



Mr. Fred J. Grimaldi Jr.

February 8, 1932 - October 1, 2012

Mr. Fred J. Grimaldi, Jr., age 80, of Utica, passed away unexpectedly on Monday, October 1, 2012 in the privacy of his home with his loving family by his side.

Born in Utica on February 8, 1932, Fred was the son of the late Fred J., Sr. and Angeline (Pugliese) Grimaldi. He was raised and educated locally, attending Proctor High School. On August 23, 1952 he married the former Marie Ferrese, and they were proud to celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary this August. Fred and Marie centered their love upon one another and their family, and Fred's whole life was dedicated to their happiness and comfort.

Fred was employed by the Utica City School District for over 20 years. He retired from his position as an Athletic Grounds Caretaker in 1993. Fred was blessed with a natural athletic ability which allowed him to excel at various sports. From 1952 he played fastpitch softball for several local teams, all while engraining in his sons an appreciation for sports. Fred took a special interest in coaching his sons and grandchildren in their baseball endeavors, along with many local youth that he inspired. In his earlier years, he enjoyed woodworking, handcrafting many memorable pieces for his grandchildren. Fred will be remembered as an all-around family man who appreciated friendships and loved people.

Fred is survived by his wife Marie; his sons and daughters-in-law, Fred J., III and Jill Grimaldi of Frankfort, David and Lori Grimaldi of Utica, Richard J., Sr.

and Roxanne Grimaldi of Sauquoit, and Frank T. Grimaldi, Sr. of Marcy; and his grandchildren who affectionately referred to him as “their Poppie”, Amanda and Alyssa Grimaldi-Bouthillier, Corinda Grimaldi and fiancé Glenn Cox, Joie Alaina Grimaldi, Ashley, and Alyssa Grimaldi, Richard Jr., and Michael Grimaldi; Frank Jr., Francesca, and Matthew Grimaldi, and their mother, Karen Grimaldi. He also leaves his sister, Theresa Viti; his brothers and sisters-in-law, Robert and Joanne Grimaldi, Carmen and JoAnn Grimaldi, and Dennis and Carolyn Grimaldi; his nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, especially acknowledging Al Grimaldi, and his in-laws, Jeanne and Thomas Zdanowicz, Kathleen and Charles Osborn, Frank Percacciante, and Thomas and Donna Ferrese. He was predeceased by his father-in-law and mother-in-law Frank and Rose Ferrese; and his in-laws, Dominick A. Viti, Jr., and Rosemarie Percacciante.

The family is grateful to all the Emergency Responders who assisted them at the time of Fred’s passing.

Visitation will be held Thursday from 4:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Fred’s funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Friday morning at 9:30 from the funeral home and at 10:30 at St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church where his Mass of Christian Burial will be offered. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery. We could always find Dad or Pop in his favorite chair watching the Yankees or the Giants.

His family will always affectionately remember him calling out to his beloved wife...

“Marie!”

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **4**. 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 **5**. 9:30 AM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.
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Service

OCT 5. 10:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ Eannace Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Fred J. Grimaldi Jr.



Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. - October 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Marie & family sorry to hear about Freds passing. So happy I had the opportunity to get to know Fred as my neighbor. My thoughts & prayers are with you & your family. Bill Stoltz

Bill Stoltz - October 11, 2012 at 06:42 PM

NB

“ Nicholas Bonanza lit a candle in memory of Mr. Fred J. Grimaldi Jr.



nicholas bonanza - October 08, 2012 at 02:07 PM

DR

“ *Marie and your wonderful family
I just wanted to say how very sorry we were to hear about Fred this week. I am so glad I got to have breakfast with both of you during our New York visit in June. I love both of you so very much and cherished all our vacations and get togethers through our child hood years! My parents loved having both of you as their best friends! Our love and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time. I only wish we didn't live so far away and could be there in person. Fred will truly be missed by everyone! Love to all of you Dave & Dawn (Iagnocco) Ryder*

Dawn Ryder - October 07, 2012 at 09:15 PM

LB

“ *I'm happy that the Grimaldi and Ferrese families settled in Utica, New York and became our friends and neighbors. They all mae Utica, New York a better place.*

Lou Barile.

Lou Barile - October 04, 2012 at 07:45 PM

DP

“ *MARIE AND FAMILY,
WE ARE VERY SADDENED AT YOUR LOSS AND OUR
SINCEREST SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS GO OUT TO YOU THRU
YOUR ORDEAL. FRED WAS ONE OF A VANISHING BREED,
HONEST, HARD WORKING , FORTHRIGHT, AND MANY OTHER
PLATITUDES OF HIS GENERATION,WHICH WAS ONE THAT
HAS BEEN CALLED THE "GREATEST GENERATION". LOVE OF
FAMILY WAS FRED'S CREDO, BUT HIS LOVE OF BASEBALL
AND THE YANKEES WAS SECOND TO NO ONE'S ALLEGANCE
TO ANYTHING. WHENEVER I SEE A YANKS GAME I THINK OF
FRED, AND THAT WILL CONTINUE. FRED HAD AN ABILITY TO
MAKE ME FEEL LIKE HE TALKED TO ME LAST WEEK, EVEN
THOUGH A LONG PERIOD MAY HAVE PASSED SINCE WE HAD
BEEN TOGETHER .
GOD BLESS YOU ALL. YOU WERE BLESSED WITH FRED AND
HIS LOVE AS YOUR FAMILY HEAD. EVERYONE WAS LUCKY TO
HAVE KNOWN HIM.
DAN AND BETTY PAOLUCCI (TOM & DONNA 'S FRIENDS IN
PHILLY)*

DANIEL PAOLUCCI - October 04, 2012 at 06:03 PM

DJ

“ *To the entire Grimaldi family, our deepest symathy, thoughts and
prayers go out to Fred Grimadi and to the entire Grimaldi family. RIP
Fred!
Sincerly.
Dave, Josh and Peter Jones*

David A Jones - October 04, 2012 at 02:16 PM

RP

“ *To the Grimaldi Family,*

It is with deep sadness that I learned about the passing of your Husband and Father. He was a man of spirit and enthusiasm. He was always fun to be around. I have many fond memories of my youth hockey and baseball days spent with him. May God bless all of you in your time of grief and know others feel your sorrow.

*Rick Polera
Beavercreek, Ohio*

Rick Polera - October 04, 2012 at 08:59 AM

DV

“ *Aunt Marie and the Grimaldi family so sorry to hear of the passing of Uncle Freddy. We have so many memories of Uncle that we will always cherish. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of you at this difficult time*



Love Dean, Sue, Andrea, Kayla and Dean Viti

Dean and Susan Viti - October 04, 2012 at 08:49 AM

WM

“ *Mrs. Grimaldi and Boys. I was so sorry to hear about the loss of Fred, he was one of a kind. I always have a picture in my mind of coaching you Boys in Baseball and Mr&Mrs G would be at every game. Fred was always in the stands making sure the right coaching decisions were done... he has given me great memories Bill & Angela Meola*

william meola - October 04, 2012 at 08:41 AM

FB

“ To the Grimaldi family.. i give you my deepest sympathy and prayers. Fred R.I.P

Frank Barbero

Frank Barbero - October 03, 2012 at 03:37 PM

SN

“ So very saddened what a wonderful man, Our deepest sympathy and prayers.

Sal and Lisa Nicolette

Sal Nicolette - October 03, 2012 at 12:28 PM

AS

“ I'm so sorry to hear about your loss.



Adam & Don Shipman-Lawless - October 03, 2012 at 08:38 AM

LR

“ To the Grimaldi Family, I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your Husband, Father and Grandfather. My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this difficult time.

Linda Rosati Rodeo



Linda Rosati Rodeo - October 03, 2012 at 08:15 AM

AV

“ Aunt Marie and to the rest of the Grimaldi family. I was so deeply saddened to hear about the passing of uncle Freddy. I have many great memories of him from when I was younger and I know he meant the world to a lot of people. I hope you all find peace in knowing you gained an extra guardian angel and he will always be with you. My love thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time.
Love, Andrea Viti



Andrea viti - October 03, 2012 at 01:20 AM

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Love, Andrea Viti



Andrea viti - October 03, 2012 at 01:20 AM

SB

“ to the grimaldi family, your dad will be missed. to rich and rest of family i wish you all the best in this difficult time. fred, R.I.P. sal barbero.

sal barbero - October 02, 2012 at 11:15 PM

AV

“ *Albert Viti sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Fred J. Grimaldi Jr.*



Albert Viti - October 02, 2012 at 08:37 PM

AV

“ *Dear Aunt Marie & ALL of the Grimaldi Family...Please know that we are deeply sorry to hear the news of Uncle Freddie's passing. He was always a big part of our family gatherings and celebrations. We have many memories and will cherish all of them. He will be greatly missed. We will hold you all close to our heart during this time.*
Love~Al, Teresa & AJ Viti

Albert Viti - October 02, 2012 at 08:35 PM

CO

“ *Cara Oliveras lit a candle in memory of Mr. Fred J. Grimaldi Jr.*



Cara Oliveras - October 02, 2012 at 07:23 PM

CO

Frank and Family I am so sorry to hear about your father's passing. May you always keep your memories alive. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Cara Oliveras

Cara Oliveras - October 02, 2012 at 07:25 PM

CF

“ Dear Marie & boys, We are so sorry to hear of Freddie's passing. He was such a nice man. We just saw him a few days ago. He was sitting in a chair just waiting for his Marie. He was so enjoying talking about his grandchildren. We are so happy we got to see him that day! May god be with you during this difficult time. Carl & Annette Fiore

Carl Fiore - October 02, 2012 at 06:16 PM

AC

“ Marie and Family, We are so sorry for the of loss of our friend Freddie, We have so many memories, Our thoughts and prayers are with You! Andy & Linda Convertino

Andrew & Linda Convertino - October 02, 2012 at 05:17 PM

SE

“ Lori and Dave,
Our deepest condolences to you and your family.
Wade and Sharlene

sharlene evans - October 02, 2012 at 03:50 PM

KD

“ 1 file added to the album New Album Name



kathi dempsey - October 02, 2012 at 01:21 PM

KD

“ My dear friend Marie, Fred, Richard, David, Frank and Families: So many memories, so many good times going back a lot of years. The bowling alleys, the amaretto sours, the golf leagues, the casino trips, our visits in Florida, the many parties, card games and just plain visiting with each other. I loved arguing with Fred and I NEVER won!! He was a good man and knew how lucky he was to have been married to Marie and to have had 4 wonderful sons. He had a good life and he appreciated it fully. He was always proud to talk about his grandchildren and their accomplishments. Both he and Marie were so excited when Amanda was born. Their 1st grandchild!! I am saddened that we will not be there to pay our respects to Fred or to the family, but know you are in our thoughts and prayers. Jack and I will miss you Fred.



Kathi Dempsey - October 02, 2012 at 12:19 PM

DB

“ Marie and Family,

I was saddened to hear about the passing of my buddy Fred. I enjoyed our talks, we would have just talk about life in general. Fred took me under his wing years ago while working in the sports programs at Proctor. I remember the first time he approached me and said to me, I didn't know your dad was such and such. I laughed and said you can't tell. He said now I can, anytime I would see him around in the schools, he would call me little Joe. As years went by, come to find out that you and my parents became neighbors. I was so happy to see my buddy again. This past August, it was great to see you and just talk about life. Now you have left all your loved ones. Fred, I'm going to miss you. I want to thank you for your friendship.

Marie, my prayers are with you and your family. I know how much Fred will be missed. I'll be thinking about you always. God Bless You!

Debbie Barbero - October 02, 2012 at 06:53 AM