



## Felix J. "Phil" Colosimo

June 6, 1926 - April 7, 2008

Mr. Felix J. "Phil" Colosimo, age 81, of Utica, passed away on Monday, April 7, 2008, at the Faxon-St. Luke's Healthcare Center with his loving family by his side.

Born in Utica on June 6, 1926, Felix was the son of the late Joseph and Catherine (Scalise) Colosimo. Raised and educated locally, he attended T. R. Proctor High School. A proud veteran of World War II, he served his country in the U. S. Army in the American, European, African, and Middle Eastern Theaters of Operation. On September 4, 1948 he married the former Mary Velletto who passed away on December 24, 1992. He truly loved and adored their 44 year marriage and he held Mary in his heart until his last day.

Phil's working career began at the Griffiss Air Force Base where he was a bus driver. He then gained employment as a foreman at Dodge Graphic Co., retiring in 1985 due to his health. As a loving family man, his daughters were the joy of his life and the blessing of grandchildren and great-grandchildren made his life complete and satisfying. His traditional ways were honored, respected, and instilled through his teachings. His greatest accomplishment was to be able to provide for his family and see his girls happy in their lives. In his earlier years, he enjoyed social gatherings where there was wine, laughter, dinner, and card playing. He always looked forward to "Tuesdays" when he and his family carried on the traditions of getting together to enjoy a meal. Among his hobbies, he enjoyed working in his vegetable garden, drying and preparing sausage in the oil, and making wine. A die-hard Yankees fan, he

was also very involved in Little League baseball, where he began as a coach, eventually moving to the position of president of the Players Association and because of his knowledge and dedication, he ultimately served as commissioner. He was a parishioner of St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish and a former member of the Holy Name Society. He also served as a church usher.

Phil is survived by his daughters and son-in-law, Catherine A. Inman of Utica, Laura Colosimo, and Deborah A. Alsheimer, both of Whitesboro, Felicia M. and David Salvatore of Yorkville, and his “special daughter”, Patti Lemon. Always close to his heart was the memory of his son, Joseph A. Colosimo who passed away in 1994, and his infant grandson, Joseph A. Colosimo, Jr. who passed away in 1972. Also surviving is his daughter-in-law, Cindy; his grandchildren, Herbert and Laura Inman, Scott and Jackie Inman; Felix J. and Jessica Colosimo, Jamie and Alyson Colosimo, Andrew and Krystal Colosimo; Sarah Alsheimer, and Steven Alsheimer of Mt. Pleasant, SC; and his special four-legged grandchild, “Maggie”; his great-grandchildren, Nicole and Anthony; Michael and Amanda; Alyssa and Alexa; Cabrini, and Arabella; and Mia. Survivors also include his sisters, Connie Emilian, and Grace Jackson, both of Utica; his nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and cousins; his father-in-law, Anthony Elacqua; sister-in-law, Joan Velletto of Frankfort; and special remembrance of his friend, Carmella Rowland. He was predeceased by his 5 sisters, 4 brothers, and their spouses; and his mother-in-law, Laura Elacqua.

The family extends sincere thanks to Dr. Christopher Max, Dr. Ira Tisch, and Dr. Stephen Sperling; the staff of the Faxton-St. Luke’s Healthcare Center, the nurses of the Critical Care Unit, with special mention of Peter and Sara, and Emergency Room nurse Karen Peters, for their gentle and comforting ways which made Felix and his family able to endure those difficult moments. Visitation will be held Thursday (today) from 4:00–8:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. By family request, please omit floral offerings. For those wishing to do so, please

consider memorial contributions in Phil's honor to the American Diabetes Association; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Phil's funeral service will commence on Friday afternoon at 12:30 from the funeral home and at 1:30 at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish where his Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated with Military Honors. Interment will take place in St. Agnes Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

"Kablooey we'll miss you plucky doodle"

# Tribute Wall



“ I will always hold you and Mary close to my heart. Thank you for the delicious pasta dinners and always making me feel so welcome and treating Bill and I like family. Sadly, Bill passed away last June. But you and Mary probably already know that. ❤️ I hope you're all enjoying a pasta dinner now and then. Laura, Felicia and family... my sincere condolences to you all. ❤️ Love, Orlanda Drake

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**Orlanda Drake** - April 02, 2020 at 10:02 PM



“ So long, Mr. "C". Thanks for always making me feel like I was part of the family.##imported-begin##Eric Manley##imported-end##

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April 17, 2008 at 03:01 PM



“ Dear Debbie, Sarah, and Mia, I'm so sorry to hear that your dad and "Poppy" has gone. He was a dear sweet man and I you miss him so. I'm honored to have had the privilege of knowing him. Please know that my sincerest prayers are with your entire family at this time.##imported-begin##Vicky Wing##imported-end##

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April 14, 2008 at 01:43 PM



“ I was very sorry to hear the news of your Dad's passing. I was very blessed to have met your father when you were all down here for your vacation. Know that you are in heart and prayers.

*Deb I love you dearly if you need me call.##imported-begin##Sandra Ruemker##imported-end##*

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April 14, 2008 at 12:45 PM



“ Girls I'm so sorry for your lost .know that even though I'm this far away my uncle phil was in my thoughts often,along with your Mom.Keep going girls, this family would not be the same with out you guys, that is a direct reflection on your mom and dad.I love you guys and my prayers are with you. Uncle Phil give Aunt Mary a big hug for me and know you both were a big part of my child hood.I thank you for all the love you showed me and I felt everytime I stepped in your house..LOVE ANT###imported-begin###Anthony Velletto###imported-end##

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April 11, 2008 at 06:06 PM



“ Joanie,Aunt Lisa, Debbie,Felicia,Sara, Mia,Maggie. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. God Bless. Your Girlfriends in Frankfort.###imported-begin###Regina and Ginamarie###imported-end##

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April 10, 2008 at 08:55 PM



“ I am thinking of you all and wishing I could be up there with you. I am so so sorry for your loss! I feel very honored to have met mr. Colosimo. He was a very very pleasant man. He will be missed. Please know you in my thoughts and prayers. Word can never express how bad I feel. I do know he's in a much better place and finally reunited with the love of his life! Thinking of you all. Sincerely, Lisa A. Bergholtz###imported-begin###Lisa Bergholtz###imported-end##

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April 10, 2008 at 02:11 PM



“ Dear Carmie and family we am very sorry to hear about your loss at this time. We sometimes go though tough times but this sometimes can be the worst. And we want you to know that we are with you 100 percent of the way no madder what. We thought of Felix as a gentle friend. And we know he would of done any thing for any one and we are going to do the same !

Lots Of Love From The Scholl Family###imported-begin##Mr Peter Scholl And Mrs Carol Scholl###imported-end##

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April 10, 2008 at 12:00 PM



“ Uncle Phil - you are my favorite uncle on my Dad's side of the family (ok I know). I can't even list all the wonderful memories I have of my life growing up , sleeping at your house every weekend . You have always been there for all the special moments in my life whether happy or sad. I can still see you and Aunt Mary walking up my driveway to come for a visit and then you and Poppie every Thursday for coffee. I never thought that tthe last Thursday I was here would be the last one. I thought for sure you would be there when we came home last week. Thank you for all you've done for me. For loving my beautiful Aunt Mary and giving me my Best Friends. Kiss Aunt Mary and Nonnie for me and tell joey I said hi. Tell my dad I love and miss him.

Cat, Laur, Deb and Felicia, Patty I love you all and want you to know that I am here for all of you. I could not have ask for a better family. I thank god everyday for giving you all to me. Love you all forever and ever..cousin Lisa###imported-begin##Lisa###imported-end##

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April 10, 2008 at 12:21 AM



“ My thoughts and sympathy goes out to your family. I was very lucky to have had the chance to meet Grampa Felix and I'll miss the fun times and great memories we had with him. Love you guys,  
Lori###imported-begin##Lori###imported-end##

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April 09, 2008 at 11:06 PM



“ Deb and Family: I am so sorry for your loss. You know I am here if you need me for anything. I know that your father is in a better and most beautiful place now. He and your mother will always be in your hearts and watching over you.###imported-begin##Lori Lanz###imported-end##

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April 09, 2008 at 03:32 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you now and always. We love all of you very much and know that your father is in a better place now. Take comfort in the thought that he is now with your family that has passed before him and he is enjoying their company now as he watches over all of you.

We love you all.

Love Kate, Ben and Maggis###imported-begin##Katie###imported-end##

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April 09, 2008 at 02:14 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to your family. I like to think that Phil and Ciro are watching over us now enjoying a glass of wine together.##imported-begin##Scott and Michelle Wlock##imported-end##

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April 09, 2008 at 10:33 AM



“ Daddy...My life will never be the same and I feel as if my heart has been broken in half. I will miss you more than I can say. The holidays will never be the same for us now that we are the elders in our family. I remember when my children were born and I couldn't wait till you could hold them. I always thought about you and Mommy in ever decision I made through my life and hoped you would be proud of the woman I became. While saddness overcomes me I am so happy that you are finally with Mommy and can be with her forever. Tell Joey I love him and miss him every day. Tell Mommy to visit my dreams more often and bring you with her. I love you and will miss you...your Debbie (Debby)##imported-begin##Debbie##imported-end##

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April 09, 2008 at 09:32 AM



“ Aunt Felicia, we are so sorry for the loss of your Dad. We will say a prayer for you and your family. We Love You.##imported-begin##Patrick & Alicia##imported-end##

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April 09, 2008 at 09:20 AM



“ Felicia & Family, my thoughts and prayers are with you during this very difficult time. I Love You.##imported-begin##Andrea##imported-end##

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April 09, 2008 at 09:18 AM



“ *Felicia,  
Please accept my condolences for the loss of your father.  
Remember that he is in a much better place now. You and your  
family will be in my prayers during these difficult days ahead.*

*With Love,  
Michele Arcuri-Lewis##imported-begin##Michele Arcuri-  
Lewis##imported-end##*

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April 09, 2008 at 08:50 AM



“ Uncle Phil;

*It is hard to accept that our journey here on earth is over. To the person who got me on a little league team, to my gardening buddy, to my meanest boss ever, but most importantly to the great friend who I could always confide in when I needed someone to talk to and never steared me in the wrong direction.*

*First and foremost I want to thank you for all of the love that you have showed over the years and for wisdom in our talks. They will never be forgotten as I have learned many valuable lessons. But most of all I want to say THANK YOU for the time you spent and shared with Robert. He truly idolized you and looked forward to coming to Gram's because there was always that chance "Is Uncle Phil going to be there"? And then in you would come and make his day. Whether it was just your talks and hearty laughs shared together or the games you played you have molded him into the little young man he is. And both he and I are grateful for this time and will never forget you. And many the times Robert would fight with me because you were "his Uncle Phil" and not mine. And that you loved him more. No matter what I will guide Robert so that you will be proud of him as you always were. I am not sure if he was more proud that you were his uncle or you that he was your nephew. Say hello to everyone for me and until we see each other again, take care and rest in peace with no more pain because you deserve it.*

*Luv always*

*bobby (bagu) & Robert###imported-begin##Bobby & Robert###imported-end##*

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April 09, 2008 at 08:47 AM



“ *Daddy, I know my life going forward will never be the same.. You have made our lives so much more interesting and showed us all so much love and you will be missed more than you know.. You are with Mommy and Joey and I know they will take care of you.. Kiss them both for me and until we meet again.. I love you so much oxooxo "your baby"###imported-begin###Felicia###imported-end##*

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April 09, 2008 at 03:05 AM



“ *Papa, we will miss you so much especially on Tuesday dinners when you will not be sitting at the end of the dinner table.. We love you... oxooxoxo###imported-begin###Anthony and Mia###imported-end##*

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April 08, 2008 at 09:17 PM



“ *"A Special Angel "*

*"There's a special angel in heaven  
That is a part of me  
It is not where I wanted him  
But where God wanted him to be*

*He was here but just a moment  
Like a night time shooting star  
And though he is in heaven  
He isn't very far*

*He touched the heart of many  
Like only an angel can do  
I would've held him more often  
If the end I only knew*

*So I send this special message  
To the heavens up above  
Please take care of my angel  
And send him all my love "*

*Grampa we love you so much, you mean alot to both of us.. Love  
Jessie & Phil XOXO###imported-begin###Jessica & Phil ###imported-  
end###*

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April 08, 2008 at 08:05 PM



“ *Felicia and family,  
My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time in your  
lives. I love you .  
Kelly Bateman###imported-begin###Kelly###imported-end###*

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April 08, 2008 at 07:53 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy to Felix's family. He will be greatly missed at family functions where Ted & Felix always compared their medical problems and agreed that getting older was "hell."##imported-begin##Ted & Pat (Herbie's In-Laws)##imported-end##

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April 08, 2008 at 04:39 PM



“ Papa,  
I love you so much. I'm so sorry, I wish I could take back the last year and have you over for "just a half a cup of coffee" one more time.  
Thank you for everything you ever did for me. I am so lucky to have had you, not everyone gets a grandfather like you in their lives, and I got to keep you for 26 years. Even when you were plucking on my every last nerve. :-)  
Love you always,  
Sarah##imported-begin##Sarah##imported-end##

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April 08, 2008 at 02:22 PM