



Mr. Frank J. DiPerna

May 20, 1920 - September 12, 2011

Mr. Frank J. DiPerna, age 91, of Utica, passed away on Monday, September 12, 2011 at the Masonic Care Community of NY with the love and support of his family.

Frank was born in Utica on May 20, 1920, the son of the late Carmine and Assunta (Rich) DiPerna. He was raised and educated locally. On September 23, 1944 he married, "his angel" the former Theresa M. DeRusso with whom he shared a good life for 60 years prior to her passing on June 9, 2005.

Frank's working life was extensive. For over 40 years, he was employed with Associated Transport. After he retired, he enjoyed long daily walks greeting his old friends along the way. But paramount in his mind and heart were the four loves of his life: family, music, old movies, and dancing. He was fond of singing and was blessed with a beautiful voice and his friends and family loved to hear him sing. He had a very humorous side to his personality. Frank thought the world of his grandchildren and they brought joy to his soul and a smile to his face. He was a communicant of St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church. Frank is survived by his daughters and sons-in-law, Marilyn DiPerna of New Hartford, Barbara and Stephen Gondek of East Syracuse, Lucy and Robert Brodowski of Liverpool, and Ann and Dennis Scire of New Hartford; his sons and daughters-in-law, Robert and Susan DiPerna of Remsen, and Rocco and Janet DiPerna of Utica; his grandchildren, Robert DiPerna, Jr., Lisa and Stephen Przepiora, Gina and Terri Gondek, Carrie and Jeffrey Robinson, Denise Scire, Christopher and Matthew Brodowski, Alex, Lucas and Mark

DiPerna; and his great-grandchildren, Ashley, Jeffrey, and twins Carley and Courtney, Emily, James, Jonathan, Maria, David, Daniel, Lilyan, Theresa Rose, Bridget, Margaret, Joseph and Dominick. He leaves his brother and sister-in-law, Rick and Mary DiPerna; several nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and in-laws, Margaret DeRusso and Jennie DiPerna; and special cousin-in-law, Ann Heinrich.

He was predeceased by his brothers, Rocco, Anthony and Joseph DiPerna; his sisters, Rose Calo, Elizabeth DiPerna, and Susan Ciaccia; his brother-in-laws, Angelo DeRusso, Patrick Calo and Vincent Ciaccia; and sister-in-laws, Lucy and Helen DiPerna.

Visitation will be held Thursday from 10:00-12:00 noon at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Expressions of sympathy in the form of donations may be made to St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church in lieu of flowers; envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

Frank's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Thursday at 12:00 noon at the funeral home immediately upon conclusion of visitation with Rev. Anthony P. LaFache officiating. Entombment will take place in Calvary Cemetery Mausoleum.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Mausoleum

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Eannace Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Frank J. DiPerna*



Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. - September 12, 2011 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *Dennis Scire lit a candle in memory of Mr. Frank J. DiPerna*



Dennis Scire - September 19, 2011 at 08:22 PM

DE

“ *Dad What helps me get through the sadness that your last years were spent at Masonic Home is the fact you had a good life before. A life I was very proud to be a part of. You were there to help me raise my girls, you walked my dogs, our lunch dates, holidays, you were a constant part of my life. I loved you then [even when either one of us was hard to love at times] I love you now I will love you forever. Tell mom I love and miss her and I Will treasure and love the gift you put in my care. ALL MY LOVE ANNE*

dennis-scire - September 19, 2011 at 08:35 AM

TG

That was lovely Uncle Dennis :)

Terri Gondek - September 21, 2011 at 03:50 PM

BG

Ann & Dennis, That was very beautiful and true the things you said about dad and mom & I know mom understood the gift she gave you; I know I do. God bless all of you.

Barbara Gondek - September 22, 2011 at 07:28 PM



“ *Grandpa Frankie,*

My fondest memories of you are spending weeks at a time with you, Marilyn, Rock and Grandma during the summer. I loved it when you walked me to Aunt Nina's to hangout with the girls and going to the store with you. We were great buddies. I loved dancing on your porch as well when you brought your radio outside. I hated going home even though I loved my parents. I am glad I took pictures as often as possible of you and me, especially in your final years at the Masonic. You always told me you loved me when I left. You were a great grandfather! I will never forget the times we shared! Kiss Grandma Theresa, Grandma Helen, Grandpa Steve, Uncle Jim and all of our other relatives. I miss you all everyday! <3

Love always,

Terri

Terri Gondek - September 17, 2011 at 09:11 PM

BG

“ Dad, You will always be in my thoughts and prayers and I will always remember singing at Holiday times with you and our family; Holidays will not be the same without you and mom, but we will try and carry on. Please watch over all of us especially Marilyn RIP dad we will always miss you & the times I danced with you at weddings. Thanks for all you did for us and taught us. Your loving daughter,
Barbara

Barbara Gondek - September 17, 2011 at 05:35 PM

GG

“ poppy frankie,

i will always rember the times you took me and terri to the store and you always got us kit kat bars watching wresling on the tv sitting outside watching people walk by you were my light and my hero i miss you soooo much whenever i see a dove i will think of you your in heaven with your angel singing with your beautiful voice and just being a great guy we miss you sooo much you were the light in our family i will never never forget you your kind heart and loving ways and your smile i miss you our family won't be the same rip poppy your in heaven now looking down on our family

your graddaughter,

Gina

Gina Gondek - September 17, 2011 at 12:35 PM

MD

“Dad, I'll miss all the time we had together, eating lunch, and helping you to eat. I'll just miss everything about you even John Wayne. You were my honey and I was your turtle dove. I would not have changed a thing. I just I loved being with you. I love you and always will. Kiss mom for me. Love your turtle dove, Marilyn

Marilyn DiPerna - September 17, 2011 at 09:26 AM

LB

“Daddy, I hope you know how dear you are to me. I will miss your beautiful voice, your warm smile, and your sense of humor. Thank you for the music you gave me. I'll miss singing "Moonlight Becomes You" with you on the weekends. You had become such an important part of my life. You will never be too far away from me as you will always be in my thoughts, in my heart, and in my prayers. Your free now dad, no more pain. No more lonely nights. Every time I drink your favorite red wine, I will toast you. Fly away and hold your angel's hand. As long as I am living, my dad you will be. Love, Lucy.

Lucy Brodowski - September 17, 2011 at 09:18 AM

BB

“Dad, although your health was not good at the end, the suddenness of your death has been difficult to bear. We are so glad to have spent the last six years of your life visiting you every other weekend - we got to share our love with you and you with us in a very special way. We will miss you, but know that you are with your "angel" now.

Love,
Your son-in-law Bob

Bob Brodowski - September 17, 2011 at 09:09 AM

LZ

“ *The loss of a father is always very sad. He will be in my paryers. I never met the gentlemen but knew his sons who are gentlemen. May He Rest in Peace.*

Larry Zegarelli - September 13, 2011 at 10:08 AM