



## Ernest A. "Ernie" Talerico, Sr.

June 22, 1921 - September 23, 2008

Mr. Ernest A. "Ernie" Talerico, Sr., age 87, a native Utican more recently of Deltona, Florida, passed away on Tuesday, September 23, 2008 at the Charles T. Sitrin Healthcare Center with the love and support of his family by his side.

Born in Utica on June 22, 1921, Ernest was the son of the late Dominick and Anna (Talarico) Talerico. He was raised and educated in Utica. A proud veteran of World War II, he served his country in the U. S. Army stationed in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater of Operations. In August of 1954 he married the former Anna Meyers with whom he shared 27 years prior to her passing on November 18, 1981. As a couple, they enjoyed one another and supported each other's causes.

Ernie worked for a number of companies during his career as a meat cutter, including Utica Veal, Sambro Meats, and G & L Packing, the position from which he retired. He was a wonderful cook and baker, and he shared his specialties in abundance with hospitality. Ernie was a selfless man who never denied helping others with much sincerity and empathized with friends and loved ones and prayed for them on a daily basis. Blessed with many generations of his family, Ernie loved to attend his grandchildren's sporting events. Very versatile, he was also gifted with the vocals which allowed him to sing any Frank Sinatra song in his characteristic smooth style. He enjoyed games of chance, bingo trips, and the New York Yankees; he was an expert of the players and their statistics. He dearly missed his feline companions,

Sable, Ginger, and Tiger. He was a member of The American Legion Post # 625 Charles H. Adrean Post where he served as past commander for several terms and was a devoted coordinator of the Sunday Bingo night. More recently, he was affiliated with The American Legion Post #229 as a lifetime member. He was also a member of the Local #1 Meatcutters Union.

Ernie is survived by his children and their spouses, Cheryl and Arthur Seifried of Schuyler, Sandra Vatalaro and James Spratt of Utica, Anna Marie Cashmer and fiancé Matthew Allen of Schuyler, Ernest A. Talerico, Jr. and Allison Mannino of Sherrill, Richard and Evelyn Talerico of FL, Ernest Anthony Talerico of Ohio, Debra Stiles of MN, Cecelia Kerwin of Schuyler, and his daughter-in-law, Joan. He was preceded in death by his sons, Ronald Jay Talerico who passed away in 1998, and Samuel J. Talerico in 1987. In addition, he leaves 20 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; his brother and sister-in-law, Thomas and Lucy Talerico of Utica; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and in-laws, Jane N. Talerico, and Jessie Talerico, both of Utica. He also leaves his longtime friend, Frank Pantola. He was predeceased by his sisters and brother-in-law, Angela and Sam Santino, and Antoinette J. Talerico; his brothers and sisters-in-law, Peter "Andrew" and Carmella Talerico, Joseph "Jersey" and Bertha Talerico, Dominick and Frances Talerico, Samuel Talerico, and Frank Talerico; a son-in-law, Keith Kerwin; and his companion, Sally Sholes.

The family is grateful to the nurses and staff of the Charles T. Sitrin Healthcare Center who cared for Ernie with much compassion, and the staff of Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc. for their comfort and support.

Visitation will be held Saturday from 12:00-2:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. By family request, please omit floral offerings. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Ernest's funeral service and Celebration of Life which will commence on Saturday afternoon at 2:00 at the funeral home immediately upon conclusion of visitation with Fr. Anthony LaFache officiating. Military Honors will be conferred. Interment will take place at Forest Hill Cemetery at the

convenience of the family.

# Tribute Wall



“ He was a great person, and I loved him dearly.##imported-begin##David##imported-end##

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October 05, 2008 at 04:17 PM



“ My father, Andy Frank, always spoke highly of Mr. Talerico. I congratulate Mr. Talerico for a life well lived, and offer my humblest condolences to the Talerico family for their loss. Vaya con dios.

Gary E. Frank##imported-begin##Gary Frank##imported-end##

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September 26, 2008 at 03:35 PM



“ I Am So Sorry for Your Loss, You Have My Deepest Sympathy.Although it's difficult to see beyond the sorrow, May looking back in memory help comfort you tomorrow,"Ernie" brought so much joy all of our lives. We will never forget him! With heartfelt condolences##imported-begin##Sherry Tulej##imported-end##

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September 26, 2008 at 12:04 PM



“ I will miss you. In heaven you will find peace. You always treated me like a son and you will be greatly missed by everyone who knew you,Powerful strong man that kept the family together. The holidays we shared will be forever a memory in all of our lives. I love you dad. love steve##imported-begin##Steven Taylor##imported-end##

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September 26, 2008 at 10:13 AM



“ *In Loving memory of my father, Im so sad your gone, forever loved and never will be forgotten. A Proud man you are and the greatest father ever.Im thankful for having you as my father. There will never be enough words to explain a great man.You made me who I am today. the love I have for you can never be taken away.Love always*###imported-begin##Charlene M Taylor###imported-end##

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September 26, 2008 at 10:06 AM



“ *To everyone in the family:  
I am deeply sorry for your loss, he will be missed! He is in a better place now and will be happy there. He always made everybody feel at home! Always tried to sneak you that extra \$10 in your hand around the holiday or whatever you might have been at the house for! He was a very loving man. Be happy he lived a long life filled with love from all this family and friends. Again, I am sorry. Keep your heads up and smile.*###imported-begin##Maria Zielinski###imported-end##

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September 25, 2008 at 01:57 PM



“ my grandfather loved all an never had regrets he never let regrets live his life.he lived for the day that tomorrow he may not be here.he was love an he let love be him, he gave it he shine it an he let u know he loved u because he knew when his life ends thats what he will pass with one day with nothing but flash backs of his life an all of yours.my grandfather never got busy picking up old stones while the rocks are near by because a lifetime of regret may kill u but to forgive a regret will make a million smiles so be love an let love be u.an love each moment of life like my popie did because life is short as well as the day.learn to move on with a regret an to understand it because we will all make a regret in life as well as carry one but we need to not carry it but to understand it we are all one of a kind an u will never meet a person like my grandfather or i or ur self.so no matter what a regret i made or u made i will die one day like my grandfather with the memorie of me loving u as well as u loving me no matter what regret i had made###imported-begin##sandra lopez###imported-end##

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September 25, 2008 at 10:17 AM



“ I will miss u so much.I am sad how things ended but iam happy that god let u come an be with us in ur last months.it was almost 12y since i seen u an the phone calls for the last 12y will always stay as memories as well as the great hoildays an when u came an made me sauce an shown me the right way..well popie iam sorry i made u upset bye cryin but u mad me smile when( u said take the gum take the tv take everything but stop cryin) i was so sad to let u go.I had to go because i had the kids an i did not want u hear me cry an more..but i came bk the next day an i stayed with u..i love u so much xoxoxox.well we can not go back in time to make up 12y of lost memories an pictures but i have the phone calls an the cards that i will always keep an the last few months of memories with u..iam glad an it made me feel good when u had ma take u to me just so we can see eachother or to just give me a kiss..it was so sweet popie iam happy u got to meet ur greatgrandchildren as well. boy alyssa love u so much an call u greatpopie with my yankee head.iam also happy we all got new pictures as well an them pictures will alway tell a story forever###imported-begin##sandra lopez###imported-end###

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September 25, 2008 at 09:47 AM