



Mr. Guy A. Fraccola, Sr.

August 27, 1937 - January 26, 2025

MARCY – Mr. Guy A. Fraccola, Sr., Ret. UPD, age 87, passed away peacefully on Sunday, January 26, 2025.

Born in Utica on August 27, 1937, Guy was the son of the late Chester and Mary A. (Mastroianni) Fraccola. He attended John R. Brandegee Elementary School and was a graduate of T.R. Proctor High School/Class of 1956. He furthered his education at Mohawk Valley Technical Institute. Guy enlisted in the United States Army and was stationed in Fort Gordon, GA. A proud veteran, he was called back to duty at the onset of the Vietnam War.

Guy wed the former Joan Welpé on October 25, 1958. The couple shared a loving and devoted union for nearly 67 years, which was filled with many beautiful memories.

Guy began his career with the Utica Police Department in June of 1960. Rising through the ranks, he retired as Deputy Chief in 1986. He continued to serve his community in law enforcement as Lead Investigator for the New York State Racing & Wagering Commission, retiring at the age of 85. Simultaneously, he owned and operated General Alarm Company for over 60 years, working alongside his son, Guy. Jr.

For over 30 years, Guy served as a leader for the Democratic Party where he

built and reinforced many long-lasting relationships and shared a special closeness with all the members. Guy also spent many years coaching Youth Little League in Marcy, leading numerous championship teams. He was proud to pave the way for promising athletes, instilling a winning mentality in those he coached. He treasured the many long-lasting relationships he formed during those years. In his spare time, Guy loved fishing, particularly at Henderson Pond and Salmon River, and also enjoyed hunting. He was a man of great loyalty, with a compassionate and humble heart. He was always forgiving of others. A devout Catholic, he was a member of Mary, Mother of Our Savior Parish, Lourdes Campus.

Guy is survived by his beloved wife, Joan; children and their spouses, Deborah and Michael Potrzeba, Guy A. Fraccola, Jr., and Patrick N. and Hanna Fraccola; grandchildren, Dr. Amy and Dan Macrina, Dr. Josh and Megan Potrzeba; Patrick J. Fraccola and his fiancée Kara Anderson, Alexandra M. and Ryan Grosjean, and Andre X. Fraccola; great-grandchildren, Parker Macrina; Reagan Potrzeba; Salvano Fraccola, and Luka Fraccola; and his siblings, Barbara Gagnon (the late Gilbert A. "Gil" Gagnon), Carolann Fraccola, and Anthony M. and Nicolette "Nikki" Fraccola. He held close the memory of his brother and sister-in-law who preceded him, Chester G. "Chet" and Pauline (DeSantis) Fraccola. He is further survived by many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and cousins; in-laws, Patricia Joswick (the late Robert C. Joswick), Karen Cox and Bruce Zakala, and Lori Welpé and Bob Schust; and many special friends, especially his buddies he gathered with at the Marr-Logg. He was additionally predeceased by his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Frank C. and Helen (Lynch) Welpé; daughter-in-law, Mary E. (Scicchitano) Fraccola; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Gerald A. and Graceanne (Manore) Welpé, Frank C. Welpé, Jr., and Albert Welpé; and nephew, Michael Gagnon.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, February 1, 2025, from 9:45-10:45 a.m. at

Mary, Mother of Our Savior Parish, Lourdes Campus, 2222 Genesee St. Guy's Mass of Christian Burial and Celebration of Life will commence at 11:00 a.m. at the church. Military Honors will be conferred by the U.S. Army. Memorial contributions in Guy's honor may be made to the Central New York Veterans' Outreach Center online at www.ucdevelopment.org; the Rescue Mission of Utica online at www.uticamission.org/donate; or Mother Marianne Cope's West Side Soup Kitchen by mail to St. Joseph St. Patrick Church, 702 Columbia St., Utica, NY 13502; envelopes will also be available at the service. Entombment will take place in Christ Our Savior Mausoleum at the convenience of the family.

Cemetery Details

Christ Our Savior Mausoleum at Calvary Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 1. 9:45 AM - 10:45 AM (ET)

Mary, Mother of Our Savior Parish, Lourdes Campus
2222 Genesee St.
Utica, NY 13502
<https://www.motherofoursavior.org/CatholicChurch.php>

Funeral Service

FEB 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

Mary, Mother of Our Savior Parish, Lourdes Campus
2222 Genesee St.
Utica, NY 13502
<https://www.motherofoursavior.org/CatholicChurch.php>

Guestbook

AS

“ Anthony and Giovanni Sokolowski planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Guy A. Fraccola, Sr..

Anthony and Giovanni Sokolowski - January 31, 2025 at 04:25 PM

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“ Anthony and Giovanni Sokolowski purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mr. Guy A. Fraccola, Sr..



Anthony and Giovanni Sokolowski - January 31, 2025 at 04:25 PM

RR

“ Rick, Robin, Barbara & Rhys purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. Guy A. Fraccola, Sr..



Rick, Robin, Barbara & Rhys - January 30, 2025 at 05:59 PM

PS

“ Well I will always have a special place in my heart for Guy he was a caring and fun guy we go back to the terrace days and stay friends love his wife Joanie and the children REST IN PEACE MY FRIEND

PATTY AZZARITO STANTON

patricia stanton - January 30, 2025 at 09:07 AM

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“ My father told me stories of how you had your boys in blue beat up friends of your deceased daughter in-law... Also, how much of a racist you were! I hope it's nice and HOT down there! That's where you belong you POS!

West Side 315 - January 29, 2025 at 10:29 PM

DC

“ *Condolences to Joan and the Fraccola family*

There are so many words I can think of to describe the way I'll remember him. And from the time I first worked with him in a uniform squad to working for him as a plain clothes investigator and right up to today those words never changed. They are professional, fair, honest, tough, compassionate, an asset to the community and the department, a great boss and a friend. He will be missed. Rest in peace my friend.

Dan Corleto

Dan Corleto - January 29, 2025 at 10:00 PM

NP

“ *Joan and Fraccola Family,*
I met Guy in September of 1967 as a new member of the Utica Police Department and a Veteran. Guy was great partner and mentor driving car 66 in East Utica. Through the years he made great stides and became a Deputy Chief and was always held the members of the Department in high esteem. He was a leader and could be counted on to be with his personal in time of need weather it be a personal family matter or police matter.

A good book could be written of this man who gave his all to the city of Utica citizens, working with officers of Utica P.D. the FBI, The New York State Troopers Task Force and Oneida County Special Task Force.

He was away from his family on many occasions and holiday as many of us in law enforcement were and worked long hours.

It was my privilege and honor to have worked with Guy for over 25 years, I and many more will miss this man of Honor, Compassion, and a Man Of Loyalty and a Cops, Copy. RIP my friend it was an Honor to know You.

Respectfully,
Nick & Mary Parrotta, Naples, Florida

Nick Parrotta - January 29, 2025 at 09:03 PM

WM

“ *With love , Debbie Deperno & Lori Monaco purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mr. Guy A. Fraccola, Sr..*



With love , Debbie Deperno & Lori Monaco - January 29, 2025 at 07:03 PM

ES

“ Guy-you were always there for us-in good times and in bad. I will never forget the laughs we had in Spain when you chaperoned your granddaughter's trip! Truly the best friend one could ever have.
Love Liz and Budda

Elizabeth Sacco - January 29, 2025 at 06:12 PM

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“ Proctor football 52-56 with Guy Bruno Buddy Nole Barbato Kiernan etc etc. Freshman thru Varsity Guy was a fellow lineman. Great times w Guy. †

Santo Garro (Sandy). - January 29, 2025 at 05:30 PM

BL

“ My deepest condolences to all who loved Guy, and there were so many of us lucky to be his friend. He and Joan knew my parents for many years before I knew them. I became friends with his daughter Debbie when we worked together. Then in meeting her dad, was blessed with knowing the wonderful friendship, humor, and wisdom that Guy gave so freely. He was a storehouse of knowledge. I can see him sitting in my kitchen whenever he would take care of the alarm system in my home. He and Guy Jr. would fix the problem, but oh the wonderful conversations. We shared memories of the past, and hopes for the future of our families. My dad died young, 50 years old, and Guy would sometimes share a story about "the old days". I valued his advice, and loved every time we met.

I will miss you, my good kind friend. Your kind gestures touched so very many.

My dearest friend Debbie and his dedicated loving wife, Joan, Guy Jr., Patruick and to the entire family ...my prayers, my deepest condolences, and my love go out to you. You've lost a wonderful man who truly made a difference in our world. God bless and keep him close.

Barbara Parisi Lambright

Barbara Parisi Lambright - January 29, 2025 at 04:06 PM

CL

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. I always loved working with Guy on the Democratic Committee. Charlene Lojewski*

Charlene Lojewski - January 29, 2025 at 04:02 PM

OC

“ *Oneida County Democratic Committee purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mr. Guy A. Fraccola, Sr..*



Oneida County Democratic Committee - January 29, 2025 at 03:39 PM

DB

“ *Uncle Anthony, Aunt Nikki, Pauline, Paige and Family:*

My heartfelt condolences to you and your family on the loss of your brother!

I will keep the entire Fraccola Family in my prayers. May he rest in peace!

Debbie Barbero

Debbie Barbero - January 29, 2025 at 03:19 PM