



Mr. Francis Paul Daniels

April 4, 1930 - June 19, 2015

Mr. Francis "Paul" Daniels, Retired UFD, age 85, passed away peacefully on Friday, June 19, 2015 at the Masonic Care Community of NY surrounded by his loving family.

Born in Utica on April 4, 1930, Francis was the son of the late Daniel and Mary (Torchia) Daniels. He was a graduate of T.R. Proctor High School. On August 26, 1950 he married the former Frances Coriale with whom he shared 64 years filled with laughter and many wonderful memorable moments. Their union was that of their era and during the latter parts of their lives they were cared for by their family. They most recently resided at the Masonic Care Community together.

Francis strived for success in his profession as a firefighter with the Utica Fire Department which began in 1953, protecting and serving his community for 33 years. He was promoted to Lieutenant and Chief Inspector, and in 1972 assumed command of the Fire Prevention Bureau until his retirement in 1986. He truly held in his heart a brotherhood with those he served, and this was a paramount and meaningful time in his life. When not attending to his firefighting duties, he had also been an employee of the Caruso Cheese Company where he worked alongside his late brother-in-law, Mike Caruso. He then ventured into his own business as founder of F&P Distributors providing wholesale Italian products to fine restaurants and pizzerias within the Utica, Rome, and Mohawk Valley. Continuing to be industrious, he helped his grandson Eddie behind the counter of Little Italy Imports, where they made

many memories together.

Paul helped people find a reason to smile; some of that came from his God given gift to socialize and his fun loving, witty personality. He will be remembered for his genuine, outgoing ability to connect with everyone. As a member of the Daniels family, he had the innate ability to have a culinary flair that not only was seen at his own home, and among his family, but was evident at the fire house where he was always in charge of the kitchen. His love for cooking often reminded him of his own family's knowledge of how to create Italian delicacies. Paul proved time and again that his hard work ethic provided for the well being of his wife and children, and these personal traits are apparent in the success of the legacy he leaves.

He spent everyday enjoying simple activities like tinkering around, and mowing the lawn. When his house was full and his family was together you couldn't find a happier man. On a social level, he enjoyed playing a friendly hand of cards with his buddies, handicapping the horse races at Vernon Downs, and being a member of the Idiot Club. He spent many Sunday mornings delivering loaves of bread and visiting with family and friends, earning him the title of "the bread man". All in all, he proclaimed his love for his family and was very grateful for the respect and dedication they showed him.

Francis is survived by his wife, Fran; his children and their spouses, Deborah "Debbie" and Joseph Pecorello of New Hartford, Paul and Jeanne Daniels of Whitesboro, David and Kim Daniels of Marcy, and Gail and Francis Manfredo of Marcy with whom Paul and Fran resided for numerous years prior to their move to the Masonic Home; his grandchildren, Edward and Brenda Majka, Shelley Majka and companion Kyle Adams, and Bryon Pecorello and companion Alissa Passalacqua; Heather Daniels and her partner Misty Gwyn, P.J. and Heather Daniels, Tyler Daniels, and Anthony Daniels; Mariah Manfredo, and Morgan Manfredo; and David Daniels; his great-grandchildren, Wyatt Daniels, Siddalee Daniels; and Nico Majka; and his sisters and brother-in-law, Olga and Ralph Grandinette of New Hartford, and Shirley Vescera of

CA; his in-laws, Theresa Daniels, Theresa Coriale, Mary and Ricardo "Ricky" DePerno; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and many wonderful friendships throughout the years. He was predeceased by his brothers and sister-in-law, Daniel "Dan" Jr. and Lucy Daniels, and Jeffery E. "Barney" Daniels, Sr.; his sisters and brother-in-law, Sandra and Michael Caruso, Althea Henderson Paige, and Marjorie Daniels; and his in-laws, Anthony and Louise Coriale, Philomena "Fannie" and John Feole, John A. and Gladys Coriale, Rose M. Woods, Catherine "Kitty" Polizzi, and Victoria and Michael Sassone.

The family is grateful to all the nurses and aides of the Masonic Care Community Monticello Household, especially Marcia, Vicki, and Amanda. The respect, the love, and personal attention they shared with "Papa" will always remain in the hearts of his family.

Visitation will be held on Monday from 4-7 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Memorial contributions in his memory may be considered to the American Red Cross Mohawk Valley Chapter to support the Home Fire Prevention Campaign; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Paul's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence at 7:00 at the conclusion of visitation offered by Rev. Joseph Salerno; with honors conferred by the Utica Fire Department. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

2407 Oneida Street
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 735-2727

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **22**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.
932 South Street
corner of Hammond Ave.
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 724-6714
eannacefh@roadrunner.com

Tribute Wall

FM

“ Thank you Paul for all the fun times and great memories you made with our family. We will tell stories and laugh for years to come. Thank you for sharing almost 14 wonderful years of your life with me, Gail, Mariah and Morgan. Thank you for looking after the girls when I wasn't able to do so and most of all thank you for treating me not like a son-in-law but like one of your own sons. We'll miss you.

FM

Fran Manfredo - June 24, 2015 at 09:22 PM

BO

“ Daniels family, sorry to hear of the loss of Mr. Daniels. He will be missed by many. May he RIP and God Bless.

Bob Ollerenshaw - June 23, 2015 at 07:17 AM

AC

“ Dave, We are So Sorry for your loss, Our Thoughts and Prayers are with you and your family! Andy & Linda Convertino

Andy & Linda Convertino - June 22, 2015 at 04:04 PM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Francis Paul Daniels.



June 22, 2015 at 01:39 PM

LF

“ I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Mr. Daniels. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. May God Bless your family now and always.

Lynette Franco-Lentricchia & Family - June 22, 2015 at 11:23 AM

SR

“ My deepest condolences on the loss of such a wonderful man. Thoughts & prayer to all of you.
Susan Risler

Susan Risler - June 22, 2015 at 09:43 AM

JM

“ I have many fond memories of Pauly working with him at UFD. He was surely a great man and gentleman. My sincere sympathy to his family. My thoughts and prayers are with him.

Jim Mauthe

Jim Mauthe - June 22, 2015 at 09:14 AM

GC

“*Fran, Debbie, Gail, Paul and David, and all the family, What a beautiful tribute to Paul in the obituary. I haven't seen him for many many years, but I will never forget growing up on St. Agnes Ave and his presence on our street. I remember visiting the firehouse near St. Basil's church with Debbie, and yes, the cooking there! Debbie, that must be where you get that talent from!*

Your dad touched many lives, and will always be in your hearts. He will always be with you. For now, he has just crossed over into the next room and is at peace with his parents and siblings who are there celebrating his life with him.

May he rest in peace, knowing he gave so much to all of you.

My prayers and thoughts,

Grace Centola



Grace Centola - June 22, 2015 at 09:01 AM


Barbara
Rigo
Goldsmith

“*The Daniels-Manfredo & Families,*

Our Deepest Condolences go out to you and your Families with the loss of your Father, Friend and Patriarch. No Matter the Time or Circumstances it's never easy to say Goodbye to someone you care for. We will keep you in your thoughts and prayers and hope your pain subsides and you forever cherish the memories...God Bless....Bob, Barb, Zachary and Parker Goldsmith

Barbara Rigo Goldsmith - June 21, 2015 at 09:07 PM

JL

“ *Eddie and Brenda,
Im so sorry to hear of the passing of your grandfather.He was a
great man..*

*Love you both
John Lilli*

John Lilli - June 21, 2015 at 05:09 PM

SC

“ *Dear Aunt Fran, Debbie, Paul, David, Gail and families.
Please accept my deepest condolences. Uncle Paul was an
exceptionally special man.
His steady guidance, kindness and humor will always be
appreciated and remembered.*

Steve Caruso

steve caruso - June 21, 2015 at 11:47 AM

TP

“ *As a new Private in the UFD, Paul was like a father figure to us new
guys and gave us knowledge, wisdom and the benefits of his
experience in the Fire Department. He was Kind and funny and I'll
never forget all the card games that the shift played together. It was
a time when there was a lot of camaraderie and the shift was more
like family. I could have only wished that others could have
experienced Paul and his personality.*

Tom Pirro - June 21, 2015 at 11:11 AM