



Mr. Frederick A. "Fred" Arcuri, Sr.

October 6, 1917 - March 8, 2016

Mr. Frederick A. "Fred" Arcuri, Sr., age 98, a former resident of Elizabeth Street in Utica and currently of Chadwicks, passed away on Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center with his loving family by his side.

Born in Stockport, NY on October 6, 1917, Frederick was the son of the late Thomas S. and Josephine (Gentile) Arcuri. As a young boy, he and his family relocated to Utica where he was raised and educated. He was a graduate of Utica Free Academy/Class of 1936. A proud veteran of the United States Air Force, Fred honorably served his country with the 13th Airborne Division stationed in both the Atlantic and Pacific Theaters of Operation during World War II. On March 26, 1951 he married the former Jennie C. Caniato with whom he shared 65 years in a union blessed with love and many memories. They were inseparable.

Fred, along with his brother Anthony, owned and operated one of the first Mobil Auto Service Centers & Dealerships called Arcuri Brothers Service Station which was located at the corner of Mohawk and Elizabeth Streets. Over time, it evolved into Arco Auto Radiator Service, a venture that served residents and many local dealerships in the area. Fred was proud to work alongside his son in the family concern for a period of 29 years. He offered his expertise at this one location for over 60 years! A true gentleman, Fred was a loving husband and devoted family man, always available to offer his wisdom and words of advice. He was non-judgmental and empathic in helping others.

He was generous with his time, and he was all heart. He loved to dance, especially with his wife, and he excelled at many types of dancing. An avid adventurer and outdoorsman, he was skilled at fishing and cherished his time spent in the Canadian North Woods and on the St. Lawrence River. He enjoyed gardening in the springtime and spending summers at the family camp in the Adirondacks, and in later years the camp at Goosebay, Thousand Islands became their "second home". He was a parishioner of Historic Old St. John's Church.

Frederick is survived by his wife, Jennie; his daughters and son-in-law, Judith "Judy" Oropallo of Troy, NY, and Laura Jean and William Petrilli of Chadwicks; his son and daughter-in-law, Frederick A. and Michele Arcuri of Sauquoit; his grandchildren, Nicholas Oropallo, Olivia Oropallo; Dr. Matthew Petrilli, BiancaJude Petrilli; Rhianna Arcuri, and Thomas Arcuri; and his cherished great-granddaughter, Katarina. His extended family includes his special nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and brother-in-law, Elmer Caniato of Utica. He was predeceased by his sisters and brothers-in-law, Bessie and Fred Raia, Rose and Rudy Degasperi, Elizabeth O. and Harry Talerico, Mary and Peter Pagliaro, Antoinette Marie and Vincent Callahan; his brothers and sisters-in-law, Philip and Helen Arcuri, Anthony and Isabelle Arcuri, Joseph and Mary Arcuri, and Thomas Arcuri; and his special niece, Betty Giruzzi; brother in law and sisters in law Orlando and Cora Caniato, and Anna Caniato.

Fred's family will honor and commemorate his life at a private time. By family request, please omit floral offerings. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Frederick's funeral service and Celebration of Life which will commence on Saturday afternoon at 12:30 at Historic Old St. John's Church where his Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. John Buehler with Military Honors conferred by the United States Air Force. The family will receive visitors at the conclusion of Mass. Entombment will take place in Resurrection Chapel Mausoleum at Holy Trinity 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

Resurrection Chapel Mausoleum

1500 Champlin Avenue
Utica, NY

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Jenny and family: I was sorry to hear about Fred's passing...I remember the good times, dancing at the Sons of Italy...We were quite the foursome...A true gentleman...I am sure he and my husband Gene are sharing the laughs that we had together...God bless you and your wonderful family...Erma Dormio

Erma Dormio - March 14, 2016 at 10:06 AM

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“ To the entire family we extend our heartfelt sympathies. We have so many treasured memories of Fritz at Arco Radiator, the River, and one very special fishing trip, and your family parties at home. Fritz was the epitome of the finest true gentleman whose kindness and endearing smile was shared with everyone he met. We will miss him dearly and pray that you are comforted with the endless memory of a genuinely wonderful man, your husband, father, grandfather.

Nick, Lorraine, & Joey Dominick - March 14, 2016 at 09:28 AM

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“ Mrs. Arcuri, Judy, Laura, Freddy and family, I'm sorry to hear of Fred Sr. passing. He was one of East Utica's pillars of the community that I always enjoyed talking with as I was growing up. That smile of his is still prevalent in the recent photo posted. He lived a long and happy life by the looks of it. Keeping him and the family in my thoughts and prayers. May he rest in peace .

Bobby Ollerenshaw - March 14, 2016 at 06:30 AM

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“ *Dear Jenne and Family: My sincere sympathyn on the loss of your dear Fred. May God be with you all during this sad time, Kay Hobaica, Florida*

Kay Hobaica - March 11, 2016 at 10:42 AM