



## Gridley W. "Grid" Julian

March 23, 1926 - May 14, 2006

Mr. Gridley W. "Grid" Julian, age 80, of Utica, passed away on Sunday, May 14, 2006 in the comfort of his home with his family by his side.

Born in Utica on March 23, 1926, Gridley was the son of the late Peter and Agnes (Dousharm) Julian. He was raised and educated locally. A veteran of World War II, he served proudly in the U.S. Navy aboard the USS Bunker Hill. On October 15, 1949 he was joined in marriage with the former Margaret E. "Peg" Collea. Throughout their 56-year union, Grid and Peg have proved to be a truly compatible couple who have been complements to one another as they shared the blessings and the commitments of family life.

For 40 years Mr. Julian was a valued employee of Utica Oil Company (Mohawk Valley Oil). His primary assignment was as a driver for the company, but he also served as a jack-of-all-trades who could accomplish a variety of tasks in a reliable and capable manner. His character and his values were defined and reflected by his honorable work ethic, his loyalty to his employer, and his dedication to his responsibilities.

As a devoted husband and father, Grid was dependable and conscientious to the very end. He taught his children the traditional values that were so important to him in his own life, such as respect for one another, loyalty, and honesty. In return, his children loved and appreciated him for all that he stood for and for his lifelong guidance. Grid was equally loyal in his friendships. A true hallmark of both his professional and personal reputation was his kindness.

Grid's most meaningful and proudest achievements were his marriage, his children, and his successful 40-year professional tenure with the same company. In his leisure time, he enjoyed events and outings with his family, such as weekend picnics or trips to Bald Mountain Colonie, on Third Lake which was one of the places where he enjoyed his boat. Another favorite activity consisted of the frequent family "car rides": no matter where these expeditions into the countryside led and no matter how many unexplored and unmapped back roads he would travel, Grid would always make his way back home. He was an avid golfer, and avid hunter, a sport which he shared with his sons. At one time he bowled in the St. Joseph's-St. Patrick's Church League. He belonged to the Whitestown Post of the American Legion, and he practiced his faith at Historic Old St. John's Church.

Mr. Julian is survived by his wife, Margaret, known to family and friends as "Peg"; 2 daughters and sons-in-law, Mary Lourdes "Michele Mary" and Ronald Scholefield of Utica, and Michele "Mary Michele" and Paul Paladino of New Hartford; and 3 sons and daughters-in-law, Thomas W. Sr. and Eileen Julian of Minoa NY, Douglas and Joan Julian of Liverpool NY, and Patrick J. Sr. and Sherri Julian of Frankfort NY. He is also survived by his cherished grandchildren, Christine and Chris Lambert, Jennifer Szczesniak, Amy and Vinny Parrotta, John-Paul Scholefield, Thomas W. Julian Jr., Melissa Julian, Timothy Julian, Danielle Julian, Charlee Julian, Brett Julian, Jacqueline Paladino, Michele Paladino and her fiancé, Matt Trinkaus, Paul Paladino III, Amanda Julian, Patrick J. Julian Jr., and Alexis Julian; and his great-grandchildren, Kaitlyn, Madison, Sydney, Michael, Nicholas, Dominick, Julia, and Emily. In addition, his survivors include a sister, Genevieve Vennaro-Asner; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and cousins; numerous godchildren; and his in-laws, Joseph and Ruth Collea, Ethel and Frank Gaetano, Catherine and Bill Grimmer, Eileen Philo, Carol Collea, Francis and Mary Ann Collea, Jerome and Joyce Collea, Marilyn Minor, and Robert and Jean Collea. He was predeceased by his siblings and their spouses, Chester and Helen Julian, Virginia and Fran Scarfo, and Peter and

Dorothy Julian; and by a number of in-laws.

The family is sincerely and deeply grateful to the Utica Police Dept., especially Officer Schaffer and Sergeant Ruggiero: their kindness and compassion were both touching and supportive. As a family, Grid's children dedicated themselves to caring for their dad with unselfish devotion.

Visitation will be held today (Tuesday) from 4-7 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. By family request, please omit floral offerings. For those wishing to do so, please consider honoring Gridley's memory with contributions to Upstate Cerebral Palsy or to the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Mr. Julian's funeral will commence on Wednesday morning at 8:30 from the funeral home and at 9:30 at Historic Old St. John's Church where his Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery.

# Tribute Wall



“ It is with terrible regret that Carol and I were unable to attend the services for Grid. Since we heard the sad news, we have been reminiscing about all the wonderful times we had with Grid and his family whom we love so much. we especially remember the pitch games with Grid, Peg & Doug. He also hosted the annual bi-family "Labatts Open" which to this day is the only "named" golf tournament I ever played in! The numerous disastrous episodes on the golf carts were more memorable than my shots! And the family barbecues after are among my favorite all-time life memories. In the late 70's Grid helped me purchase one of my first vehicles - a very-used Ford Econoline van from Mohawk Valley Oil. There are so many more pleasant thoughts and memories.....Carol and I send our love and share in the sadness of the entire Julian family.##imported-begin##Joe Paladino##imported-end##

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May 17, 2006 at 10:16 AM



“ I STILL CANNOT BELIEVE YOU ARE GONE. JUST TWO WEEKS AGO YOU CAME INTO WORK AND WE TALKED FOR A LONG TIME. I STARTED WORKING WITH YOU WHEN I WAS JUST 19. WE WERE LIKE A FAMILY AT MVO. I ENJOYED HEARING ALL ABOUT THE KIDS WHEN THEY WERE LITTLE AND THEN WHEN THEY GOT MARRIED AND HAD CHILDREN. HOW LUCKY TO HAVE SUCH A WONDERFUL DAD AND LOVING HUSBAND. MY HEART GOES OUT TO THEM. I STILL HAVE ALL THOSE MEMORIES OF YOU DELIVERING OIL AND ALL THE TRICKS I USED TO PLAY ON YOU ON APRIL 1ST. YOU HAVE DONE SO MUCH FOR EVERYONE AND NOW IT IS TIME FOR YOU TO REST. MAY GOD BE WITH YOU ALWAYS. YOU MAY BE GONE BUT NEVER FORGOTTEN.##imported-begin##ANGIE LAFORGE (S'DOIA)##imported-end##

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May 17, 2006 at 07:47 AM



“ Finding it difficult to express my feelings,let me say this. " Grid,you were like a father,brother and best friend to me. You were truly one of the greatest people I've ever known. I cherish all my memories I have of you. We go back many years and I never will forget all the fun times we shared as friends and then family. I'm deeply sorrowed by your passing,but am strengthened by knowing you are with the Lord,in heaven.Thankyou for being so much to me."##imported-begin##Peter Paladino##imported-end##

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May 16, 2006 at 06:46 AM



“ My heartfelt thoughts and prayers for your entire family. May your cherished memories of Mr. Julian be always looked upon for those memories that will carry him on . May your family heal with the love he has left for all to carry on. For he will be there no matter where you walk upon. Keep him always proud of what he has done. That is a true father, husband and most of all grandfather for many now that he gone.  
With Great Regrets,  
Judy Rodriguez##imported-begin##Judy Rodriguez##imported-end##

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May 15, 2006 at 10:07 PM



“ I love you grampa##imported-begin##jennifer szczesniak##imported-end##

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