



Mr. Francesco M. Bilotta

December 7, 1914 - November 28, 2015

Mr. Francesco M. “Frank” Bilotta, age 100, passed away on Saturday, November 28, 2015 in the comfort of his home.

Born on December 7, 1914, in the town of Cortale in the province of Catanzaro in the Calabria region of Italy, Francesco was the son of the late Dominico and Ippolita (Saraceno) Bilotta. He proudly served as a member of the Italian Army. On February 2, 1947, in Italy, he married the former Francesca Nicotera. They were truly in love with each other during their 64 year union, a marriage of their era. In 1955 they emigrated to the United States and settled in Utica. Francesca passed away on May 13, 2011.

Frank was employed by the Gold Medal Dairy Company as a dairy worker, where his good work ethic and diligence made for a family like relationship. He retired in 1979. A very simple man, his needs were minimal. He loved seeds, soil, and sowing a garden; he was renowned for his fruitful fig trees.

Frank practiced the old-world traditions of making wine and homemade sausage which he passed down to his son-in-law and the next generation. In fact, his philosophy was, “If you couldn’t eat it, you shouldn’t be tending to it”. His greatest accomplishment in life was his family, especially his grandchildren, as well as a home that he built and maintained until his last days. He practiced his Catholic faith as a parishioner of St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church. In looking back on Frank’s life, we clearly see that it was his faith, his family, and his foundation in a traditional Italian lifestyle that forged a wonderful legacy, and a full and fruitful life for him and his loved ones. His

smile will never be forgotten.

Frank is survived by his devoted family, Paula and Al Passante of Vernon, and Sandra Postal with whom he shared a home; his grandchildren, Jason Passante and Danielle Robidoux, Jennifer and Mark Lundquist, Alison and Jason Brown, Nicole Passante; Lisa Barrett, and Erica Postal; his great-grandchildren, Madison Passante, Trey, and Reese Lundquist, Julian Brown; Johnny Postal, and Isabella, and Silvana Barrett. He will also be remembered by his brother, Pasquale Bilotta of Italy; and his nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and cousins, all residing in Italy, with special mention of his nephew Piero Bilotta. He was predeceased by 6 brothers and 2 sisters, all of Italy.

The family is grateful to Nurse Practitioner Sally O'Callaghan who lifted Frank's spirit and garnered his trust; the personnel of the Utica Fire Department and the Rescue 1 team for their outstanding response; and the 911 Operator who acted so quickly and professionally.

Visitation will be held Saturday from 11:00-12:00 noon at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Francesco's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Saturday afternoon at 12:00noon from the funeral home and 1:00 at St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church where his Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. Mark Kaminski. Interment will take place in St. Agnes Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 5. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.
932 South Street
corner of Hammond Ave.
Utica, NY 13501
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Tribute Wall

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“ *Rosann Rolchigo lit a candle in memory of Mr. Francesco M. Bilotta*



Rosann Rolchigo - December 01, 2015 at 11:46 AM

RR

Quiet, but staunch man, beautiful in every way. I know he will be missed by all of his family and his extended family. Talk about a rich life, he had it all. A glass of home made wine, soil to grown his garden, a fig tree in the corner, a family who loved him to pieces, who could ask for anything more. The angels are shinning upon him and waiting with open arms.

*God Bless Franesco!
With thoughts and prayers,
Rosann & Benny Rolchigo*

Rosann Rolchigo - December 01, 2015 at 11:54 AM

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“ Francesco, of all the people that I have ever known, you by far were the richest, you enjoyed not material items nor money but you had the greatest blessings a man could ever treasure, Honest work to occupy you, A hearty appetite to sustain you, A good woman to love you for over 60 years and most of all, a family whom loved you very much and of course a wink from God above which was evident to everyone who saw your garden. May we live the life you lived of 101 years, knowing no sickness or pain and always greet everyone with a smile. Today your together with your beautiful wife, Francis, who has been waiting patiently for you whom you have missed very much, now together, forever happy. You will always be remembered through the memories you gave us, helping Al remodel the family home, making homemade wine, sausage in the oil, drinking wine under the grape vine overlooking your garden, stories about Italy, the memories you gave us will live through your children, grandchildren and great grandchildren and our children. You did not get to taste our homemade wine that is aging, however I did find a bottle wine that is 25 years old that we will toast to you, so now I say, lets raise our glasses and drink this bottle of fine wine to a great man that only comes through ONCE in a LIFETIME! Not only you were a great husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather and great friend, most of all you were respected, loved, revered by everyone who met you, like I said, you were the richest man I have ever met, not many could say that. Frank, you will never be forgotten but always missed, until we meet again, my GOD hold you close!



We all love you!

The Passante Family (Peter, Ron, Maryellen Passante-Manderson,
Tammy - Passante-Butera, Ryan, Peter Jr. and Matthew)

Peter Passante - December 01, 2015 at 06:57 AM

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“ He was good grandfather and very lovely person be around love him and miss him..

ericapostal - November 30, 2015 at 04:46 PM

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“ Ericapostal lit a candle in memory of Mr. Francesco M. Bilotta



ericapostal - November 30, 2015 at 04:42 PM

JP

“ Johnny Postals lit a candle in memory of Mr. Francesco M. Bilotta



Johnny postals - November 30, 2015 at 04:40 PM