



Frank A. Dare, Sr.

September 27, 1930 - April 11, 2007

Mr. Frank A. Dare, Sr., age 76, of Utica, passed away on Wednesday, April 11, 2007, at the St. Elizabeth Medical Center. At the time of his passing he was surrounded by his loving family.

Born in Utica on September 27, 1930, Frank was the son of the late Frank L. and Katherine (Taverne) Dare. He was raised and educated locally. As a veteran of the U.S. Army, he served his country stateside for a two year tour. On June 7, 1952 he was united in marriage with the former Marie T. Rocco with whom he shared 54 years. As a couple, they adored and idolized one another from a young age; they were inseparable in their love and closeness. As a young boy, Frank was taught the trade of masonry by his uncle, George A. Nole. He started at a young age to know the responsibilities of the profession as he apprenticed with his uncle. Subsequently, with expertise in his craft, he established Frank Dare Mason-Contractors and proudly constructed the foundations of many area homes. His hallmark was his artistry with stone work. He constructed many remarkable fireplaces, interior plaster walls and ceilings, and exterior design works. His work evoked his trademark signature of quality and integrity, based on reputable and fair business practices. For 20 years, he also assisted in the operation of Utica Veal, an enterprise owned by his wife's family.

A man of strength and character, Frank was a determined, patient, 'take-charge' person. He was a man of his word, especially within family life, and he rejoiced in the values that he and his wife passed on to their children. His

proudest moments were those spent with his family whenever they gathered to celebrate events and holidays. An outdoorsman, he found pleasure in hunting and fishing and was a member of the Clinton Road Runners, and the American Legion Post # 229. He was a communicant of St. Anthony of Padua Church.

Frank is survived by his cherished wife, Marie; his children and their spouses, Frank Jr. and Cheryl Dare of East Syracuse, Joseph R. and Karen Dare of Schuyler, Judy M. and Anthony Testa of Frankfort, David A. and MaryJo Dare of Utica, Michele J. and Levi Dousharm of Frankfort, and Marie G. and David Koester of Cape Coral, FL; his grandchildren, Casey and Jenny Dare; Joey Dare and fiancée Tressa Rahn, Rocco Dare, and Frankie Dare; Tanya and Lon Thrasher, Anthony Testa and fiancée Justine Murray; David and Melinda Dare, Frank Dare and his friend Krystel Cordero; Levi Dousharm, Jr. and Micaela Dousharm; and Sammy and Daniel Koester; and his great-grandchild, Jaden Rose. Also surviving are his sisters and brothers-in-law, Congetta “Connie” DiMare of Utica, Carmella “Mella” and Thomas Carcone of Utica, and Kathleen “Cookie” and Richard Morse of Schuyler. His extended family includes his nieces, especially Tricia Frattasio, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and cousins; his in-laws, Donald and Helen Houck, Shirley and Nicholas Frattasio, Rocco J. and Beatrice Rocco, Joseph and Joanne Rocco, and Frank and Deborah Rocco, all of Utica. Frank knew the friendship of Anne Puleo and her late husband Frank, and Marty and Betty Beerhalter –who were the best of friends for nearly 50 years. He was predeceased by his sister, Theresa Houck; his in-laws, Joseph and Marie Rocco; and his brother-in-law, Vincent L. DiMare.

The family expresses their appreciation to the Special Care Unit /4th Floor at the St. Elizabeth Medical Center for their constant support and devotion in caring for Frank; to Fr. Anthony LaFache for his spiritual guidance; and to the staff of the Monticello Unit and 4 North/South at the Masonic Care Community of New York for the respect and dignity they offered with much love.

Visitation will be held Friday (today) from 4:00 – 7:00 at the Eannace Funeral

Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Frank's funeral will commence on Saturday afternoon at 1:00 from the funeral home and at 2:00 at St. Anthony of Padua Church where his Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated with Military Honors. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Tribute Wall



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your entire family during this time of great sorrow.##imported-begin##Nick, Lisa & Amanda Roller##imported-end##

April 14, 2007 at 11:17 AM



“ I'm so sorry for the loss of your dad and grandpa. You are in our thoughts in prayers. Although I don't think Alyssa ever met your dad he is a part of her family. Keep thinking of the good times and you will get through this.##imported-begin##Andrea Robinson (Alyssa Piccione's mom)##imported-end##

April 14, 2007 at 07:28 AM



“ Our deepest sympathies go out to your whole family. We have the fondest memories of running up & down the hill & playing with Frankie, Joey, Davey, Judy, And Michele. Our families still remain close after all these years. May your memories sustain you at this difficult time.##imported-begin##Stephanie & Nina Haritos##imported-end##

April 13, 2007 at 06:48 PM



“ Dave and Mindy: Sorry to hear about your grandfather my prayers are with you, your family and him. May God bless him and that he rest in peace.##imported-begin##David (Lee) Lia##imported-end##

April 13, 2007 at 09:41 AM



“ Wishing you peace and comfort as you morn the passing of your father and commemorate the life he lived and the memories you shared. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, God Bless, Rob, Jami and Julianna##imported-begin##The DiMaria Family##imported-end##

April 12, 2007 at 11:39 AM



“ Tony, Momma Jude, Tanya, and Anthony: I am sorry to hear about the loss of your father/papa. These next few weeks will be difficult as you adjust to him not being there. But remember, he spent his life on earth as a good person to be where he is right now. He is in heaven with those who arrived there before him; he is doing what he loves to do with people who love him. He is without pain, and he is watching over you. Let God's reassurance of his everlasting love comfort you and give you strength at this time of sorrow. Let God bless you. You are all in my prayers.
With my love,
Laura##imported-begin##Laura Candella##imported-end##

April 12, 2007 at 11:05 AM



“ Joe, Karen, Joey, Rocco and Frankie,

Our heart goes out to you and your family for the loss of your father and grandfather. He'll always be with you in spirit. God Bless, Love Paulette and A.J.##imported-begin##PAulette DeSimone##imported-end##

April 12, 2007 at 11:02 AM



“ *My heart and sympathy goes out to your family. I hope all those wonderful memories with your Dad are shared to bring smiles to your faces, with joyful tears. I love you guys!##imported-begin##Lisa Petrocelli##imported-end##*

April 12, 2007 at 10:40 AM



“ *With deepest sympathy. May the peace which comes from the memories of love shared comfort you now and in the days ahead. You are in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Joe and Trish Mikulus and Family##imported-end##*

April 12, 2007 at 10:18 AM