



## Mr. James J. Masella Sr.

February 16, 1916 - August 21, 2010

Mr. James J. Masella, Sr., age 94, of Utica, passed away on Saturday, August 21, 2010 in the comfort of his home.

Born in Utica on February 16, 1916, James was the son of the late Peter and Antoinette (Porcelli) Masella. He was raised and educated locally. A veteran of World War II, he served his country in the US Army. On July 26, 1941 he married the former Ruth Berry with whom he shared 41 years prior to her passing on October 9, 1982.

James had retired from Special Metals after years of loyal and conscientious service. He enjoyed a lifetime membership at the YMCA and was blessed to be able to participate in games of handball and racquetball into his 80's.

James is survived by his daughters and son-in-law, Ruth and Dominick Merhib of OK, and Nettie Kay Pezzulo of Phoenix, AZ; his son and daughter-in-law, James "Jimmy" Jr. and Ann C. Masella of VA; his grandchildren, Rick and Wendy Merhib, Mark Merhib, Andrew Pezzulo III, Matthew and Rebecca Pezzulo, James III and Ruth Masella, and Michael and Connie Masella; his great-grandchildren, Joshua, Molly Rae, Dominick, Amy, John, Justin, Sage, Ethan, Alec, Evan, and Piper; and his great-great-grandchildren, Teagan, John, Jr., and Dorian. He also leaves his nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews and cousins. He was predeceased by his brothers, Genaro "Gene" P. Masella, and Peter Masella; and his sister, Frances Graziano Dahlberg.

The family honored James and celebrated his life in a private gathering.

Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

# Cemetery Details

**Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family**

2407 Oneida Street  
Utica, NY