



## Mr. Frank J. Robertello

July 13, 1931 - July 30, 2011

Mr. Frank J. Robertello, age 80, of Utica, passed away on Saturday, July 30, 2011 at the St. Joseph Nursing Home with his beloved family by his side. Born in Utica on July 13, 1931, Frank was the son of the late Dominick and Josephine (Campola) Robertello. Raised and educated locally, he was a graduate of Utica Free Academy. On May 31, 1954 he married the former Joyce Shields with whom he shared 57 years; they were soul mates whose two hearts beat as one, and Frank was a wonderfully devoted husband whose eyes lit up whenever he saw his beloved Joyce.

Frank began his working career as a sales representative for David Gross, Inc. He then moved to H.K. Heinline, and later Herkimer Wholesale. His last place of employment was Finkle Distributors of Schenectady, the position from which he retired in November of 2003. Because of his hard work ethic and good business sense, he was admired by the companies who employed him and the customers he dedicated himself to throughout the years.

Frank's enjoyment of golfing, bowling, and spending time at his beloved camp were eclipsed only by his dedication to and involvement in his family's life. It was with a gentle smile and an open heart that he gained the admiration of all who knew him. Frank's compassion, understanding, and grace will be dearly missed.

Frank was an active resident of the St. Joseph Nursing home, and he always smiled, making the days lighter for everyone. He never complained and he felt a special warmth when he prayed in the Chapel. He was a member of the

Men's Club, the Bell Choir, and a participant in the winter Olympics team, as well as numerous daily activities. Frank was a communicant of Historic Old St. John's Church.

Frank is survived by his wife, Joyce; his daughter and son-in-law, Julie and John Rundle of Marcy; his sons and daughters-in-law, Frank and Judith Robertello of Utica, Daniel J. and Diane Robertello of New Hartford, and William and Gina Robertello of Marcy; and his grandchildren, Sarah J. Rundle of Marcy, Stacy Rundle of Watervliet, Frank D. Robertello, Jr., and Carl A. Robertello and friend Amanda Mondrick, all of Utica, Michael R. Robertello and friend Nathalie Peckham of Buffalo, Daniel J., Jr. and Jeannine Robertello of Albany, Justin L. Robertello of New Hartford, Amanda N. Robertello, Matthew D. Robertello and friend Kristi Teesdale, William V. Robertello, Jr., and Ariana Noelle Robertello, all of Marcy. Also left to mourn his passing are his brothers and sisters-in-law, Dominick and Joyce Robertello of Utica, and William and Patricia Robertello of Oriskany; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and cousins; his in-laws, Julie S. Brown of Utica, and Mary T. Fairbrother of Marcy; and friends, Mike and Carol McGuirl; they were great company, and he was grateful to have them in his life. He was predeceased by two brothers-in-law, Peter C. Brown, and Donald T. Fairbrother; and a great-niece, Nicole Robertello.

The family would like to thank all those who made Frank's journey easier: the staff of the St. Joseph Nursing Home, including all the Sisters, especially Sr. Robert, Sr. Carmelita, and Sr. Patricia; the many caregivers who made his day, with special mention of the occupational therapy girls, as well as Yasmin, Gen, Desiree, Pattye, Calys, Jenn, and Rachel. A special thanks to his longtime physician Dr. Dilip Kachare.

The family will honor and commemorate Frank's life in a private gathering. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Frank's funeral service and Celebration of Life which will commence on Tuesday morning at 10:30 at Historic Old St. John's Church where his Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. John Flanagan. The family will receive visitors at the

conclusion of Mass. Those wishing to express an act of kindness in lieu of flowers may make a donation to the St. Joseph's Nursing Home Activities Dept.; envelopes will be available at the service. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave

# Cemetery Details

## **Calvary Cemetery**

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

# Tribute Wall



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



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**Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.** - July 30, 2011 at 12:00 AM

GT

“ Frank (also know to me as Pops) will be deeply missed. I always had a laugh out of him. His smile would light up a room. He was a specail part of my life and he touched my heart in so many ways. 3rd floor is not the same without Frank sitting there with a couple of Cheerios on his lap and a smile on his face. The family was the nicest people you could meet. They were like my extend family especially Joyce and Julie. So sorry for you lost and love you guys very much. Think of Frank and Joyce all the time. R.I.P Frank love ya Pops.

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**Gen Timmany** - August 16, 2011 at 02:12 PM

RC

“ Joyce, Julie and famiily...so sorry for your loss. It has been a pleasure knowing all of you. Frank will be truely missed at St. Joseph....3rd floor will not be the same without him. Frank had a smile for everyone...always the life of the party no matter how Joyce dressed him up...Mom and i will miss you all. Our prayers are with Frank knowing he is in a better place right now. Rosemary Caruso and Anna Ionta

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**Rosemary Caruso** - August 04, 2011 at 01:02 PM

PG

“ *Bill, Gina & Family, Please accept our deepest condolences in the loss of your father and grandfather. Bethany lit a candle for Frank at Mass Sunday. Our prayers go out to all of you.*

*From,  
Steve, Patti, Daniel & Bethany Geary*

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**Patti Geary** - August 02, 2011 at 12:08 PM

DD

“ *To Mrs Robertello & Family,*

*I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time.*

*Debbie DiBrango-Dardano*

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**Debbie DiBrango-Dardano** - August 01, 2011 at 09:05 PM



LI

“ *Lisa lit a candle in memory of Mr. Frank J. Robertello*



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**lisa** - August 01, 2011 at 03:24 PM

AZ

“ *To the Robertellos,  
I am very sorry for your loss. Mr. R. would always greet me with a smile and kind words. We will all miss this true gentleman.*  
*Al Zito*

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**Al Zito** - August 01, 2011 at 07:52 AM

JS

“ All I can say is it made my day .....everyday to see that bright beautiful smile. No matter how hard a day we were having he would always bring a ray of sunshine. My prayers are with you all. Know that we all love and miss him at St. Joe's.  
Jennifer Szczesniak LPN

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jennifer szczesniak - August 01, 2011 at 06:11 AM

SC

“ To Joyce, Julie,, and the wonderful sons Frank had. I was so saddened to hear that cousin Frank passed. I can remember when mom (Aunt Lydia) welcomed Frank to St. Joe's. The smile on his face was priceless. I am not sure if you chose St Joe's because mom was there or not. But it made mom feel comforted to know her family was close by. Joyce and family you were always there by his side, day after day. If there was a party mom always saved two seats for Frank, and Joyce to sit with her, she always looked forward to telling him a joke, and seeing him smile. He was a wonderful husband, dad, brother and cousin, and nephew. I know your heart is broken, but now he has no pain, he can walk, he is with my mom whom I am certain met him on his journey to heaven with open arms. He was loved by all. I found a saying that I repeat daily, it may help you . Death leaves a heartache nothing can heal, but loves leaves a memory no one can steal. Remember the fun times, and the love you all shared, you will find comfort in that. My brothers and I send our heartfelt sympathy to all of you at this sad time. Much love to you all.  
Aunt Lydia, Sharon, Roland, Patsy, and David



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Sharon Lee Campola - August 01, 2011 at 05:11 AM

DH

“ I am going to miss his "million dollar" smile that we could count on everyday and our special times sitting in the therapy room enjoying the sunshine, and laughter. I have very fond memories to keep forever. My prayers and thoughts go out to all of his family members. I am blessed to have had the opportunity to get to know him and spend time with him and his family. God Bless- Deb Hurteau

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**Deborah Hurteau** - July 31, 2011 at 09:11 PM

DC

*i was very upset to hear of Frank's passing. i took care of him for a long time and he always had a smile and hello for me. he was a very special man and he meant a great deal to me. Frank and i always use to joke around together. he was a very gentle, kind and considerate person. i will miss him very, very much. my heart and prayers go out to his loving family.*

*Debbie Campbell*

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**debbie campbell** - August 01, 2011 at 06:44 AM