



Fred G. Mazza

October 19, 1922 - December 9, 2011

Mr. Fred G. Mazza, age 89, of New Hartford, passed away on Friday, December 9, 2011 at the Faxon-St. Luke's Healthcare Center with the love and support of his family.

Fred was born in Utica on October 19, 1922, the son of the late Giuseppe and Jennie (Graniero) Mazza. Raised and educated locally, he attended T.R. Proctor High School. A proud veteran of the United States Army, he honorably served his country during World War II stationed in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater of Operations and the Philippines. After the war, on June 28, 1947 he wed the former Mary C. Postiglione; the couple shared an adoring relationship during their 64-year marriage and Fred considered his wife his "Princess".

An electrician by trade, he was employed by various area contractors; being very creative, ingenious, and adventuresome with his ideas, he invented "a starter" still in use today for disposals which was purchased by Ideas in Science & Electronics, Inc. He next worked for the General Electric Company at the Bleecker St. location, and was proudly affiliated with Burton's Stove Store where he was the Service Appliance Manager. In the 1950's he established Fred Mazza Appliance, located in downtown Utica on Charlotte St., as well as Bleecker and South Streets. The family enterprise, humbly led by this hard working individual, then expanded into Fred Mazza World of Appliances, Inc., concurrently operating in three locations, Commercial Drive, Herkimer, and Seneca Turnpike. These business endeavors were family-managed and were the best of times for him. Fred was a playful and fun

loving dad yet he was admired by his children as a role model for his parenting abilities. A man of the Greatest Generation, he honored his heritage, provided for his family, and was looked upon as a “gentle giant” because of his generous and kind nature. He also enjoyed winters in Florida where he soaked up the sunshine and warm weather. Fred derived much pleasure from fishing with his grandson, and he was passionate about caring for the interior and exterior of his home. He was a member of Tau Phi Zeta Fraternity, and at one time was involved with the Republican Party and the American Legion Post #1376 in New Hartford. He was a parishioner of St. John the Evangelist Church.

Fred is survived by his wife, Mary; his daughter and son-in-law, Marilyn and John Kowalski of Prospect; his sons and daughters-in-law, Fred J. and Dawn Mazza of Floyd, and Gary and Louise Mazza of New Hartford; his grandchildren, Miranda Crossley; Megan Mazza and fiancé Andrew Wilson, Marissa Mazza, and their mother, Rita Grimaldi; Mariel Mazza, Gary H. Mazza, and Jake Mazza; and his great-grandson, Jaden Gray. In addition, he leaves his sister and brother-in-law, Dorothy and Bren Taylor of FL; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and in-laws, Theresa Zaza, Antoinette Fiore, and Lillian Postiglione. He was also blessed with very wonderful friends and business associates, especially remembering Seymour Greene, Felix Nolan, and Andy Lario. He was predeceased by his brother, Robert G. Mazza; his sister and brother-in-law, Phyllis and Bill Sarnacki; and his in-laws, Nick A. Postiglione, and Josephine and Joseph Monescalchi.

The family extends sincere appreciation to the following health care providers: Dr. Darrell S. Pardi of the Mayo Clinic, Dr. Toby Taylor, Dr. Brian Gaffney and Dr. Samir Desai. The Faxton-St. Luke’s Health Care Center 6th Floor nurses and staff, including Shelly, Olga, Mandy, and Mike as well as the Critical Care Unit staff with special mention Mike, were most conscious of the treasures of life; as well as the angelic volunteers who comforted Fred and his family with such attentiveness and compassion. A joy of light was felt from the staff of the Charles T. Sitrin Home staff for their kindness; and the family was filled with

love and faith through the prayers of hope of Fr. Fraats for his prayers and support.

Visitation will be held Monday from 4:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. By family request, please omit floral offerings. Fred's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Tuesday afternoon at 12:00 noon from the funeral home and at 1:00 at St. John the Evangelist Church where his Mass of Christian Burial with Military Honors will be offered by Rev. Joseph Zareski and Msgr. Francis Willenburg. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Service

DEC **13**. 1:00 PM (ET)

St. John the Evangelist Church
60 Oxford Road
New Hartford, NY 13413
(315) 732-8521

Tribute Wall

BF

“ my uncle fred , you never ever said no to me, you gave me lessons on life and ill never forget all the hours we spent together when you showed me how to fix washers and dryers so that with that knowledge i could a job which i did. you didnt believe in pills or lunch but we did sneak out for a hotdog now and then. if there is a better word for love i dont know it. I kissed your forehead and told you i love you at st lukes. I hoped that comforted you . I will miss you more than anyone can imagine because we had are little secrets. Goodbye Uncle. love bobby

bob fiore - December 13, 2011 at 04:54 PM

LA

“ Fred,
Deepest condolences to you as you mourn the loss of your father.
May God bless you and your family during this difficult time.
Lena Addison

Lena Addison - December 12, 2011 at 10:22 PM

TM

“ Tony & Debbie Monescalchi lit a candle in memory of Fred G. Mazza



Tony & Debbie Monescalchi - December 12, 2011 at 06:25 PM

JS

“ Marilyn, So sorry for your Dad leaving, Fred was a good man and HE he will always be within you as my father is within me. Joseph Surace Frankfort, NY

Joseph A Surace - December 12, 2011 at 12:55 PM

MF

“ Michele & Ray Fayet lit a candle in memory of Fred G. Mazza



Michele & Ray Fayet - December 12, 2011 at 11:58 AM

SB

“ May the candle guide your soul to everlasting peace.

Suzanne Schafer Bakert - December 12, 2011 at 08:19 AM

JC

“ Jaden Crossley lit a candle in memory of Fred G. Mazza



Jaden Crossley - December 12, 2011 at 06:44 AM

RG

“ *Robin Grimaldi lit a candle in memory of Fred G. Mazza*



Robin Grimaldi - December 12, 2011 at 06:39 AM

“ My fondest memories of my youth are growing up in the yard and humble home of Fred's parents Joe and Jenny ("Jay") Mazza. Numerous families who lived in the Old Neighborhood a block from Thomas R. Proctor High school for decades harbor similar recollections of a wonderful family.

Fred's brother, Bob and his family, lived around the corner. Bob daily visited his parents with his four sons. And their home is where me and my six siblings met Freddy, Marilyn, and Gary. Joyce and her popular Utica area artist mom Philomena, Fred's sister were incredibly kind. And, of course, Bob's twin, Dorothy, was a stunning woman whose children became our friends as well.

Fred was a World War Two hero and hails from America's Greatest Generation. His dad Joe fought in World War One. His animated storytelling and songs of early life in Italy captivated me, my twin, and our four siblings on his porch on many warm Summer nights of our youth. That is where I learned some of life's lessons. Still I keep a photo of young Joe standing with his comrades in the forest of Ardennes, France, burying a fallen fellow soldier. Fred gave me and my twin many photos after his parents passed away only six weeks apart in December 1977 and January 1978. My twin and sister Therese rushed to his mom's home on a snowy afternoon as she was having a heart attack; she urged them to call her son Fred. He arrived moments before his mom passed away.

For Fred's grandchildren, it is helpful to know where your family originated. And I share with each of you a mere glimpse into the rich lives of your great-grandparents who became like my grandparents as their "paradise" next door to my childhood home on Hilton Avenue was a warmly welcoming atmosphere. Joe and Jenny immediately befriended my parents upon their moving next door in 1950. And they became our closest neighbors. Joe called his yard "a touch of heaven" as it was filled with rose bushes, tall pine trees, plants and flowers of many species, apple, plum, and pear trees and a grape arbor, where we feasted from all the years of our youth!

My prayers are with Freddy Jr., Gary, and Marilyn. I recall each of you fondly and part of a wonderful family that I am blessed to have known my entire life. Know that your Dad's earthly absence shall be replaced by his spirit that shall be by your side forevermore. Your lives are enriched by the goodness he bestowed upon each of you.

Peace,

*Girard A. Plante
Newton, MA*

Girard A. Plante - December 11, 2011 at 06:09 PM

CC

“ *sorry four your loss Carl&Darlene Case*



carl case - December 11, 2011 at 06:06 PM

GM

“ *Girard A. Plante, Newton, MA lit a candle in memory of Fred G. Mazza*



Girard A. Plante, Newton, MA - December 11, 2011 at 05:27 PM

DL

“ *Dante & Lynette Lentricchia lit a candle in memory of Fred G. Mazza*



Dante & Lynette Lentricchia - December 11, 2011 at 03:06 PM

JM

“ *Dear Mary & Family:*

I am sorry to hear of Fred's passing. May his soul rest in peace.

Joe & Lillian Mody

Joseph Mody - December 11, 2011 at 12:52 PM

GP

“ I haven't seen Mr. Fred Mazza Sr. in years but I can't help notice how much he looks like his father, Joe - who was a wonderful neighbor along w/his wife 'Jay' on Hilton Ave. in Utica. His mother Jay also died on a Friday, Dec. 9, 1977 - approx. two weeks after my young father was buried. The day she died she gave me a afghan blanket that she made just for me! I still have it. She called me @ my next door home @ 1142 to tell me she needed me over there because she wasn't feeling well. My sister Therese and I had to break the back door window to get in! She was in her back bedroom and had us call Freddy Sr. who came right over and we went about cleaning up after the broken window mess left behind and tending to ol' Joe as he was distraught of his wife's demise. I always remember Freddy Sr.'s parents Joe & Jay. They died 2 months apart. Freddy Sr. gave me a photo of his parents on their wedding day in 1916! I just brought it out on this past Fr., Dec. 9th remembering this special anniversary of my good friends/neighbors Jay and Joe. I'll never forget them and what I learned from them. They were my mother's best neighbors for years and we were always over there especially during the warmer months for their yard was a large one and had many plantings/flowers/fruit trees/grape arbor where ol' Joe would tell stories to my twin Girard and I from his native Italy. He made his own pressed wine from the grape arbor and I'll tell you it's where I first had a sip of wine...it was strong! There was always something to do in that wonderland of a yard. After his parents died, Freddy Sr. gave my mother a favorite Mary statue w/grotto base that my mother tended to for years and some of my siblings as well as other neighborhood kids no doubt have had their First Communion pictures taken in front of the statue. It now sits in my backyard along the Mohawk River in the Stockade district in Schenectady NY. Everytime I look out I see it and never forget where it came from. To Marilyn/Freddy Jr./Gary - who dated my sister Denise for awhile - my heartfelt sympathies and fond memories of your dad and his parents and the three of you as well - thank you for your hospitallity and friendship through the years.

Best,

Gerald F. Plante, Stockade District, Schenectady NY

Gerald F. Plante - December 11, 2011 at 09:00 AM

LM

“ *Papa,
Nothing will ever be the same without you, but thank you for all that
you've done for us.
We are going to miss you so much. God Bless.
Louise*

Lu Mazza - December 11, 2011 at 08:59 AM

JM

“ *Papa,
I'll always love you.
Jake*

Jake Mazza - December 11, 2011 at 08:55 AM