



## Frank J. Brescia

August 25, 2009

Mr. Frank J. Brescia, age 91, of Utica, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, August 25, 2009 at the Masonic Care Community of NY with the love and support of his family by his side.

Born in Utica on October 31, 1917, Frank was the son of the late Agazio “Michael” and Gaetana “Carrie” (Bellezza) Brescia. He was raised and educated in Utica and attended local schools. A member of the “Greatest Generation”, he was a proud veteran of the U.S. Army, serving his country with the Military Police during World War II. On June 15, 1940 he married the former Josephine Trapasso with whom he shared a blessed union of nearly 50 years prior to her passing on April 3, 1990. A close and compatible couple, they respected each other’s values and beliefs, and their love grew stronger through the years.

Frank’s working career began at Markson’s Furniture Store, a local establishment where he acquired his appreciation for the retail business. He was mentored by the fine family concern for 23 years, and in 1954, along with his brothers, he established, co-owned, and operated Brescia’s Furniture Store on Bleecker St. He was a business leader with a humane nature, and his rule in doing business was “Think more about your clients and eventually your success will be applauded”. Frank went the extra mile in the blending of relationships including his family life, love of community, and civic commitments. He was masterful because of his social and truly unforgettable persona. He was a wonderful father, understanding and always wanting the

very best for his children who had a mutually rewarding relationship with him. In truth, they looked at him as a best friend. Frank also enjoyed a special bond with his grandchildren – filled with love, care and respect. He was especially committed to family celebrations and gatherings and honored his heritage and traditions. He often enjoyed reflecting on memories of old times. He appreciated music of any era and had many memories of ‘the local dances’ and the graceful moves he managed on the dance floor. For many years, he and his brothers were accomplished bowlers and Frank was honored to be inducted into the Utica Bowling Hall of Fame. He was also an avid Yankees fan, following their success until recent days. At one time, he was a member of the Sons of Italy Utica Lodge #2054, and he was currently a supporter of Engine 11. He was a longtime member of St. Agnes Parish, and currently a member of St. Anthony and St. Agnes Church.

Frank is survived by his devoted daughter and son-in-law, Carrie and Andrew Pirich of Marcy; and his daughter-in-law, Andrea "Andy" Brescia. Always close to his heart was the memory of his son, Michael C. Brescia who passed away on August 24, 1999. He also leaves his loving grandchildren, Jacqueline and Darren Kinville of Fairfield, CA, David and Dorene Brescia of Utica, Drew and Carmela Pirich of Johnson City, NY, and Marla and Mitch Gorton of Endwell, NY; and his great-grandchildren, Spencer, Shane, and Natalie who brought much joy to his life. Survivors also include his brother and sister-in-law, Nicholas J. and Genevieve Brescia of Utica; his sisters and brothers-in-law, Rose B. Comito, Teresa Brown, Carmella and Dominick Rose, all of Utica, and Patricia and Dr. Ramon Salas of Baltimore; his nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and in-laws, Jeanette Brescia, Frances Trapasso, and Elmer Caniato. Frank was blessed with many loyal and enduring friendships at The Brook Apartments. He also leaves his special friend, Frances Malagese. He was predeceased by his brothers and sisters-in-law, Anthony and Mary Brescia, Joseph J. and Betty Brescia, and Fred A. Brescia; his sister and brother-in-law, Mary and Joseph A. Riccardi; and his in-laws, Leonard M. and Natalie Mino, Frank Trapasso, John and Katherine Trapasso,

Anna Caniato, Frank J. Comito, and Adelbert Brown.

The family extends heartfelt appreciation to Dr. Charles Eldredge, Dr. Ira Tisch, Dr. Ijaz Mian, and their wonderful staff for the professional guidance and concern shown to Frank. Thanks also to Dr. Olteanu and the nurses and aides of the Troy Household at the Masonic Care Community of NY who compassionately and lovingly cared for Frank; the nurses and staff of 3W at the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center for their outstanding devotion; and the Faxton-St. Lukes and Masonic Care Community Dialysis Units. A special thank you is offered to Msgr. Francis Willenburg and Fr. Anthony LaFache for their spiritual guidance during Frank's life.

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 service will commence on Saturday morning at 8:00 from the funeral home and at 9:00 at St. Anthony & St. Agnes 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



“ To The Brescia Family: Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to you all. We pray that you will find comfort in the special memories you hold in your heart for your loved one. God bless and keep you in His loving care.##imported-begin##Joe & Joan (Florentino) Zegarelli##imported-end##

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September 23, 2009 at 04:41 PM



“ Dear Carrie, Andy, and the Brescia Family,  
You cannot imagine the sadness I feel over the loss of your dad. He was the father-in-law I never had. He always made me feel like part of your family. I have so many happy memories of him -- too numerous to mention. He invited me to your reunions calling me "family." When I was diagnosed with diabetes, I was petrified. I spoke to him privately and he made me feel so good. He said he had had diabetes since age 40 and he continued to live a normal life. He gave me hope. He had a gentle way with people making everyone feel good. I will truly miss him. He represents the end of an era. I am sure he is with your mom and Mike and the rest of the family drinking black coffee and eating cannoli. May he rest in peace.

Love,

Paula##imported-begin##Paula J. Cook##imported-end##

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August 30, 2009 at 11:21 AM



“ Carrie & family...I'm very sorry to hear of your Dad's passing...my thoughts are with you...##imported-begin##Don Marino##imported-end##

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August 29, 2009 at 02:18 PM



“ While we didn't know Frank personally, we are connected with his niece Linda Brescia Puleo. The tribute in the OD highlighted the blessings of a long and fruitful life. Many years ago I clearly remember the Brescia Brothers team at the Aurora. His accomplishments as a bowler were outstanding, but greater was his contribution to his family and friends.##imported-begin##Jim/Jean Griffin##imported-end##

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August 28, 2009 at 11:53 PM



“ Carrie & fam so sorry to read of your Dad's passing he was a gentlemen he will be missed##imported-begin##Linda & Frank Gagliano##imported-end##

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August 28, 2009 at 11:08 PM



“ Every one who had the pleasure of meeting Frank loved him .he will be sadly missed he leaves a void in many lives . MY HEART GOES OUT TO ALL OF HIS FAMILY. SINCERELY YOURS .  
AGNELLA##imported-begin##Agnella Brown##imported-end##

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August 28, 2009 at 08:49 AM



“ To the Brescia Family, May each of you find comfort in knowing that God is "near to those that are broken at heart; and those who are crushed in spirit he saves." (Psalm 34;18) He has promised to soon "swallow up death forever...and wipe the tears from all faces." (Isaiah 25;8) Take care,##imported-begin##valerie thompson##imported-end##

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August 27, 2009 at 11:49 PM



“ My sincere sympathies to you all--Jackie, Dave, Darren, Dorene and Andy. Mr Brescia was a great guy and the nicest person. May he rest in peace.##imported-begin##Jennifer (Pieloch) Gagnon##imported-end##

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August 27, 2009 at 10:23 AM



“ Our deepest sympathy to the family.  
Carol and Phil Scampone##imported-begin##Philip Scampone##imported-end##

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August 27, 2009 at 06:38 AM



“ To the Brescia Family,

*We have lost an incredible man whose class, dignity and courage were an inspiration to all of us. There was something very special about Frank; not only did he share the same name with someone very dear to us, he shared the same personality. We are so lucky to have shared a Sunday with him in July at Mom's home and grateful that he shared childhood memories with us. It was a pleasure to have known Frank and an honor to be in his presence. The memory of him will be with us forever.##imported-begin##Bob and Lucy Brodowski, Mary Brodowski, Joann Owens##imported-end##*

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August 26, 2009 at 08:47 PM



“ so sorry to hear of Franks passing but i am so grateful to have gotten to know such a pleasant kind gentleman over the years i enjoyed our weekly visits when he came in for his shots- he always had a great story to tell - always pleasant - sure will miss him coming in - take care my thoughts are with you Stacy Helmer LPN @ Dr Eldredges office###imported-begin##Stacy Helmer ###imported-end##

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August 26, 2009 at 07:31 PM



“ I am truly saddened to read Frank has passed away, I hope you are doing as well as can be expected. Not often will someone touch my heart as your Dad did. Only such a wonderful man could have the love of a wonderful family. It was an honor to have cared for him and make a strawberry milkshake just to see his face light up into his amazing smile. He will continue to smile upon you all. God bless each of you. Please let me know if I can do anything. With Love and Respect, Kathy (St. Lukes)###imported-begin##kathy Welch###imported-end##

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August 26, 2009 at 08:59 AM