



James C. "Jim" Clipston

September 9, 1933 - September 8, 2009

Mr. James C. "Jim" Clipston, age 75, of Utica, passed away on Tuesday, September 8, 2009 at the Masonic Care Community of NY with his family by his side.

Born in Utica on September 9, 1933, James was the son of the late Edward and Mary (Moyer) Clipston. Raised and educated locally, he attended Kernan Elementary School and was a 1951 graduate of Utica Free Academy. A proud veteran of the U.S. Navy, he served his country during the Korean Conflict stationed on the U.S.S. Pickaway in Japan. On August 16, 1958 he married the former Carmela Simonelli with whom he shared 40 years prior to her passing on June 2, 1999; a very social couple, they enjoyed family life and a core of wonderful friends.

A federal employee, Jim worked for 30 years as an Internal Revenue Service agent. He earned a reputation of being a fair man in his dealings with the public and his peers, retiring in 1987. Blessed with a great sense of humor, he was a practical joker who saw the lighter side of life. One of Jim's greatest joys in life was the time spent with his grandchildren. Generous, friendly and outgoing, he was a graceful dancer who enjoyed local social gatherings. He also enjoyed golfing and participated in the St. Anthony Golf League. Jim was a supporter of the local Legions and shared a membership with the Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion Post #229, East Utica Optimist Club, and the Knights of St. John Commandery #385; he was very proud of his participation in the Idiot Club of Utica. After his wife's passing, he became

active and found much enjoyment in volunteering with the Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc. Support Group. He was a parishioner of St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church. Above all his other attributes and roles in life, Jim was a kind-hearted father who offered great moral support and guidance to his children who are now comforted in knowing that their parents are reunited for eternity.

Jim is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Doreen A. and Dominick DeSimone, Jr. of Sauquoit; his son and daughter-in-law, Scott J. and Margaret "Peggy" (Huegen) Clipston of Cazenovia; his cherished grandchildren to whom he was affectionately known as "Poppy", Alyssa and Jeremy Williams, Carina DeSimone, Misty Jurkowski, and Emily Clipston; and his special friend, Veronica Redmond. Survivors also include his nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, in-laws, Mary L. Simonelli, John and Vera Simonelli, and Robert Simonelli; and his many loyal friends and neighbors. He was predeceased by his brother-in-law, Carl L. Simonelli.

The family extends many thanks to the Clare Bridge Assisted Living facility whose personnel shared much kindness with Jim and his family; and the sincere staff of the Forestport Household at the Masonic Care Community of NY for providing such a comfortable facility for Jim.

Visitation will be held Friday (today) from 4:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. 932 South St. corner of Hammond Ave. The Knights of St. John Commandery #385 will perform ritualistic services on Friday evening at 6:30 at the funeral home. By family request please omit floral offerings. For those wishing to do so, please consider memorial contributions in Jim's honor to the Faxton-St. Luke's Regional Cancer Center in recognition of their outstanding kindness and concern; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Jim's funeral service will commence on Saturday morning at 8:30 from the funeral home and at 9:30 at St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church where his Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated with Military Honors. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Tribute Wall



“ Eannace Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of James C. "Jim" Clipston



Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. - September 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Scott and Peggy -

I was so sorry to hear about your father. Even though it was a blessing, I'm sure it doesn't make it any easier for you. Jen and I were all set to come to calling hours, but the childcare situation fell apart and we didn't think you wanted a visit from all the Basic children!

Jill##imported-begin##Jill Ryan##imported-end##

September 11, 2009 at 05:15 PM



“ Dorren, Dominick and Family. Our deepest sympathy for the loss of your Father. You are in our prayers during this difficult time.

Love Cousin Angela and Family##imported-begin##The Violante Family##imported-end##

September 11, 2009 at 11:24 AM



“ *Our condolences for your loss.##imported-begin##The Lamberto Family##imported-end##*

September 10, 2009 at 11:39 PM



“ We all have been touched by Poppy in one way or another. For me, Poppy was one of a kind. I had a relationship with him that was indescribable. He meant so much to me, and he has shaped many aspects of my life.

I just wanted to share some of my thoughts with everyone. Poppy was one of the most respectable men in the whole world, and would do anything for anyone. He was so sweet, and would never hurt a fly. I will never forget how much I would beg my mom to go to Poppy's. It would be the greatest night ever if Emily and I were allowed to sleep over at Poppy's. He would watch a movie with the surround sound on with us, and then tuck us in bed. I also took great enjoyment out of rolling his coins, it was my favorite job. I would say, "Mom can you take me to Poppy's so I can roll coins?" I was there every day for weeks, and I would pull out a TV tray and sit there all day long. I also loved rearranging his ships; every time I went there they would end up in a different spot when I left. And he always let me "exercise" on his old fashioned treadmill, although I was never tall enough to use it. I will always remember the Saturday morning bread runs, and the truck load of doughnuts. He always brought me to the driving range, no matter what the weather was. He would always let me bring my friends along, which I'm sure he really enjoyed. We would always listen to polka music, and somehow he would know every beat. I will never forget the fishing hats, they were his trademark. Those dance moves still put a smile on my face. Every sports game I had, whether it be indoor or outdoor, he came along to cheer me and all my friends on. I certainly won't ever forget the little bear I bought him that sang the song Tequila. The laughter it brought him when that song came on, and the smile it put on my face will be cherished forever. Up until the very last weeks of his life, he still did that dance and smiled. Deep down he knew what that was and what it meant. I love him so much and am going to miss him so much I can't even explain it. What Poppy meant to me nobody will ever understand. I had a special bond with him that won't ever be able to be explained. I just want him to know that I love him and will miss him and all that he did for me dearly. The last thing he said to me was, "Oh I love you

too honey." Those words will be cherished and remembered forever. I hope that he has finally met again with Nonnie, and I hope she takes care of him. I know that they will both be watching over me as my special guardian angel. I hope that one day we will meet again. I will love you forever and always Pops, and I'll miss you so much. I just want to leave everyone with these words of Poppy, "He was here, and he had a green car, but you couldn't prove it by me." I Love you Poppy, watch over me like you always said you would. I miss you already, I'm so happy your finally with Nonnie again. Until we meet again...

-Carina###imported-begin##Carina DeSimone###imported-end##

September 10, 2009 at 11:31 PM



“ To the relatives and many friends of this wonderful man...we offer condolences for your loss. One of the best people you would ever want to know. God Bless!###imported-begin##The Montanaro Family###imported-end##

September 10, 2009 at 10:19 PM



“ Dear Doreen and Scott, Dominick, Allysa & Jeremy, Carina, Peggy, Misty, Emily and Family,

Our heartfelt deepest sympathy for your loss. We were so saddened to hear of Jim's passing. I know you've had a difficult year with Jim being sick. Please find comfort in your warm memories of him and him knowing that you were always there for him, everyday, day in and day out. You all had a very special, unique family bond. May that bond and special memories bring you comfort over the coming days and months.

I have known Jake 22 years, since Dan & I started dating. I will always remember his cute smile, his great sence of humor and him always joking around. He was a great man who truly loved his family. It was a pleasure and honor knowing him and Carmella. Carmella and my mother, Helen Leach, were "smoking buddies"; then after they passed, Jake and my father were always warmly welcomed around the table at Thanksgiving and Christmas time. That really meant a lot to me to have him included after my mother died. Jake and John Leach got to be good friends, too.

Jim Clipston touched many people's lives, but nothing can compare to how the touched your lives. May the love and memories you shared remained forever.

Much Love,

Cathy DeSimone###imported-begin##Cathy DeSimone###imported-end##

September 10, 2009 at 09:49 PM



“ Please accept our very sincere sympathy. Jim was a great guy; we sure enjoyed his company at our family gatherings. Mom and he always enjoyed each others company. You should all be very proud of the man that he was and know that he will be missed by many.##imported-begin##David and Judy Keshler,daughter of Veronica##imported-end##

September 10, 2009 at 06:59 PM



“ To The DeSimone and Clipston Family: There is not any thing that one can say right now to take your pain away. At this point we all have to remember the wonderful memories that we had of Jim aka Jake. My thoughts, my prayers, and my tears are all with you at this time of sorrow.

To Jim:

Just want to wish you well in your next stage of life. I've known you since I have been 7 years old and I can only remember fun and happy times with you. I will miss you at our Holiday Table, I will miss your jokes, your stories and also all of your fancy dance moves. Dont ever forget our garage sales on Leed St. If it wasn't for you promoting our junk, we would of never made any money. Tell my girlfriend Carmie I miss her and I miss our little chats. Rest in Peace Jake! XX00

Love,

Jodi##imported-begin##Jodi DeSimone Puleo##imported-end##

September 10, 2009 at 06:30 PM



“ To Dominick, Doreen, Alyssa, Jeremy, Carina, Scott, Peggy, Misty and Emily I just want to tell you how sorry I am for your loss. Jim was such a kind soul, who never harmed anyone and was always there for everyone. He has been part of our family for over 30 years and will be sorely missed. I always enjoyed having Jim around the table for our Holiday dinner's. One thing that will always stand out in my mind was on the day of my wedding, Jim came over early and started taking pictures at my parents house and took pictures of all of the pre ceremony stuff. He then put all the pictures in an album, and gave a copy to me and my mom, that was forever cherished and never forgotten. I know that you have suffered the last year and no one deserves that so now you are in a better place and you can be with your lovely wife. You will never be forgotten, say hello to Carm and all your other buddies, we will miss you and we will think of you often and our Holidays will never be the same. Enjoy your peace in heaven, as I know that God will have a special place for you. When I was at the Vatican this past Sat., I said a special prayer for you and hopefully god will put you in the front row ,as that is where you deserve to be. Save me a seat upstairs until we meet again. Your friend forever Dan DeSimone###imported-begin###Danny DeSimone###imported-end###

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