



Mr. James R. "Moose" "Ron" Montana

February 19, 1936 - October 3, 2014

Mr. James R. "Ron" "Moose" Montana, age 78, passed away on Friday, October 3, 2014 at the St. Elizabeth Medical Center with his loving family by his side.

Born in Utica on February 19, 1936, James was the son of the late James and Margaret (Giancotti) Montana. Raised and educated locally, he was a graduate of T.R. Proctor High School. On June 22, 1963 he married the former Genevieve Salerno with whom he shared a loving and devoted union of 41 years prior to her passing on October 7, 2004.

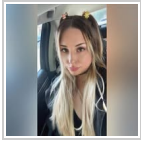
James served his community as a Utica Firefighter for many years, retiring as a Lieutenant. He was proud to have been part of the original Paramedic/EMT team in Utica. Concurrently, he was employed with the St. Elizabeth Hospital as a surgical technician. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, and the former Sons of Italy Lodge #2054. He was a parishioner of Historic Old St. John's Church where he was a proud and devoted member of the choir.

James is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Elizabeth Jane and Thomas B. Russell of New Hartford; his son and daughter-in-law, James V. and Lorraine C. Montana of Redding, CA; his grandchildren, Dominica Dziedzic, Michael Dziedzic, Christopher Russell, Shania Russell, Paige Russell; Jimmy Montana, Ryan Montana, Kinsey Boruff, Tiana Sandoval; his great-grandchildren, Phoenix Boruff, Trinity Boruff, Delilah Boruff, and Caden Sandoval; and his brothers and sisters-in-law, Robert and Phyllis Montana, and Raymond and Joan Montana. His extended family includes his many

nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, in-laws, Vinnie and Albert Casatelli of Utica; and his friend, Vincent Parrella. He was predeceased by his brothers, Frank A. Montana, and Joseph Montana; and his sisters and brother-in-law, Mary Ann and Joseph "Butch" Trevisani, and Elizabeth "Betty Jane" Montana.

The family will gather privately to honor James' life. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend his funeral service and Celebration of Life which will commence on Tuesday morning at 10:00 at Historic Old St. John's Church where his Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. John Buehler. The family will receive visitors at the conclusion of Mass. Expressions of sympathy in the form of donations may be made to the Historic Old St. John's Church Memorial Fund; envelopes will be available at the service. Entombment will take place in Calvary Cemetery Mausoleum at the convenience of the family. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave.

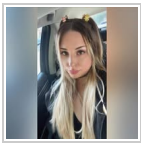
Tribute Wall



“ *Dominica Dzedzic lit a candle in memory of Mr. James R. "Moose" "Ron" Montana*



Dominica Dzedzic - May 19, 2025 at 07:19 PM



“ *Dominica Dzedzic sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. James R. "Moose" "Ron" Montana*



Dominica Dzedzic - May 19, 2025 at 07:17 PM



“ *Missing you and Mommy every day. Until we can all be together again <3*



Liz Russell - November 02, 2017 at 06:09 PM



“ *Elizabeth Russell lit a candle in memory of Mr. James R. "Moose" "Ron" Montana*



Elizabeth Russell - February 19, 2015 at 08:00 AM

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“ *Dominica Lee Dzedzic lit a candle in memory of Mr. James R. "Moose" "Ron" Montana*




Dominica Lee Dzedzic - December 21, 2014 at 06:57 PM

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“ *Dominica Lee Dzedzic sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. James R. "Moose" "Ron" Montana*




Dominica Lee Dzedzic - December 21, 2014 at 06:56 PM

 Elizabeth Russell

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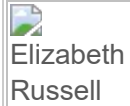
Elizabeth Russell - December 21, 2014 at 06:35 PM

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“ *Elizabeth Russell lit a candle in memory of Mr. James R. "Moose" "Ron" Montana*



Elizabeth Russell - November 02, 2014 at 08:21 AM



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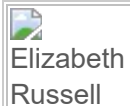
Elizabeth Russell - November 01, 2014 at 08:43 AM



“ I grew up next door to Jim and Genny in Utica....such happy memories...pasta fagirole..."Scooter"...and just plain hanging out with Jimmy and Liz....you will be missed but not forgotten
Colleen (McDonagh) Snell



Colleen Snell - October 26, 2014 at 09:37 PM



Elizabeth Russell

“ Elizabeth Russell lit a candle in memory of Mr. James R. "Moose" "Ron" Montana



Elizabeth Russell - October 26, 2014 at 08:59 AM



“ To Jim's family,
My thoughts and prayers to all of you. I have fond memories of both Jenny and Jim from many years ago.
Most sincerely,
Anna Giacobbe

Anna Giacobbe - October 07, 2014 at 02:11 PM

RM

“ Love you Uncle Ronnie. You will be greatly missed by us all.

Robyn Montana - October 06, 2014 at 10:04 PM


JM

“ I worked with "Moose" at UFD. He was a great man and I have many fond memories of him and his wife too.

My thoughts and prayers are with him and his family during this time of sorrow.

Jim Mauthe

Jim Mauthe - October 06, 2014 at 09:31 AM


Elizabeth
Russell

“ I love you Dad.

Elizabeth Russell - October 04, 2014 at 09:46 PM

AN

So sorry Liz and Jimmy and families for your loss. Uncle Ronnie will be missed.its not easy losing parents.just take one day at a time love you and you have my sympathy love ang and joe

angela flo. niece - October 05, 2014 at 11:54 AM

KC

So sorry Liz for your loss. I lost my dad 2007 and I am still grieving. My prayers to you and your family.

Kelly Cavoli - October 05, 2014 at 12:50 PM

KL

I'm so sorry to hear about your Dad. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Karrie Livingston - October 05, 2014 at 02:31 PM

DW

I am so sorry for your loss my thought and prayers are with you at this time I don't know if you remember me but I was married to Charlene Mctiernan and always thought so much of your Dad and Mom especially when Char was going so much with her cancer and gave her shots for her blood clots Don Widrick

don widick - October 05, 2014 at 08:35 PM

DF

My heartfelt condolences go out to my Uncle Ronnie's Family. I am so sad to hear this news. My Uncle Ronnie and my father Joe Montana spoke almost everyday all of their lives until my father's passing March 16, 2013. I was with my father daily the last year of his life so I also spoke to Uncle Ron a lot. They were each other's rock in their later years and loved each other very much. I know my Uncle Ronnie missed my father terribly after his passing and we remained in touch speaking at least once every other week when his phone fell silent on August 20th 2014. I spoke to him the night before on August 19th to wish him luck on his upcoming Drs appt the next day. I have been trying to reach him ever since. My sister and I had been making plans to visit him in New York but we're busy trying to coordinate with our family as we were both expecting grand babies. I know Uncle Ron was very excited about the possibility of seeing us as we him. We knew our dad would have loved for us to have seen him. I so regret that we were not able to make that happen. RIP Uncle Ron thanks for being such a wonderful friend, brother to our dad and mother we love you very much. Debbie Montana Falk, JoAnne Montana Caldwell. Daughters of Joe and Millie Montana

Deb Montana Falk - October 08, 2014 at 02:32 AM