



## Mr. Gerald A. "Jerry" Talerico

November 29, 1926 - February 10, 2017

Mr. Gerald A. "Jerry" Talerico, age 90, passed away on Friday, February 10, 2017 in the privacy of his home with his loving family by his side.

Born in Utica on November 29, 1926, Gerald was the son of the late Jerry "Red" and Ruth M. (Marsden) Talerico. He attended Brandegee Elementary School and was a graduate of T.R. Proctor High School. A proud veteran of the United States Army, Jerry honorably served his country from 1945-1946 during World War II stationed in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater of Operations. On October 16, 1948 he married the former Ellen Brown with whom he shared 55 years in a union bonded by common family values, social interests, respect, and admiration for one another. Ellen passed away on January 17, 2004.

Jerry worked at Griffiss Air Force Base as a Parachute packer and he jokingly stated that he never had one complaint from a Vietnam War veteran — their parachutes deployed perfectly! He later progressed to the position of Heavy Equipment repairman. As a patriarch, Jerry provided for his family and made a happy home for them. His children admired and appreciated his loving parental guidance. He was a believer of "old school" values, and when he set his mind to do something, he got the job done. Jerry loved people and although he was soft-spoken, he was a great conversationalist. He was also a skilled handyman and was proud of his projects and accomplishments. During his retirement, he became co-owner of Utica's legendary Ball's Card Shop located downtown on Lafayette Street. Interacting with the customers and having daily conversations was truly a labor of love. Special family occasions

and celebrations were very important to Jerry whether at home or at his Hinckley Lake summer home where he was a seasonal boat owner. But he was happiest when he was mowing the lawn. He was an avid bowler for many years and also enjoyed hunting and fishing.

Jerry is survived by his daughter, Judy Talerico and Linda Filippelli; his sons and daughter-in-law, Kevin Talerico, and Gerard Talerico, of Utica, and James "Jamie" and Lori Burr Talerico of Enfield, CT. He cherished the memory of his infant daughter, Ellen Talerico, who passed away in 1962. He also leaves his grandchildren, Chelesea Talerico, and Ashley Talerico; and Lori's children, Patrick, Sean, and Ryan Burr; his great-grandchildren, Isabella, and Carmella; his nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, Joann and Paul Turk, Marie Talerico, Henry and Linda Talerico, and Olympia Riccardi; in-laws, Kathleen Brown, and Donald and Susan Brown; and longtime friends, Everett and Sharlene Whipple who enriched his life. He was predeceased by his in-laws, Hazel and John "Jas" Topor, Joan Marie Brown, Virginia Brown, John B. Wisniewski, and Lester "Buzzy" Brown, Jr.

The family extends their gratitude to Hospice & Palliative Care Inc., especially acknowledging Crystal, and Eileen and to the doctors, nurses and staff of St. Elizabeth Medical Center for the compassionate care rendered to Jerry during his final journey.

Visitation will be held Wednesday from 4-6 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. By family request please omit floral offerings. Those wishing to express an act of kindness may make a contribution in Jerry's honor to the Stevens-Swan Humane Society; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Gerald's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Wednesday at 6:00 at the funeral home immediately upon conclusion of visitation with Sister Betty Giarrusso, CSJ officiating the ceremony with Military Honors conferred. Interment will take place in Mt. Olivet Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

# Cemetery Details

## **Mt. Olivet Cemetery**

Whitesboro, NY

# Tribute Wall

Holly Topor

“ *Holly Topor lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald A. "Jerry" Talerico*



Holly Topor - February 15, 2017 at 04:09 PM

Holly Topor

*From all of us in Kentucky Mark, Terri, and Holly Topor.*

Holly Topor - February 15, 2017 at 04:10 PM

MK

“ *I never got to see Gerald very often but I thoroughly enjoyed every chat I ever had with him. What a kind and decent gentleman he was. No wonder he was always my Mom's favorite cousin. I will miss him.*

Morgan J Kinne - February 15, 2017 at 03:20 PM

CH

“ *Camille And Dave Hanzalik lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald A. "Jerry" Talerico*



Camille and Dave Hanzalik - February 15, 2017 at 10:04 AM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Gerald A. "Jerry" Talerico.*



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February 14, 2017 at 08:07 PM



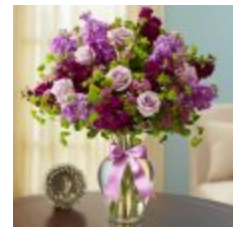
“ *Rest easy, Dad. I've got The Watch and everything on our end will be fine, I give you my word. Love, Gerard*

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**Gerard** - February 14, 2017 at 06:41 PM



“ *Shades of Purple was purchased for the family of Mr. Gerald A. "Jerry" Talerico.*



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February 14, 2017 at 02:54 PM



“ *Gerard & Family,  
Our deepest sympathies go out to you on the loss of our beloved Cousin Gerald, one of the kindest and caring men I have ever known. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this most difficult time.  
Barbara and Steve Milano, Weddington, NC*

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**Steve Milano** - February 14, 2017 at 09:40 AM

JP

“ *Jerry & Family,*

*We are so very sorry for the loss of your  
Father. We pray he's in heaven with your  
Mom and that God holds them close.*



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**Jamie Popiel** - February 14, 2017 at 06:45 AM

“ We are so sorry we are not there with the Talerico family today. However, we can join you through sharing the following memories and thoughts.

*From Everett: I met Jerry when I was 19-years-old while stationed at Griffiss Air Force Base in Rome, NY. I was introduced to the Talerico family as “Whip” over 60 years ago, and have shared a lasting friendship with Jerry ever since. Jerry and Ellen welcomed me into their family, and treated me as one of their own. I spent many weekends at the camp in Remsen and have lots of memories that I treasure to this day.*

*Jerry helped me to purchase my first car from one of his co-workers even thou I didn't have a driver's license at the time. In fact, I hadn't even taken any driving lessons! This is an example of one of the many times Jerry took me under his wing. Just one of the many memories we would laugh about when we visited New York.*

*A couple of years of years ago I found a photo taken in 1957 of the old camp, and had an artist friend paint a watercolor painting from the photo. We gave the picture to Jerry, and it was promptly hung on the wall at camp. Jerry would often remark how much he enjoyed looking at the picture, and recalling happy times at the old camp.*

*I have lost my lifelong friend, but the memories will always remain with me.*

*From Sharlene: I met The Talerico Clan over 22 years ago, but I knew lots of stories about the family before I met them. Jerry and Ellen, as well as, Judy, Kevin, Gerard, and Jamie were very gracious welcoming me into their family the very first time Whip brought me to visit. Jerry nicknamed me “Shar” and it has stuck all these years.*

*I will miss our yearly visits to camp in the spring and fall. Thanks to Jerry, there would always be a welcoming bottle of red wine for me,*

*and a bottle of Crown Royal for Whip sitting on the kitchen table. I will also miss, Jerry's large bonfires, seeing Whip and Jerry sitting on the porch about 3:30 every afternoon having their beer break. As well as, Jerry and Whip sharing some old stories after dinner while having some hot cheese dip with a Crown Royal chaser. I will miss watching Jerry laugh so hard as he reminiscences about many of he and Ellen's antics when they were young!*

*To the Talerico Family - as you go forward from this day, and in the days to come proudly shed those tears, but also celebrate, remember, and share the legacy of the memories Jerry has given to you as a family. We surely will!*

*With Sincere Condolences, Whip and Shar*

*A/K/A Everett and Sharlene Whipple*



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**Everett & Sharlene Whipple** - February 14, 2017 at 06:10 AM



*That is beautiful.*

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**James Talerico** - February 14, 2017 at 09:33 AM

CD

“ *Camille And Dave lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald A. "Jerry" Talerico*



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**Camille and Dave** - February 13, 2017 at 08:30 PM

SA

“ I will never forget that "fishing outing" of many years ago: not much luck fishing or getting the car started. In the end, Gerry fixed whatever was wrong, and we finally arrived home safe....but hungry!  
Sandy

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**sandy** - February 13, 2017 at 07:12 PM

BE

“ So sorry to hear about Mr. T--very nice man and always enjoyed my time at camp Utica Club some wine and limburger cheese Pitch and fish stories.. Will miss all that and his smile. Memories were made for times like this.

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**BERT** - February 13, 2017 at 06:20 PM

MK

*To my great uncle Gerald who had a heart of gold and tremendous compassion for his fellow man and woman - Rest In Peace. The world is sorely in need of big-hearted men like you. God bless you and please give a hug to my mom , dad and brother when you meet them in heaven.*

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**Marshall Kinne** - February 13, 2017 at 11:03 PM

CB

“ **CAROL BLAKELY** lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald A. "Jerry" Talerico



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**CAROL BLAKELY** - February 13, 2017 at 05:34 PM

EL

“ Thank you Gerald for not only being a cousin to my mother and father but for also being their best friend. We know you are all together once again. God bless all of you. All our love, Ed, Elaine, Eddie, and Audrey.

Ed Lasek - February 13, 2017 at 05:24 PM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Gerald A. "Jerry" Talerico.



February 13, 2017 at 05:03 PM

SC

“ Sharon Campola lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald A. "Jerry" Talerico



Sharon Campola - February 13, 2017 at 04:36 PM