



Mr. James F. "Jimmy" Marconi

April 14, 1931 - March 6, 2019

UTICA - Mr. James F. "Jimmy" Marconi, age 87, joined his beloved Katie when he passed on Wednesday, March 6, 2019. At the time of his passing, he knew the love of his sisters by his side.

Born in Utica on April 14, 1931, James was the son of the late Samuel F. "Sam" and Theresa (Scalise) Marconi. He was raised in Utica and attended local schools. An extremely proud American and veteran of the United States Army, Jimmy honorably served his country during the Korean War. He saw battle and was in combat, although he did not speak of it to anyone. His military service was an important time in his life and he made many lasting friendships during his enlistment. On May 2, 1952 he married Catherine "Katie" Massicci with whom he shared 64 years. Jimmy loved Katie and his concern for her was endless. She cared for him with a devotion that he missed profoundly when she passed from this life on June 13, 2016.

In 1966, Jimmy's father Sam established Marconi's Upholstery located on Bleecker Street. Jim was a highly skilled craftsman in his own right and he joined his dad at the upholstery shop. They were a good team and were truly "old-school" at their craft. The business meant the world to Jimmy, and he was successful because he learned from the best, and his handiwork is still seen in many area homes today. He knew quality wood, the structure of furniture and he had the ability to make things "new again". He was fair and good-hearted to his patrons. His shop was in operation until this year, and he still tinkered and took pride in the work he truly loved.

Jimmy was a protective, kind, devoted man, and as the eldest of 6 children, he was a good son and a patriarch who worked hard in numerous jobs to assist his parents throughout the years. As a family, they loved each other unconditionally, and to this day his siblings still showed respect to their big brother. He missed his wife Katie and held her memory in his heart while awaiting their reunion. As we all look back upon our lives, we thank God for all his blessings, and for Jim there were many. Jim's grandson loved him and was impressed by his "pop's" talents; the two of them communicated so well. But above all, it was the uniqueness of his daughter and her accomplishments that humbled him. She was an amazing grace, a gift of love from God. Outside of his daily commitment to working, he had memories of family gatherings at Sylvan Beach, and yearly trips to Cape Cod with Katie and friends. He loved to take rides and reminisce about the city and who lived where and all the memories that were made years ago. He was a member of the American Legion Post 229 and he believed in the Lord and practiced his faith at St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church. He held a special reverence for St. Theresa and St. Jude.

Jim is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Robin and John Kariam; his grandson Jonathan James Kariam and his wife Chelsea; and his great-grandbaby, Freyja Catherine Kariam. He will be lovingly remembered by his sisters and brother-in-law, Theresa Nassar, Congetta "Connie" Toukatly, Annette Rozakis, and Marie and James Grifasi; his nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, sister-in-law Carol Marconi, and his longtime friend, Ralph who demonstrated his genuine care and concern. He was predeceased by his brother, Samuel F. Marconi, Jr.; and his brothers-in-law, Alvin J. Nassar, Norman "Frank" Toukatly, Lee Rozakis, and Anthony Massicci.

Jim was affectionately cared for by his sisters during these last few years, and Robin is so very appreciative of their devotion. The family is also grateful to the staff of the Veteran's Administration in Syracuse for their support and medical expertise. He also knew the love of his nephew David Iacovissi who

was a son to Jim and was attentive to his medical needs and personal concern.

Visitation will be held Saturday from 1:00-3:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. James' funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Saturday afternoon at 3:00 at the funeral home immediately upon conclusion of visitation with Fr. Mark Kaminiski officiating the ceremony followed by a Military service. In lieu of flowers, please consider a contribution in Jimmy's honor to Feed Our Vets online at <https://feedourvets.org/> or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital online at <https://www.stjude.org>. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Interment in Calvary Cemetery beside his Katie will take place at the convenience of the family.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAR 16. 3:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.
932 South Street
corner of Hammond Ave.
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 724-6714
eannacefh@roadrunner.com

Tribute Wall

JP

“ *Very sorry to hear of cousin Jim's passing. He was a very good, kind, and talented man. I know my dad thought very highly of him, and I share that sentiment. My deepest condolences to all of my cousins and their families.*

Joseph Perry - March 16, 2019 at 08:16 PM

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“ *I was blessed to have gotten to spend time with Jimmy and Katie over the years proceeding Katie's death. They were loving, caring and truly genuine and wonderful people. Jimmy was completely devoted to Katie and her to him. It has to be a great comfort to know that they are back together again with their creator.*

Adrienne Albin - March 13, 2019 at 10:55 AM

RC

“ *From Florida : Bye Cuz. Rob and I will miss seeing you at the shop. Gone from our sight but never from our hearts. You will be truly missed by all . We love you! Bob and RoseMary Comenale*

RoseMary Comenale - March 13, 2019 at 10:54 AM

KA

“ *My Dear Uncle Jim,
Ray & I will miss you dearly, going to the shop and visiting you. Ray will miss your conversations with you, he enjoyed talking to you. He loved helping you around the house with things you needed done. I loved helping you out in the house and with Aunt Katie. I loved inquiring about what project you were upholstering. Looking at the fabrics & listening to the sewing machine. Giving you a break to chat. You were a proud man, a stubborn man but proud, caring & loving man. You will be greatly missed and We'll miss going to the shop to visit you and making sure you are ok & bringing you food. Love ❤️ you. XO.*

Kelly Acee & Ray Hickey

Kelly Acee - March 13, 2019 at 08:41 AM

CP

“ *Jimmy and Katie were such good friends and such a special couple. Jim and His" cousin Vinnie" were more like brothers than cousins. Our wonderful trips to Cape Cod every year bring memories of joy and comfort until we meet again.*

Carole Pape - March 12, 2019 at 06:02 PM

TJ

My you rest in peace my beautiful Jimmy. You will be greatly missed. We loved you so much! Teresa and Candace Joseph

Teresa Joseph - March 12, 2019 at 07:27 PM

RM

“ *God has Blessed and shown his Mercy to you Jimmy - Rest together with Kay in God's Heavenly Peace --- Am Proud to call you neighbor and my friend :)*
Rudy Marchitelli

Rudy Marchitelli - March 11, 2019 at 03:45 PM