



Jerry A. Attili, Sr.

January 1, 1922 - November 11, 2006

Mr. Jerry A. Attili, Sr., age 84, of Utica, passed away on Saturday, November 11, 2006, in the comfort of his home with his loving family by his side.

Born in Utica on January 1, 1922, Jerry was the son of the late Bernardino and Adeline (DiGregorio) Attili. He was raised and educated locally. A veteran of World War II, he proudly and patriotically served with the U.S. Marine Corps, and was a recipient of the Purple Heart and the Medal of Courage. On April 23, 1945 he married the former Lena Morgia. Jerry had a gleam in his eye to the very end for the woman he was proud to call his wife and who gave him all that mattered in his life --- his children and grandchildren.

Mr. Attili worked as a skilled finish polisher at Kelsey Hayes Mfg. Co. for 28 years, retiring in 1982. He subsequently pursued a second vocational endeavor at the Masonic Care Community, retiring in 1994.

Jerry had a quiet, unassuming nature which was complemented by emotions and sensitivity that ran deep in his soul. A true believer in his spirituality and his Lord, he possessed a great faith. He saw the goodness in people and encouraged others to appreciate the blessings and talents they possessed. He was bestowed with the admirable qualities of fairness, unconditional love, and humility. During his life he was admired as an accepting and nonjudgmental man, earning the respect and love of his children, grandchildren, and all those with whom he came into contact. When raising his children, he was active as a coach for the East Utica little league baseball team. It was a privilege for him to mentor young people in a sport that was so

close to his heart. A longtime Yankee follower, he critiqued and cheered them on until his very last season, (not always in favor of their plays!)

A proud Italian-American, U.S.M.C. veteran, husband, family man, and all around good person, Jerry lived a rich life because of the choices he made to live a simple existence. A well-known fact supporting his values was that he managed to do all that he did and not even 'drive a car'. He was often seen walking to his responsibilities and destinations. He valued his memberships at St. Anthony of Padua Church, the Sons of Italy, Utica Lodge #2054, and the American Legion, Fort Schuyler Post #1290. A politically minded man, he supported his community by serving as a Republican committeeman. Jerry had a knack for making any occasion special, and simply having his family around him made him a proud man. Holidays at Jerry and Lena's were always cherished celebrations, complete with great food, spirits, and hospitality. His in-laws, affectionately known as the "Watertown crew", played an integral part in the happiness of his life. They laughed, drank, played "mauda" and bocce, and shared in a great spirit of friendship and admiration.

Jerry is survived by his loving wife, Lena; his cherished children and their spouses: Jerry A. Attili, Jr., affectionately known to his sisters as "the one and only" and Debbie Schepsis of Utica; Linda and Hank Healy of Clark Mills; Lucy and Guy Viti, Jr. of Whitesboro; Mary Rose Attili of Clark Mills; JoAnn Attili of Utica with whom he resided; Jeana and Ray DiFondi of Florida; and Michele and Tom Vanno of Whitesboro. Jerry also knew the love and admiration of Kathy Glenn, who has been like a daughter. He is also survived by his grandchildren: Jerry Attili III, Jenelle and John Morris; Todd Healy, James and May Healy, Scott Healy, Patricia Healy; Kimberly and David Witchley, Christopher Viti; Alyssa Vanno and Brittany Vanno. In addition, he leaves his great-grandchildren, John and Kyle Morris; his sister, Lucy Abdoo of Utica; his brother and sister-in-law, Bernardino "Bernie" II and Olga Attili of Utica. His extended family also includes many loved nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and cousins. He is also survived by his in-laws, Mary J. Crescenzi, Angelina Mathew, Agnes Natali, Pauline and Armand DiStefano,

John and Rosalind Morgia, Joseph and Gloria Morgia, Sam Tufo, and Jean Morgia. Jerry was predeceased by his brothers and sister-in-law, Joseph T. and Lena Attili, Francis B. "Frank" Attili, John Spezzo, and Anthony Spezzo; his sisters and brothers-in-law, Rose and Joseph Tremarello, Anna and Dominick Amadeo, Congetta Grasso, Angelina Attili, and Congetta Spezzo; and his in-laws, Lillian Tufo, Edgio Morgia, Alta Fiorentino, and Philomena "Fanny" Balderson.

The family offers its heartfelt thanks to Dr. William Krause, Dr. Christopher D. Clark, and Marilyn Campola, N.P., for their dedicated care and professionalism. Lena was blessed to be able to care for Jerry in the comfort of their home, through the devotion and commitment of their children who tended to their father's needs with much love. A special thank you is shared with the staffs of the V.N.A. and Hospice and Palliative Care, especially Navaz, Nadine and Irene whose support and compassion were of great assistance to Jerry and his family. The friendship and spiritual support of Deacon Bill Dischiavo and Christine Abbass for her words of comfort and encouragement will not be forgotten.

Visitation will be held Tuesday from 4-8 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. By family request, please omit floral offerings. Mr. Attili's funeral will commence on Wednesday morning at 9:30 from the funeral home and at 10:30 at St. Anthony of Padua Church where his Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated with Full Military Honors offered by the U.S.M.C. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Tribute Wall



“ *Miss you tons!* ”



Michele Attili Vanno - January 10, 2025 at 01:49 PM



“ *Thinking of you Daddy every day. Miss you so much.* ”



Michele Attili Vanno - June 05, 2024 at 02:06 PM



“ *Ray And Jeana lit a candle in memory of Jerry A. Attili, Sr.* ”



Ray and Jeana - November 22, 2014 at 09:16 AM

JR

“ Miss you Daddy I love you always
Love you,



Jeana and Ray - November 11, 2014 at 08:44 AM

JR

“ Daddy, miss your smile and laughter thinking of
you today as I do everyday!
Love You Daddy



Jeana and Ray - August 11, 2014 at 09:39 AM

JR

“ Jeana And Ray sent a virtual gift in memory of
Jerry A. Attili, Sr.



Jeana and Ray - July 22, 2014 at 12:07 PM

MI

“ Michele sent a virtual gift in memory of Jerry A.
Attili, Sr.



Michele - July 01, 2014 at 11:09 AM

JR

“ *Daddy, thinking of you today and missing your smile and holding your hand. Kiss mommy for me*
I Love You dad,
Jeana



Jeana and Ray - May 30, 2014 at 10:07 AM

RJ

“ *Daddy,*
Happy Easter! Love and miss you tons!
Jeana



Ray and Jeana - April 20, 2014 at 10:37 AM

JR

“ *Daddy,*
Missing you so much! I will hold you in my heart
always!
Jeana



Jeana and Ray - April 07, 2014 at 09:38 AM

JR

“ *Daddy, missing you and mommy a lot. I miss*
holding your hand and your smile.
I Love You Daddy
Jeana



Jeana and Ray - March 25, 2014 at 10:07 AM

JR

“ *Daddy, I can't imagine what it would be like to see your smile or to hold your hand again. I am missing you a great deal today and everyday! You would love my fruit trees!!
Love you Daddy,
Jeana and Ray*



Jeana and Ray - March 10, 2014 at 10:01 AM

MI

“ *Daddy,
Wish I could put my head on your shoulder one more time. Missing you!*



Michele - March 07, 2014 at 11:29 AM

MI

“ *Michele lit a candle in memory of Jerry A. Attili, Sr.*



Michele - February 19, 2014 at 11:17 AM

JR

“ *Jeana And Ray sent a virtual gift in memory of Jerry A. Attili, Sr.*



Jeana and Ray - February 18, 2014 at 09:11 AM

JD

“ Happy Birthday Daddy! I miss you dearly
chops! Kiss Mommy and Bear for us!
Love You, Jeana and Ray



Jeana and Ray Difondi - January 11, 2014 at 01:54 PM

MI

“ Happy Birthday Daddy love and miss you!

Michele - January 01, 2014 at 12:51 PM

JR

“ Happy Thanksgiving Daddy,
I miss you dearly!
Hug and Kiss Mommy for me
I Love You,
Jeana and Ray



Jeana and Ray - November 28, 2013 at 07:44 AM

JR

“ Hi Daddy,
As Thanksgiving approaches us I am thinking
of fond memories and missing you dearly!
I miss your stuffing!
Hugs and Kisses Daddy
Love and Miss You Dearly
Jeana



Jeana and Ray - November 27, 2013 at 08:27 AM

RJ

“ *Daddy,
I am thinking of you today and miss you so
much!
I miss you everyday
I Love you Dad
Jeana*



Ray and Jeana - November 17, 2013 at 09:53 AM

MI

“ *Dad,
Yesterday we gathered at the cemetery for your
7th year anniversary in Heaven. We played you
favorite music and even toasted and had a shot
for you and mom. Miss you everyday!*



Michele - November 12, 2013 at 05:42 AM

JR

“ *Daddy,
Miss you everyday! I can't describe how much I
miss talking to you. Rest in peace daddy
Love You very much!
Love Jeana and Ray*



Jeana and Ray - November 11, 2013 at 08:49 AM

MI

“ *Michele sent a virtual gift in memory of Jerry A.
Attili, Sr.*



Michele - November 07, 2013 at 11:25 AM

JO

“ *Dad, Miss you and think about you everyday, I know you have a big smile on your face as ma is there with you now, I miss you both everyday. Our house is really empty now.
Love JoAnn*



JoAnn - October 24, 2013 at 07:23 AM

JR

“ *Daddy,
I think of you everyday, I know you and Mommy are looking down on us and are smiling.
Rest in Peace, Love You both
Jeana and Ray*

Jeana and Ry - October 20, 2013 at 10:08 AM

JR

“ *Hi Daddy,
I have missed you so much! I think of you everyday and especially at thanksgiving and the stuffing!
I Love You Daddy,
Jeana*



Jeana and Ray - October 19, 2013 at 10:14 AM



“ *Daddy,
Thers hasn't been a day that has gone by that
I don't think of you. I know you and Mommy
are together now and watching over all of us.
May you both Rest in Peace and know I miss
and love you both!*
Michele



Michele Vanno - October 15, 2013 at 11:23 AM



“ *Hi dad thinking of you today and everyday*

JoAnn - March 23, 2013 at 08:19 AM



“ *Hello,*

You site is very good.

you know some interesting additions to WordPress?

Gretz.##imported-begin##embed##imported-end##

June 14, 2010 at 08:40 PM



“ *Billiards, pool*
Croatia Service##imported-begin##Dymnetelstye##imported-
end##

July 22, 2009 at 10:27 AM



“ Dad, Happy Thanksgiving. This past year has been a sad and tough road, but I knew that you were by my side guiding me each and everyday. I LOVE and MISS you very much. This is the time of year for us to be thankful and I am thankful for having you as my father. Love you always, Michele###imported-begin###Michele###imported-end##

November 21, 2007 at 01:13 PM



“ In searching for family history I fell into this tribute to my grandfather's , John Joseph Spezzo, half-brother. I know he was always respectful of the Utica family and his mother, Adeline. peace to yuor family. Elisa###imported-begin##Elisa Spezzo Schmit###imported-end##

April 13, 2007 at 11:24 PM



“ Hi Daddy, Missing you today. Hope that you are good. I just wish that I could see you and kiss you for just a little while. I really miss seeing you.I feel so alone with my feelings and thoughts. I love you Dad. Love always, your number 1 daughter.###imported-begin##Linda###imported-end##

January 22, 2007 at 09:28 AM



“ Hi Dad, It's been 2 months today that you left us. Words cannot express how much I miss you. I try to see that you are in a better place but I truly miss you.Everyone tells me that it will get better. I don't know how it will. I hope that you are looking down upon us from heaven. I love you Daddy. Love, Linda###imported-begin##Linda###imported-end##

January 10, 2007 at 09:22 AM



“ Michele, Jo, & Family...I am very sorry for your loss - I can still remember coming over as a teenager and being greeted with a big hug from your dad.. I'll keep you all in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Karen Reina##imported-end##

January 09, 2007 at 07:51 PM



“ Happy Birthday Chops!! Happy New Year!! Its just not the same without you. I Miss you so much!! I know you had a good birthday though. I love you so much!! - Alyssa##imported-begin##Alyssa##imported-end##

January 01, 2007 at 09:55 PM



“ Happy Birthday Poppie! And Happy New Year too. I miss you so much! I hope you're having a good time up there in heaven! Love, Brittany.##imported-begin##Brittany##imported-end##

January 01, 2007 at 08:07 PM



“ Happy New Year's and Happy Birthday Dad. Did you see the balloons we sent off to you? They flew so high above the clouds. It was nice to see that. We all miss you so much. Today, as we celebrate your birthday as well as Michele's we will remember you with fondness and gratitude in our hearts.Loving you always, Linda #1##imported-begin##hlhea4249##imported-end##

January 01, 2007 at 09:18 AM



“ Dad, Happy New Year's and tomorrow I want to wish you a very Happy Birthday. I miss you and love you very much. Today we are all going to church together. A mass is being said for you. It will be nice.

We are taking care of Mom. Don't worry. Tomorrow as Michele blows out the candles on both your birthday cakes, we will say a prayer for you. Love you Dad with all my heart and soul. Love Linda.##imported-begin##Linda##imported-end##

December 31, 2006 at 08:15 AM



“ Chops,

I hope you enjoyed the christmas tree. We kept the lights on all night just for you !

Grandma made you favorite cookies , I tasted one for you. They came out great!!

I miss you.##imported-begin##Kim##imported-end##

December 27, 2006 at 10:33 AM



“ Chops, Just wanted to say Merry Christmas!! Today was so hard not having dinner with you but i know you had a great dinner with all the sweets you could ever imagine and no one to yell at you for eating too much! I love and miss you so much!!! -

Alyssa##imported-begin##Alyssa##imported-end##

December 25, 2006 at 10:03 PM



“ Chops!!

Merry christmas to you! I stopped by to see you last night after work and incase you were wondering I am working hard. I just wanted to chat for a minute before I went down your house for dinner, and while I was talking to you I stopped mid sentence because I knew there were some games on T V and you were probably watching them so I didn't want to interrrupt even though I know you didn't mind. I miss looking down to the head of the table and see your smiling face and as you gummed whatever you were eating I sout CHOPS! and you would give me a smile and a wave the simplest memories like that of you I will never forget. I know you are not alone on the holidays because you were reunited with family members that left before you and I know you are looking down on us smiling eat drink and be marry chops you deserve it relax watch the games and have a bannana for me. with much love merry Christmas your grandson Christopher###imported-begin##Chris###imported-end##

December 25, 2006 at 03:15 PM



“ Dad, thank you very much for the message. I cried so hard I couldn't believe it was you. Merry Christmas Dad, I love you too. Your number 1 daughter.###imported-begin##Linda###imported-end##

December 23, 2006 at 09:18 AM



“ TO ALL MY CHILDREN ON CHRISTMAS...

MY FIRST CHRISTMAS IN HEAVEN

*I SEE THE COUNTLESS TREES AROUND THE WORLD BELOW,
WITH TINY LIGHTS, THE HEAVENS'S STRS, REFLECTING ON
THE SNOW,
THE SIGHT IS SO SPECTACULAR PLEASE WIPE AWAY THE
TEAR,
FOR I AM SPENDING CHRISTMAS WITH JESUS CHRIST THIS
YEAR.*

*I HEAR THE MANY CHRISTMAS SONGS THAT PEOPLE HOLD
SO DEAR,
BUT THE SOUNDS OF MUSIC CAN'T COMPARE WITH THE
CHRISTMAS CHOIR UP HERE,
I HAVE NO WORDS TO TELL YOU, THE JOY THEIR VOICES
BRING,
FOR IT IS BEYOND DESCRIPTION TO HEAR THE ANGELS
SING.*

*I KNOW HOW MUCH YOU MISS ME, I SEE THE PAIN INSIDE
YOUR HEARTS,
BUT I AM NOT FAR AWAY, WE REALLY AREN'T APART,
SO BE HAPPY FOR ME DEAR ONES, YOU KNOW I HOLD YOU
DEAR,
AND BE GLAD I'M SPENDING CHRISTMAS WITH JESUS
CHRIST THIS YEAR.*

*I SENT YOU A SPECIAL GIFT FROM MY HEAVENLY HOME
ABOVE,
I SENT YOU EACH A MEMORY OF MY UNDYING LOVE,
AFTER ALL, LOVE IS A GIFT MORE PRECIOUS THAN PURE
GOLD,
IT WAS ALWAYS MOST IMPORTANT IN THE STORIES JESUS
TOLD.*

*PLEASE LOVE AND KEEP EACH OTHER AS MY FATHER SAID
TO DO,
FOR I CAN'T COUNT THE BLESSING OR LOVE HE HAS FOR
EACH OF YOU,
SO HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND WIPE THAT TEAR,
REMEMBER I AM SPENDING CHRISTMAS WITH JESUS CHRIST
THIS YEAR.*

*I AM WITH YOU ALL EACH AND EVERYDAY.
I LOVE YOU--DAD###imported-begin##Dad###imported-end##*

December 23, 2006 at 08:49 AM



*“Daddy, it will be a month that you left us in 3 days. I still can't believe that you are gone.
"Dad, in tears we saw you sinking.
We watched you fade away. Our hearts were almost broken. You fought so hard to stay. But when we saw you sleeping, so peacefully free from pain,
We could not wish you back though as to suffer again".
Loving you forever Dad,
Linda###imported-begin##Linda###imported-end##*

December 08, 2006 at 12:31 PM



“ Hi Daddy, It's been 23 days now since you left us. I miss you more than ever. When I go to church today i will be saying a prayer for you, and will always love you forever in my heart. Keep smiling down upon us as we all miss you terribly. Christmas is upon us and we will all be together with you in our hearts, but it still won,t be the same.

I love you Daddy, Linda##imported-begin##hlhea4249@aol.com.##imported-end##

December 03, 2006 at 08:17 AM



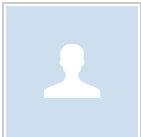
“ Daddy, Today has been two weeks since we laid you to rest. I think about you everyday and I come to see you everyday. I miss you so much.

--Dad by loving, you taught me to love. ---By trusting, you taught me the meaning of faith.

--By giving yourself, you taught me to care.

I love you!--Michele##imported-begin##Michele##imported-end##

November 29, 2006 at 06:56 PM



“ Dear Aunt Lena, I was so sorry to hear of Uncle Jerrys death. I remember fondly of the times when I was a child his visits to Yonkers to see us and our trips to Utica. It has been a long time, I am John Spezzo's daughter.....My mother Felicia passed away in June 2005 and my Brother John in 1997....I live in Pennsylvannia now have four children and 9 grandchildren. I am impossible to reach via phone, had I known I would have come up for the funeral. Utica is not far from here about 3 1/2 hours. Again I am sorry for your loss. Sincerely Angela##imported-begin##Angela Spezzo Casale##imported-end##

November 27, 2006 at 05:41 PM



“ *Daddy, I said a prayer for you today in church. I miss you so much. I think I have cried a whole ocean for you., maybe more. I know you are in loving hands and walking with Jesus. Keep smiling, until we are all re-united again.*

Loving you always, Linda##imported-begin##Linda##imported-end##

November 26, 2006 at 05:14 PM



“ *Cousins Guy and Lucy,*

Walt and I am so sorry we weren't able to come to the services for your father-in-law/"dad," as I didn't read the papers in time.

After having read such a beautiful obituary about your dad's extraordinarily loving life and his true compassion for passing that on to each and every one of his family members, it's clear to see you're presence in carrying on his legacy.

Regards,

Camille & Walt##imported-begin##Camille A. & Walter Kresa, Jr.##imported-end##

November 24, 2006 at 11:26 AM



“ Chops, i love and miss you very much!! i think about you everyday, especially today on thanksgiving. Im thankful for all the wonderful memories that you have left us all and i know that your in a better place watching over everyone. Remember all those desserts everyone would sneak you, well now chops you can eat as much as you want without anyone yelling at you. You can also drink as much wine as you want without anyone laughing because of how rosey your cheeks would get. Happy Turkey Chops!! I love you forever and always!! ~Alyssa###imported-begin###Alyssa###imported-end##

November 23, 2006 at 10:53 AM



“ Happy Thaksgiving Poppie! I love you and miss you. I know that you're in a better place right now and that you're watching over our family. You can eat all the turkey and cranberry sauce you want up there today Poppie! Have a really really great Thanksgiving! I miss you! Love Brittany###imported-begin###Brittany Vanno###imported-end##

November 23, 2006 at 10:27 AM



“ Daddy--Happy Thanksgiving! This is our first Holiday without you. I know you are watching over all of us and trying to guide us through this difficult time.
I brought you some fruit, an apple, pineapple and a banana, hope you enjoy them. I miss you Daddy and I love you very much. You are in my thought and prayers each and everyday.
Love Michele###imported-begin###Michele###imported-end##

November 23, 2006 at 09:57 AM



“ Dad

Happy Thanksgiving. I miss you and love you very much. This is the season to be thankful and I am thankful to you for being a loving father and for all the wonderful memories you have given us. You may not be physically present with us today but you will always be spiritually present with us. You will always be in our hearts. I love you

Lucy###imported-begin##Lucy Viti###imported-end##

November 23, 2006 at 08:18 AM

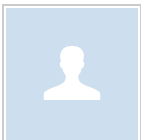


“ *Happy Thanksgiving Daddy. It,s been 13 days since you left us and the first holiday. I know that you are with Jesus and are very happy. I will say a prayer for you today at our dinner like I always do. Daddy, I miss you very much, and I will always love you until the end of time,*

I bet you will be watching all the football games today.

Love you number 1 daughter--Linda###imported-begin##Linda###imported-end##

November 23, 2006 at 08:11 AM



“ *Daddy it's been 10 days since you left us, and I truly miss you very much. Hank and I go to visit you every day. I know that you are in a better place with no pain. It will be a lonley Thanksgiving without you. Jesus will be by your side along with all of your family there. I will say a prayer for you each and every day of my life. Daddy please give me strength to go on every day== I love you so much.*

Love and kisses, Linda###imported-begin##Hlhea4249@aol.com###imported-end##

November 21, 2006 at 09:47 AM



“ Uncle Jerry I will miss that smile and love that you showed to all of us. Camille##imported-begin##Camille##imported-end##

November 19, 2006 at 07:56 PM



“ DEAR LUCY AND GUY,

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY EXTENDED TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.

BUTCH AND MARIE VITI##imported-begin##BUTCH VITI##imported-end##

November 19, 2006 at 07:06 PM



“ Dad,

Today has been one week since you have been gone. I keep playing my wedding video just to watch you and I dance together to "Daddy's Little Girl". Dad I miss you so much, I miss your smiling face and believe it or not I miss doing your chem strips.

I would do anything if I could see your face one more time, give you one more kiss and tell you how much I love you. You have given me so much happiness, and I thank you for the love you have shown.

So I will grieve for you, then let my grieve be comforted by trust. It's only for a while that we must part. So I bless all the memories in my heart. You touched my life and inspired all who knew you. You will be missed and loved always.

I love you Daddy--Michele##imported-begin##Michele##imported-end##

November 18, 2006 at 01:55 PM



“ *Daddy, I can't believe that it has been one week since you left us. I miss you so much. I found this poem that fits you, I hope that you like it.*

*Beyond the sunset he has gone
To rest a little while
The memory of his loving words,
The sweetness of his smile
Fall like a benediction soft
Upon our lonely ways,--
How we shall miss his prescence here
Thro' all the coming days.*

I love you Daddy, Linda##imported-begin##Linda##imported-end##

November 18, 2006 at 10:24 AM



“ Chops!! I miss you soo much!! to tell you the truth i wasnt going to sign your guestbook i dont even know why. i never acctually got to say good bye to you, and i want you to know that i love you and thank you for all the memories you have given me. I remember always going to your house when i was little and the first place id find you would be the front porch, just sitting there. (that is if there wasnt a game on of course). I can always remember your "exercises" in front of the tv when i was watching it, and you always telling me when i was younger that i needed to practice my 3 "r's" and then go on to sing me the "school days" song. I remember you always asked me "did you work hard today?" and chops i promise i always work hard just for you. Going down to the house is just not the same without you in it!! Nothing will ever be the same without you! I love and miss you so much!! Thank you for everything!! I know that you are watching over me in a better place!! I will never forget you!! LOVE ALWAYS ~ Alyssa###imported-begin###Alyssa###imported-end###

November 17, 2006 at 10:17 PM



“ I WANT YOU TO KNOW HOW PROUD I WAS TO BE PART OF YOUR FAMILY. YOU WERE LIKE MY SECOND FATHER TO ME. I WILL NEVER FOGET THE TIME YOU TOOK ME TO ALL YOUR FAMILY HOUSES ON PALM SUNDAY, BY THE TIME WE CAME BACK FROM VISITING I WAS DRUNK FROM THE ALL THE COFFEE AND ANNISE THAT WE DRANK. WHEN I CAME OVER YOUR HOUSE YOU WOULD SAY TO ME DID YOU WORK TODAY ,WHAT DID I FEED THE PEOPLE. THE BEST PART YOU ALWAYS NEW THAT WE WERE GOING TO GET A CHRISTMAS BONUS. EVERYTIME MARYROSE AND I WENT TO THE STORE WE WOULD BUY YOU MARYJANES CANDY. THAN YOU HAD THE BIGGEST SMILE ON YOUR FACE. I AM GOING TO MISS YOU EVERYTIME I GO TO THE HOUSE, PLUS I WILL MUSTLY MISS PLAYING CARDS WITH MY SPECIAL PARTNER. NO ONE GOULD BET US. IT WILL BE SO EMPTY AT THE HOUSE WITHOUT YOU THERE. SOME PEOPLE COME INTO OUR LIVES AND STAY IN OUR HEARTS FOREVER. I WILL MISS YOU VERY MUCH. LOVE KATHY GLENN##imported-begin##kathy glenn##imported-end##

November 17, 2006 at 07:10 PM



“ DADDY,I MISS YOU AND LOVE YOU WITH ALL MY HEART AND SOUL. I WILL MISS THE TIMES KATHY,TOM,AND I PLAYED CARDS,AND YOU WOULD PICK KATHY ALL THE TIME TO BE YOUR PARTNER AND ALWAYS WIN.I WILL CHERISHED ALL THE CHRISTMAS EVE' WHEN YOU WERE SANTA CLAUS, CAME INTO OUR ROOMS,AND PUT A STOCKING ON OUR BEDS AND KISS US ON THE FOREHEAD. DAD, INSTEAD OF THINKING OF YOUR OWN HEALTH YOU WOULD BE THINKINK ABOUT MINE ALL THE TIME. EVERY TIME I CAME TO SEE YOU I WOULD SAY DAD, HOW DO YOU FEEL HE WOULD SAY WITH MY HANDS. THEN HE WOULD SAY TO ME HOW DO YOU FELL ,I WOULD SAY WITH MY HANDS,AND GIVE HIM A KISS ON THE FOREHEAD LIKE HE ALWAYS GIVES ONE.DAD, I PROMISE YOU I WILL BE HEALTHY,TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR ONLY TRUE LOVE,MA. SOME PEOPLE LEAVE FOOTPRINTS ON OUR HEARTS, AND WE ARE NEVER, EVER THE SAME. LOVE YOU ALWAYS DAUGHTER#3 MARYROSE##imported-begin##MARYROSE ATTILI##imported-end##

November 16, 2006 at 09:24 PM



“ There is a wonderful children's book called *Badger's Parting Gifts* and it a story about how saddened all the animals are upon the death of Badger. He was always there when anyone needed him and the animals wondered what they would do now that he was gone. As they would visit each other they would share stories, for each animal had a special memory of Badger. As I read the tributes on this page of special memories I can see Jerry Attili Sr. is very much like Badger in that he gave so many people a parting gift to treasure always. Using these gifts we will be able to help each other.##imported-begin##Debbie Schepsis##imported-end##

November 15, 2006 at 07:37 AM



“ Uncle Jerry,

May the Lord bless you and keep you. Your suffering has ended and you are with our family who preceeded you to paradise. You will always be in my heart. Your patriotism was an inspiration for me to join and serve in the Navy and Air Force. I will always think of you during the holidays, watching college football, and following the Yankees. I want to thank you and your family for all the support and love you have shown for my family. Thank you for welcoming me whenever I was able to visit. I will be eternally grateful that I was able to visit you this past year. God bless your family for all the love and support they have shown in caring for you. You will always be in my prayers.

Love you

"Dickey"###imported-begin##Dominick Amadeo##imported-end##

November 15, 2006 at 02:04 AM



“ JoAnn & family: *I am saddened to hear of the loss of your father and husband. Please know how sorry I am.*

I remember how kind you and your family were to me when I first moved to Utica and did not know a lot of people. You invited me to a holiday dinner (I think New Year). Your mom made homemade raviolis or some type of pasta. I had never seen that before. You shared your lives with me and made me feel special.

You are in my thoughts and my prayers.###imported-begin##Fern (Shay) Ladd##imported-end##

November 14, 2006 at 10:41 PM



“ I am saddened to see that my former neighbor of many years has passed. My sympathy to the Attilis.##imported-begin##Cynthia S'Doia##imported-end##

November 14, 2006 at 09:14 PM



“ Let offer my most sincere condolences to The Atilli Family. Jerry, your father's obituary made my heart warm. As they say, the acorn does not fall far from the tree. It truly caps a celebration of his life. May he rest in peace. Paul mangano##imported-begin##Paul Mangano##imported-end##

November 14, 2006 at 11:45 AM



“ Aunt Linda, Uncle & Hank and the Atilli Family,
My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Family is a precious gift to cherish.
Love
Carolyn##imported-begin##Carolyn Healy##imported-end##

November 14, 2006 at 11:22 AM



“ We are so very sorry for your loss. Kim tells us nothing but the most wonderful things about Mr. Atilli. Our hearts and prayers go out to your family at this time. Kimmi, we love you. Stay strong and if you need anything please know that we are here for you!##imported-begin##Jackie & Cory McDowell##imported-end##

November 14, 2006 at 08:36 AM



“ Grandpa,
I'm so sorry that you're gone, but glad that now you're in peace. I'll always remember you as being quiet, gentle and caring. Any time I came to visit, you always asked "how was your trip?" and "how's work?" even if you didn't feel good. You always thought about other people before yourself. Thanks for including my brothers and I into your family. It will always mean a lot to all of us.
Love, Patricia##imported-begin##Patricia##imported-end##

November 13, 2006 at 11:00 PM



“ JERRY, WITH CHILDREN OF YOUR OWN, YOU MANAGED TO ADD ONE MORE TO THE FAMILY. ME. I WILL ALWAYS BE GRATEFUL TO YOU AND LENA FOR ACCEPTING ME INTO YOUR LIVES. YOUR KINDNESS, GENEROSITY AND LOVE WILL FOREVER BE IN MY HEART. BUT I WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER HOW WE USED TO TEASE EACH OTHER, JOKE AROUND AND LAUGH. A LOT. (NOT TO MENTION OUR SECRET TRIPS TO OTB) YOUR SMILE WAS ENOUGH TO BRIGHTEN MY DAY. SO WHEN THE CLOUDS FINALLY PART AND THE SUN SHINES THROUGH, THE GLOW THAT SURROUNDS ME, I'LL KNOW THAT WARMTH IS YOU. I'LL MISS YOU JER, UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN.##imported-begin##LAC##imported-end##

November 13, 2006 at 10:26 PM



“ Aunt Lena and family: We are so sorry to hear about your loss. Uncle Jerry was a sweet and dear man to everyone that knew him. He will be missed by us so much. Our prayers and love will be with you. Love to you all, Jim and Marjie##imported-begin##Jim and Marjie Natali##imported-end##

November 13, 2006 at 10:22 PM



“ Uncle Jerry, I'll miss our baseball talks every year and you telling me who would win the World Series, even if it wasn't the Red Sox. I miss you and will always think of you. Love and miss you, your great-niece, Robin###imported-begin###Robin A Akers###imported-end##

November 13, 2006 at 08:47 PM



“ *The Marine's Prayer*
Almighty Father, whose command is over all and whose love never fails, make me aware of Thy presence and obedient to Thy will. Keep me true to my best self, guarding me against dishonesty in purpose and deed and helping me to live so that I can face my fellow Marines, my loved ones and Thee without shame or fear. Protect my family, Give me the will to do the work of a Marine and to accept my share of responsibilities with rigor and enthusiasm. Grant me the courage to be proficient in my daily performance. Keep me loyal and faithful to my superiors and to the duties my country and the Marine Corps have entrusted to me. Make me considerate of those committed to my leadership. Help me to wear my uniform with dignity and let it remind me daily of the traditions which I must uphold.
If I am inclined t doubt, steady my faith;if I am tempted, make me strong to resist; if I should miss the mark, give me courage to try again.
Guide me with the light of truth and grant me wisdom by which I may understand the answer to my prayer.
Amen.
Author Unknown###imported-begin###LTC. Russ Grogan & Jo Grogan###imported-end##

November 13, 2006 at 08:34 PM



“ My Chops--I am the one who gave you the name CHOPS! I have so many cherished memories of you. I remember you dressing up as Santa Clause and I just knew it was you because of your green eyes, bushy eyebrows and Gramma putting the blush of your checks. I remember walking to Foodland and getting a box of animal crackers and a box of cracker jacks and if I was really good I would get a cow tail. I remember climbing on the grape vine and you would say, "Get off the grape vine you are going to ruin the grapes". The garden was my favorite because you swore the merigolds kept the rabbits out. What I admired the most about you was your strength. On my wedding day you were determined to dance with me when you could hardly stand. My favorite memory was sneaking you sweets and you would say, "Everytime I take a bite of this I will think of you". Now everytime I close my eyes I will think of you. PS--I promise I will work hard. I love and Miss you. Love your favorite grandchild Kimmy!###imported-begin###Kimmy###imported-end###

November 13, 2006 at 08:26 PM



“ I can never again see a United States Marine without experiencing a feeling of reverence.
-General Johnson, US Army###imported-begin###LTC. Russ Grogan (Retired) & Jo Grogan ###imported-end###

November 13, 2006 at 07:33 PM



“ Lena & family,
Sorry to hear about Jerry. We will remember you and him in our prayers.###imported-begin###John and Jane Morgia, Dante Morgia, Irma and Ray Pacific###imported-end###

November 13, 2006 at 07:09 PM



“ CHOPS, Do you want some peperoni and cheese with a saltine cracker? I will always miss comming down the house to see you in your room watching T.V. If it wasn't the game it was a war movie in which I am convinced that you have seen every war movie on the history channel at least twice. I will miss the fact that even if I didn't see a yankees game there was always one person I could find out the score from and exactly how they played. I remember when I was a little kid how every time you walked down to the store you would always bring back a candy bar or those animal cookies in the little red box. I will never forget comming over in the summer to always seeing you sitting peacefully on the front porch enjoying some fruit. And how every time it snowed the sidewalk and porch never had any snow on it no matter if we got a blizzerd or just an inch. And of course how could I ever forget how you used to yell at me after decerating the front poarch with christmas lights to turn them off because it was to early to have them on. I remember as a kid I would sit there and watch in amazment on how you could eat peperoni, sausage in the oil, and steak without putting your teeth in. Chops I will always remeber and forever love you. Thank you for a lifetime of memories.

P.S. DON'T WORK TO HARD.##imported-begin##Christopher##imported-end##

November 13, 2006 at 06:55 PM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you. We will miss Uncle Jerry and his great smile.
Love to you all.##imported-begin##The Families of Angelo Balderson, Davy Balderson and Cindy Sprouse##imported-end##

November 13, 2006 at 04:45 PM



“ Uncle Jerry: I didn't get to say goodbye, but the cherished memories will always be in my heart including those wonderful Christmas Eve's when you were Santa Claus to so many of us kids and then to our children in later years. You may be gone but you will never be forgotten with your warm and gentle smile. I love you and will miss you.##imported-begin##Roseanne##imported-end##

November 13, 2006 at 04:41 PM



“ I've known the Attili family for many years and anytime I had the pleaseure of visiting, Jerry was always smiling with the pichable cheeks.
I want to let the family know they are in and will always be in my prayers.

A friend for life,
Liz Green##imported-begin##Elizabeth Green##imported-end##

November 13, 2006 at 03:59 PM



“ Dear Poppie, I love you! When I was small, I remember you used to take Alyssa and I down to the store on the corner and buy us ice cream cones. I miss the times when you stood in front of the television and did your exerises while Alyssa and I watched you. It's too bad the yankees didn't make it very far this year, but I'll still root for them for the both of us! I miss you a lot. I love you!

Always,##imported-begin##Brittany Vanno##imported-end##

November 13, 2006 at 03:36 PM



“ JoAnn and Family - I can't say that I know exactly how you feel; but I too have loss my Dad. All I can tell you that time heals; but you can never ever forget! Remember the the times you each have shared! Speak to those times as this helps you remember that His Spirit lives in each of you! Always know that there are people who care for each you! Lean on us....you are not alone! JoJo- You can count on me. If it is just to listen, a hug needed, or just someone to ask advice. I am here for you. I will keep each of you in my prayers! I will pray that you all find the inner-peace needed to get you through this difficult time! Take Care of each other and God Bless You and your family! Love-Lois###imported-begin##Lois Mariano###imported-end##

November 13, 2006 at 03:26 PM



“ Dearest Uncle Jerry:

Your gentle touch, gallant smile and your ever so kind loving ways, will always be cherished forever in my heart.
So, as all our fond family memories. Loving you always.

WITH ALL MY LOVE,
"Cynthia"###imported-begin##CYNTHIA COROMATO###imported-end##

November 13, 2006 at 11:49 AM



“ *Kim and family: Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this time. Kim I know how much you cherished your grandfather and he was a lucky person to have such a terrific family as yours. Please know that I am here for you if you need anything. Love Tanya###imported-begin##Tanya Gilleece-Enigk###imported-end##*

November 13, 2006 at 11:45 AM



“ *Jo Ann and family my heart goes out to all of you, you are all in my thoughts and prayers in this time of sorrow. Jo Ann I am here if you need me. Love Patti###imported-begin##Patti Palmitesso###imported-end##*

November 13, 2006 at 11:21 AM



“ *Lucy and Michele, you are the two people in your family that I have come to know and work with. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family as your tears of loss and laughter of memories becomes intertwined in the next few days. As the holidays approach, cry at your will and embrace your memories, both strengthen and heal your heart. Love and blessings Bonnie###imported-begin##Bonnie (McCarthy)###imported-end##*

November 13, 2006 at 11:09 AM



“ Grandpa, You have always inspired me. I will always remember listening to the stories of how good the 4th. Marine Division was during WW2. As a child I never realized how important it was for you to be a U.S. Marine. You have gallantly served our country taking a purple heart for your participation on Iwo Jima, Saipan, the Marshall Islands , and Tinian. Now that I am a grown man, I have learned the value of life through your eyes. I truly love you grandpa. "May the Lord shine upon you and give you peace" In my heart forever Love Todd###imported-begin##Todd###imported-end##

November 13, 2006 at 11:07 AM



“ Hi "POPS", The garden is tilled in for this year, and I know you will be there for the Spring tilling and planting. I thank God for giving me the strength and health to have been there for you. It was a great pleasure, not a burden, to help and comfort you, as you prepared yourself for that trip you told us you were taking back in June. Your presence will truly be missed, but your memories will live in our hearts and minds forever. A true patriot, I salute you. Your Son-In-Law, Hank###imported-begin##Hank###imported-end##

November 13, 2006 at 10:54 AM



“ Daddy, I miss you with all of my heart and soul, I will miss watching all the war movies with you, You made me feel so patriotic. I will miss the foo foo drops that you put into our eyes when we were children. I will also miss singing the Marine Corps hymn with you and the rest of our family at family functions. I love you daddy with every part of my heart and will never forget you. Love your number 1 and Favorite daughter. Linda###imported-begin##Linda###imported-end##

November 13, 2006 at 09:51 AM



“ *Semper Fi ...*##imported-begin##TimothyLiddon##imported-end##

November 13, 2006 at 09:34 AM



“ *Daddy, I will miss you everyday, you always knew what I was thinking. I will miss your smiling face everyday day when I come home from work. You always greeted me with a smile and asked If I worked hard and if I missed you. I will miss giving you ice cream and chocolote candy. I will plant your garden for you every spring and bring you that first tomato. Miss you always -- Jo*##imported-begin##JoAnn Attili##imported-end##

November 13, 2006 at 09:03 AM



“ *Dad*
I love and miss seeing that beautiful smile everyday.Thakyou for all the wonderful childhood memories.You always made everyone around you feel so special.You would ask me everyday Did you pray for me today? and I would always tell you absolutely.Please know that I will always have you in my heart and will pray for you always.##imported-begin##Lucy##imported-end##

November 13, 2006 at 08:34 AM



“ *Joanne & Family*
I am so sorry for your loss. My prayers are with all of you at this difficult time.
God Bless!##imported-begin##Elaine (Borruso)
O'Connor##imported-end##

November 13, 2006 at 07:58 AM



“ *Daddy, I can't believe you are gone. I really never said Good-bye, because deep down I didn't want you to leave us.*

Out of all the memories I have of you, I guess what I will truly miss the most is sharing our Birthdays and spending the Holidays with you. I will continue to put both our names on the cake because I know you will be there in spirit.

I also enjoyed sneaking you Mary Janes and fruit and it was our secret. The smile on your face at those moments will never be forgotten.

I love you Daddy and we both know that I am, "YOUR FAVORITE!"

In my heart I know you are at peace and in a better place. I love you and miss you!!###imported-begin###Michele###imported-end##

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“ *Daddy,*

I miss and love you. May you rest in peace.

Love Your Baby!!###imported-begin###Michele Vanno###imported-end##

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