes his many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and cousins; his mother-in-law, Betty Fiore, and his in-laws, Aline Lee, and Carl and Annette Fiore, all of Utica; and his many dear friends, too numerous to mention. He was predeceased by his brother, Carmen P. Lee; and his father-in-law, Patrick Fiore.

The family wishes to thank Officer James Toomey of the New York Mills Police Dept., the staff of the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center, including the Critical Care Unit (CCU) 2nd Floor, and the Emergency Room Staff and Kunkel Ambulance. Appreciation is also extended to Dr. Mathew Ulahannan and Dr. Atul Butala. The genuine friendship and commitment shared with Father John Flanagan and Father Val Krul were of great value and inspiration to John and his family.

Visitation will be held Monday (today) from 4:00 – 8:00 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Ann St., Utica. A Deacon vigil will be conducted at 4:15 p.m. The Knights of John Commandery # 385 will conduct ritualistic services at

8:00 p.m. By family request, please omit floral offerings. For those wishing to do so, memorial donations in Deacon John A. Lee's honor may be made to Sacred Heart Catholic Church; envelopes will be available at the visitation. Deacon John's Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Tuesday morning at 9:30 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Interment will take place at 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.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 7. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Sacred Heart Church
2115 Caroline Ave
Utica, NY

Service

MAY 8. 9:30 AM (ET)

Sacred Heart Church
2115 Caroline Ave
Utica, NY

Tribute Wall



“ Dear Barb,

My name is Bob Carr with the Hamilton News Co. and formerly Family Circle Magazine. The news of John's passing just reached us here in Albany today and we are all deeply saddened to hear of his passing. Please accept the condolences of all of us at Hamilton News.

I admired John for his work ethic and after his retirement from DSI his "second career" with the Church. He was an inspiration to me and I am a better person for having known him.

God Bless you and your entire family

Sinccerly,

Bob Carr###imported-begin##Bob Carr###imported-end##

July 18, 2007 at 03:39 PM



“ Barb and family, We are so sorry for your loss. John was a wonderful man. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Jim, Heidi, Kayla and Guy Viti###imported-begin##Heidi Viti###imported-end##

May 10, 2007 at 06:40 PM



“ I am writing today from India having just heard the sad news. While I only met John on a few occasions, every time I did I was touched by his kindness, humility, warmth, openness to everyone, and contagious love of others. John was truly a man of God. I wish I had been given the chance to know him better. Sadly I knew him more through the stories my true friend, Ed, shared with me of his father. Over and over I heard of a man who was patient, wise, giving, and understanding. Ed considered himself to have been blessed to have had such an amazing father. All of Ed's friends lived vicariously through him as he told wonderful stories of his father and when I met John for the first time I could see why Ed felt so strongly about him. Today my prayers go out to the whole Lee family, and even though I am far away at this moment you are all in my heart.
God be with you,
Brian Williams
Agra, India
May 10, 2007###imported-begin##Brian Williams##imported-end##

May 10, 2007 at 07:34 AM



“ Barbara & Family

Jimmy & I are sorry for your loss, John was a great guy, I just want you & the rest of your family know how sad we feel.

With our Deepest Sympthy

Maryrose (Grasso) & Jim Schiavetta###imported-begin##Maryrose & Jim Schiavetta##imported-end##

May 09, 2007 at 03:42 PM



“ Dear Ed

Losing a loved one is difficult. I send many thoughts to you and your family.

Regards.##imported-begin##Annette Miller##imported-end##

May 09, 2007 at 12:11 PM



“ Dear Barbara. I don't know if you will remember me, but my heart goes out to you and your family. My husband died last September and I know I will never be the same. No one knows your heart ache unless they have been there, Trust in God and your family. God Bless Loretta Rabice Nafis##imported-begin##Loretta Nafis##imported-end##

May 08, 2007 at 07:35 PM



“ I remember Johnny as a warm and friendly person. This was many years ago when we were both kids in East Utica. My sympathy to all his brothers and sisters.##imported-begin##Antoinette Azzarito##imported-end##

May 08, 2007 at 03:39 PM



“ My prayers are with your family.##imported-begin##Sterling Lynk##imported-end##

May 08, 2007 at 12:52 PM



“ Barb and family,
Sending our deepest sympathy from Florida. We are saddened to hear of your loss and the loss to the entire Sacred Heart Community. John devoted so much of himself to all and will be greatly missed. Our love and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Joe and Ellen Haug##imported-end##

May 08, 2007 at 12:50 PM



“ Barb,....deepest sympathies from myself and my family on Johns passing!! He will be remembered always as a good friend and neighbor!! I loved the old days when we used to sit on Paul T's porch and talk about anything and everything!! God Bless you all !!##imported-begin##Bob Malachowski Sr.##imported-end##

May 08, 2007 at 12:27 PM



“ Dear Barbara & Family

Amy and I are greatly saddened for your loss. John had that beaming smile and We are sure he is looking down from Heaven with it. Both you and John were of enormous help to Jeaneatte and Michelle over these many years. Stay strong and cherish the memories. We are sorry we could not come to the funeral. Our sincere sympathy.

Mark & Amy##imported-begin##Mark & Amy Cacoza##imported-end##

May 08, 2007 at 09:01 AM



“ DEAR BARB AND FAMILY,

PLEASE ACCEPT OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY IN THE LOSS OF YOUR HUSBAND,FATHER AND GRANDFATHER . WE ARE DEEPLY SADDENED BY HIS PASSING.

WITH SYMPATHY,
ROSE ,ROBERT, AND JULIE KONOWALSKI##imported-
begin##ROSE, ROBERT AND JULIE KONOWALSKI##imported-
end##

May 07, 2007 at 06:44 PM



“ We are so very sad to hear about Ed's dad. I am happy that I too got to meet John in Wisconsin when Ed and I were roommates. Our prayers go out to you and your family. Love, Dominique & John Lawrenz##imported-begin##Dominique & John Lawrenz##imported-end##

May 07, 2007 at 12:46 PM



“ Ed and family we are so sorry to hear about your father, we will have you and your family in our prayers. Let us know if there is anything you need.

Judith##imported-begin##Judith Rosario & Lydia Colon##imported-
end##

May 07, 2007 at 12:44 PM



“ *Ed Lee & Family,*

We are praying for you, through your rough times, with God it will be alright.

Denise##imported-begin##Denise Hardnett & Family##imported-end##

May 07, 2007 at 12:40 PM



“ *Ed and Family:*

Our hearts go out to you and your family. From knowing you, I've learned how intellegent and compassionate you are. From reading about your father John, I now know who has inspired you to be you. He has left a beautiful mark in this world like a seashell. Seashells remind us that every passing life leaves something beautiful behind. May beauty live on in your memories of your dad and bring you peace. In the sad times of life, it's part of God's plan for friends to help friends in any way that they can. You can call on me any time, Ed. May you find strength in your faith, comfort in God's love, and peace in knowing your friends and colleagues are praying for you. You have my deepest sympathy.##imported-begin##Walter & Cookie Cowan##imported-end##

May 07, 2007 at 12:04 PM



“ *Ed, I am very sorry to hear about the loss of your father. I know that his spirit and love will be with you and your family forever . My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.##imported-begin##Katherine Bolton##imported-end##*

May 07, 2007 at 12:03 PM



“ My deepest sympathy goes out the all of Deacon John's family. My prayers are with you all.##imported-begin##Eugene F. Kaczor##imported-end##

May 07, 2007 at 11:34 AM



“ Sorry for your loss. May The Greater Being bless your family.##imported-begin##Charles E Booker##imported-end##

May 07, 2007 at 11:32 AM



“ Ed and Alyssa and family- Ed I am so sorry for your loss so unexpectedly. I cannot imagine what you and your family are feeling at this moment. I do know in the short time I have known you, that your family means the world to you...I hope you all find comfort and strength with each other. Know that we are thinking of you and your family back in Madison.##imported-begin##Erin Broome & R.J. ##imported-end##

May 07, 2007 at 11:32 AM



“ Ed - I'm so sorry to hear of your father's passing. Please know that you and your family are in my family's thoughts and prayers. Your father sounds like he was a loving husband, a devoted father and a generously loved member of your extended family. - All my best to you, Carla Phillips##imported-begin##Carla Phillips and Family##imported-end##

May 07, 2007 at 11:28 AM



“ Ed and family, we are so very sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers go out to your family. We are thinking about you and if there is anything that we can do just ask. Sydney wants to give you a hug when she sees you next. I think Ella and Mason will also. Your friend Mike.##imported-begin##Michael and Kim Waterfield##imported-end##

May 07, 2007 at 10:26 AM



“ Dear Aunt Barb,
We are so sorry for the loss of Uncle John. He will be greatly missed. We have many happy memories of Uncle John and your family. Please know that we will be praying for you.
Our deepest sympathy.
Jaye, Dave, Lindsey and Justin##imported-begin##Jaye, Dave, Lindsey and Justin Williams##imported-end##

May 07, 2007 at 09:56 AM



“ Barb and Family,
From when I was a young boy, thru my teen years and then on thru my adult life John was always my mentor, friend and favorite cousin. ALL of my good memories of Utica are the times I spent with John who always made my day. The best part of my annual trip to Utica was our annual dinner together. While no words of mine can ease your loss, I just want you to know that we are grieving with you.
Please accept our deepest sympathy.

Paul & Evone Calogero
Okinawa, Japan##imported-begin##Paul & Evone Calogero##imported-end##

May 07, 2007 at 06:50 AM



“ The word 'Sorrow' cannot begin to describe the feelings we are experiencing at this time. Please know, Barbara, how much we loved and respected John and that our love is extended to you and your family in this, your time of loss. John walks with Jesus now, in a closer way. Jesus has his arm around John's shoulder and whispers in his ear... "Well done good and faithful Servant."###imported-begin##Deacon Gil & Mary Nadeau###imported-end##

May 07, 2007 at 04:58 AM



“ Dear Barbara, I want you to know my prayers will be said for you this week. I am in Charlotte NC living next door to Gene my sister and have been here since 2003. I will tell Gene about John passing. Please say hello to your Mom for us. Your friend from many years ago. Loretta###imported-begin##Loretta Marks###imported-end##

May 06, 2007 at 09:36 PM



“ Ed and family,

We are so sorry for your loss. We are so happy we were able to meet John at Ed and Alyssa's wedding as we got to see what a wonderful person and father he was. Please know our thoughts and prayers are with you always and every day.

Love, Don and Elizabeth Hanigan###imported-begin##Don and Elizabeth Hanigan###imported-end##

May 06, 2007 at 07:16 PM



“ Barb,

I'm sorry for your loss! My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

God Bless,

Sarah Dupont##imported-begin##Sarah Dupont ##imported-end##

May 06, 2007 at 04:16 PM



“ *My dearest Barbara and family, I was so shocked, John will be greatly missed. We have a lot of good memories.*

I love you, prayers are with you all.

Judy & Ray##imported-begin##Judy & Ray Dunlop##imported-end##

May 06, 2007 at 11:51 AM



“ Barb

This is Cathy, Judy's little sister, who used to live in Yorkille, but we moved to Florida last July.

I am sorry to see John's passing. I did forward it on to Judy and Ray.

You both were and still am! a special part of our lives...and you know why!

28 Years ago you both were at our wedding, and I will never ever forget you!

You helped my sister Judy, and I am sure you helped alot more families you and John! God Bless you and may the Lord be with you during this time!

Love always,

Cathy and Bruce Larrabee##imported-begin##Cathy and Bruce Larrabee##imported-end##

May 06, 2007 at 12:23 AM