



## Mr. Donald A. De Rosa

March 7, 1930 - July 9, 2022

UTICA/NEW HARTFORD - Mr. Donald A. De Rosa, age 92, passed away peacefully, and was reunited with his son Jeffrey on Saturday, July 9, 2022 in the comfort of his home. At the time of his passing his wife was with him, and he was also in the hearts of those he loved most.

Don was born on March 7, 1930 in Utica, the son of the late Anthony C. and Rose (Flint) De Rosa.

He was a graduate of T.R. Proctor High School/Class of 1948. Following graduation, he served in the US Navy as an Aviation Electronics Technician assigned to VF-71, at Quonset Point, RI. Following military service, he enrolled in Utica College of Syracuse University where he was inducted into Alpha Phi Delta Fraternity and Phi Alpha Theta Scholastic Honor Fraternity, graduating in 1954. While enrolled as a student, Don worked at the Bank of Utica.

On December 20, 1953 he was united in marriage to the former Marlene J. Juracek of Wausa, Nebraska; they shared a beautiful and wonderful partnership of more than 68 years.

Don retired from General Electric as Program Manager with 35 years of service. He was a member of the Quarter Century Club, the GE Elfun Society, and a participant in the Loaned Executive Program. His community activities and memberships include: Charter and Emeritus member of Utica College's Board of Trustees, recipient of the College Service and Hall of Fame Awards, Emeritus member of the National Alumni Council, and a Director of the

College's Foundation Board; Past Chair, Oriskany District BSA Advancement Committee, its Eagle Scout Program, and recipient of the District's Award of Merit; former Instructor, Adult Education Program for the Utica City School District; Knights of Columbus 4th Degree; Past President, Oriskany-Whitestown Rotary; Life Master, American Contract Bridge League; Boilermaker volunteer; member of the American Legion Post 1376, and the United States Naval Institute. Don also holds a commission as 2nd Lieutenant in the Utica Citizens Corps. He was a communicant of the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Don's many and varied interests include: Family oriented activities, reading, duplicate bridge, chess, golf, and fishing. He and Marlene have traveled extensively both domestically and abroad which included 18 cruises (300 hours!). In his own words, "It has truly been a well-rounded, balanced, enriching, loving, and blessed life for which I was most grateful". He has never forgotten those wonderful formative, preteen years living on Jay St. with his maternal grandparents and Aunt Mary. The Proctor High School years as well as membership in the Utica Citizens Cadet Corps attaining the rank of Battalion Sergeant-Major, had a profound impact on him.

Don is survived by his cherished wife, Marlene; sons, David C. De Rosa, and Thomas and his wife, Dr. Elizabeth Regosin. Always close to his heart was the memory of his son, Jeffrey D. De Rosa, who passed away on November 24, 1987. He also leaves his grandchildren, Courtney De Rosa; Brittany De Rosa, Anna De Rosa, and Eleanor De Rosa; his great-grandchildren, Dylan Faltisko, and Angelina Faltisko, and Molly Sainsbury; in-laws, Lauren and Elda Juracek, Richard and Sharlene Juracek, and Glenda and Le Roy Hansen; as well as many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and multiple friends. He was predeceased by his sister-in-law Blondell and her husband, Stanley Greguson.

Visitation will be held Thursday, July 14, 2022 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the Eannace Funeral Home, 932 South Street, corner of Hammond Ave. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Kelberman Center online at <https://>

[www.kelbermancenter.org/giving/](http://www.kelbermancenter.org/giving/); envelopes will also be available at the funeral home. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Donald's funeral service and Celebration of Life which will commence on Friday, July 15, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. at Mary, Mother of Our Savior Parish, Lourdes Campus, 2222 Genesee St., where his Mass of Christian Burial will be offered with Military Honors conferred by the US Navy. Entombment will take place in Christ Our Savior Mausoleum at Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

# Cemetery Details

## Christ Our Savior Mausoleum at Calvary Cemetery

2407 Oneida Street  
Utica, NY

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

JUL 15. 11:00 AM (ET)

Mary, Mother of Our Savior Parish, Lourdes Campus  
2222 Genesee St.  
Utica, NY 13502  
<https://www.motherofoursavior.org/CatholicChurch.php>

# Tribute Wall

CS

“ *Tom, Lizzy and family. We are so sorry to hear of your dads passing. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Tom & Cathy Sunderlin*

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**Cathy Sunderlin** - July 18, 2022 at 11:54 PM



“ *Uncle Don, truly a unique and very intelligent man. Being reunited with Jeff actually makes me smile. Bless the family. Love, Chris and Kristy Juracek*

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**Chris Juracek** - July 15, 2022 at 08:47 PM

RO

“ *My sincere sympathy and prayers to Tom and family. Roland & Ellen Emerton*

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**Roland** - July 15, 2022 at 06:22 AM

DM

“ I knew Don from his time as a trustee and then for a few years before the pandemic changed our lives. Don and Marlene attended a Wednesday Lunch Hour Series Performance and he introduced himself to me afterwards. It was a brief conversation but his wide range of interests immediately struck me. When he and Marlene attended the next performance Don handed me an article dealing with Native American Anthropology and some native plant uses. They attended the series on a number of occasions, and it was always a pleasure to say hello, however briefly. His love and dedication to the institution was always evident. I count it a privilege to have known Don and wish my sincerest condolences to Marlene and the rest of the family.

Dave Moore

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Dave Moore - July 14, 2022 at 11:56 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Donald A. De Rosa.



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July 13, 2022 at 01:13 PM

CH

“ I'm very sad to read about Don's passing he was a true gentleman. Rest in Peace Don. Sincerely Claudia Hyatt

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Claudia A. Hyatt - July 13, 2022 at 10:37 AM

BP

“ *Sending love and prayers to Aunt Marlene, cousins Tom, and David. So sorry to hear of Uncle Don's passing. Thinking of you.*



Brenda Juracek Pick - July 13, 2022 at 09:37 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mr. Donald A. De Rosa.*



July 12, 2022 at 11:55 PM

MK

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Matt Kiefer - July 12, 2022 at 06:15 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Donald A. De Rosa.*



July 12, 2022 at 04:44 PM

FB

“ *The list of Don's activities says it all--a truly remarkable man has gone Home.  
I was privileged to know him during some of his time as a Utica College trustee; no one could have cared more deeply for his Alma Mater.  
While mourning his passing, his family and everyone who knew him will celebrate his life.  
My heartfelt sympathy to his family.*

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**Frank Bergmann** - July 12, 2022 at 04:16 PM

JW

“ *Our deepest condolences to the entire family- John and Mia Wicke*

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**john wicke** - July 12, 2022 at 03:43 PM

EB

“ *Sending my deepest condolences to Tom and the entire De Rosa family.*

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**Erin Basford** - July 12, 2022 at 12:57 PM

MY

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.*

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**Mishelle Yaddow** - July 12, 2022 at 12:52 PM