



## Frank J. "Custy" Custodero

December 7, 1922 - October 27, 2012

Mr. Frank J. "Custy" Custodero, age 89, of Utica, passed away peacefully on Saturday, October 27, 2012 at the Masonic Care Community of NY.

Frank was born in Utica on December 7, 1922, the son of the late Oranzo and Anna (Iaia) Custodero. He was raised and educated locally, attending T.R. Proctor High School. A proud veteran of the United States Army, he honorably served his country from 1943-1945 during World War II, stationed in England, Germany, and France. He participated in the Battle of the Bulge in Belgium where the courage of the American Soldier was tested against great adversity. At one time, he was married to the former Josephine Piacentino who passed away in 1972.

Frank was once involved in the retail business at the Boston Store, and Bergers Department Store. He also served as a Book Store operator at the SUNY Institute of Technology-Utica/Rome, retiring in 1992. Frank was wed the former Martha Tanoury on August 25, 1973; Martha passed away on July 1, 2002. Bestowed with a great allegiance to his country and community, Frank was instrumental in the inception of the Ft. Schuyler Post #1290, Kossuth Ave., where he served as Commander as well Commander of the Oneida County American Legion, and a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (V.F.W.). He was also a member of the Forty & Eight Voiture. He was proud of his annual reunions with his fellow servicemen where he could socialize and share patriotic bonding. During his spare time, he enjoyed golfing and card playing and time spent with his family and friends. His life

was well traveled and he lived it to its fullest. He was of the Catholic faith. Frank is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, JoAnne and Paul Lehman of Vernon, NY; his sons and daughter-in-law, Dominick F. and Donna Custodero of Exton, PA, and Frank S. Custodero and Jacqueline Wuest of New Hartford; and his grandchildren, Briana Custodero, and Nicholas Custodero, both of PA. He also leaves many special nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, brother-in-law Tom Damiano; sisters-in-law, Anna Marie Piacentino, Philomena DeSimone, and Sarah Piacentino; and many special friends. He was predeceased by his sisters and brothers-in-law, Mae and Sam Spetts, and Vittoria "Vicky" and Ulderico Rotundo; his brothers and sister-in-law, Dominick Custodero and his spouses Sylvia and Sarah, Bart Custodero, and Florio "Amer" and Maura "Mary" Custodero; and his in-laws Anne and Floyd Antonelli, Theresa Ambrose, Albert Piacentino, and Raymond Piacentino, Anthony Tanoury, Gloria "Rosalie" Tanoury, Sadie B. Tanoury, Louise Damiano, and Ann Weresynski.

The family holds a deep appreciation for the nurses and staff of Wiley Hall and the Amherst Unit at the Masonic Care Community of NY for their care and compassion in tending to Frank. While residing at the Masonic Care Community of NY, Frank was blessed to have known the friendship of Thomas Becker from the Amherst unit and the two often reminisced together and enjoyed a good game of cards.

Visitation will be held Tuesday from 4:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Members of the Ft. Schuyler Post #1290 will offer ritualistic services at the funeral home at 6:00. Frank's funeral service and Celebration of Life will be held on Wednesday morning at 9:00 from the funeral home and at 10:00 Our Lady of the Rosary Church where his Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. Felix Colosimo and Military Honors conferred. Interment will take place in St. Agnes Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Agnes Cemetery

601 Arthur Street  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 732-8588

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **30**. 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  
<https://www.eannacefuneralhome.com>

## Service

OCT **31**. 9:00 AM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.  
932 South Street  
corner of Hammond Ave.  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 724-6714  
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## Service

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OCT **31**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church  
1736 Burrstone Road  
New Hartford, NY 13413

# Tribute Wall



“ Eannace Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Frank J. "Custy" Custodero



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**Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.** - October 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Joanne and Frank, both our prayers and thoughts are with you. He will always be with you in your hearts. God bless you and your families. All of our love.

*Sam and John Maggio*

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**Samuel Maggio** - October 31, 2012 at 03:34 PM

DT

“ Frank, Joanne and Dick, words cannot express how sorry we are for the loss of your Dad. Just know that you all are in our thoughts and prayers and we are very sorry that we could not be there with you today. Cherish the memories that you have with your Dad and he will forever live on in your heart. We send our love to all of you during this very difficult time. Tim, Donna, Jessica and Derek

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**Donna Toussaint** - October 31, 2012 at 11:49 AM

AM

“ Joanne and frank, so very sorry for your loss, our thoughts and prayers are with you.

*The Maggio family*

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**Anthony maggio** - October 31, 2012 at 06:24 AM

AM

“ Anthony Maggio lit a candle in memory of Frank J. "Custy" Custodero



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**Anthony maggio** - October 31, 2012 at 06:10 AM

DS

“ JoAnne and Frankie.....many great memories to cherish! I am very, very sad and sorry, even though "Dad" lived a long, healthy and wonderful life, it's always hard to say good-bye. My heart breaks for all of you, know that your friends are all here for you. I still remember the paperwork he brought into the Hook explaining the Battle of the Bulge. Saturdays with his sisters having dinner will always be remembered. After he entered Masonic, we had this conversation about the Battle, and he remembered, and the next time when he came in with this paperwork explaining the Battle of the Bulge. Actually, it was extremely interesting, especially because my Dad was in the Merchant Marines. I truly enjoyed listening to his stories from the past, and I have always admired his zest for life. He has touched many lives at the Hook and will truly be missed. God Bless all of you, and treasure those memories forever. Hug hug to all of you, xoxo Di

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**Diane Shephard** - October 29, 2012 at 07:15 PM

SM

“ Shirley Mario lit a candle in memory of Frank J. "Custy" Custodero



Shirley Mario - October 29, 2012 at 11:32 AM

SM

“ Dear Frank and Family, So very sorry for the loss of your Dad, He certainly was a wonderful neighbor on Kossuth Ave. to my family even after I had moved and my children had lived there. Bob and I always had nice time talking with him when he came upstairs to visit us. May God Bless all of you as your Father is with him in Paradise.  
Shirley Mario

Shirley Mario - October 29, 2012 at 11:32 AM



“ Frank, Joann, and Dick, I'm so sorry for the loss of your Father.. I will always Cherish the memories and good times with Uncle Frank..  
Larry Tanoury

Larry Tanoury - October 28, 2012 at 08:15 PM

RO

keeping you my thoughts and prayers! frank was a great man and i am glad i got to know him through the legion and their functions. god bless

Roberta M. Owen - October 29, 2012 at 11:19 AM