



## Mr. John B. Aliasso

December 1, 1932 - December 10, 2015

Mr. John B. Aliasso, Jr., age 83, of Utica, went home to the Lord on Thursday, December 10, 2015 as he passed away at the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center surrounded by the love and support of his family and friends.

Born in Utica on December 1, 1932, John was the son of the late John B., Sr. and Mary (Garcea) Aliasso. He was a graduate of T.R. Proctor High School/Class of 1951 where he was an All-American Athlete. He continued his education at Franklin & Marshall College in Pennsylvania majoring in Engineering. He then attended Utica College of Syracuse University where his area of concentration was in Reliability Engineering. He remained a supportive alumni of his local Alma Maters all his life. In 1955, John joined the United States Army where he honorably served his country stateside supervising the supply unit. In 1960, he married the former Margaret "Marge" LaBarbera and to that relationship came the blessing of four beautiful children. He entered into a second union on July 19, 1980 when he wed the former Regina DeRosa Grimaldi; theirs was a "marriage made in heaven" because they complemented and loved one another in so many ways.

John enjoyed an extensive 30 plus year career at the General Electric Company where he worked for the Department of Defense and aerospace industries at the French Road facility in Utica. Blessed with a keen mind and intellect, John was passionate in designing and computing many programs. He later ventured into the delicatessen business as a host at Falatico's Sausage & Deli where he and his partners produced homemade Italian

specialties. As a father, John was supportive and made time to show his love and concern in day-to-day situations that called for his intercession and advice. A gentle giant, he was kind and understanding, and in turn, each of his children felt special; he never showed partiality. As they matured into adult life, he kept in touch with them daily, sharing his wise words that proved to be right. His heart was in the right place as he held his children's needs second to no one's - not even his own. His love was unconditional and he fought the good fight in raising his children to be giving and forgiving as God would want them to be. He was an expert at worrying about everyone, and he was an honest and fair man, often referred to as "Honest John". He was a gentle soul who brimmed with confidence and hope to live each day to its fullest. As a second father to Regina's children, he raised, taught, and loved them as his own, blending the two families with the greatest of ease on so many levels. He welcomed all to his home, and no one was a stranger to his heart, his soul, or his table. For his children and the generations that followed, he attended their sporting events, concerts, religious sacraments, birthdays, and holidays with joy and personal interest. He felt that it was important to be present at all these special moments and events that highlighted their young lives. John was a man of many pursuits, passions, and pastimes. He was a great shopper who shared his tips with family and friends. He had a monumental love for music of any genre, but he favored Jazz and Big Band era tunes... and his children appreciated this wide range. He played Bridge every Thursday morning with a group of friends and was an avid pitch and poker player. His morning ritual included solving a crossword puzzle that was a breeze with his verbal acuity, as well as a daily sudoku challenge that was no match for his mathematical mind. He gave his time and talent as an Income Tax preparer for a volunteer service through AARP. He was, of course, a loyal Yankees fan. It was John's faith that was the basis for his being. He was a believer in God and all His goodness, and he emulated that life to the fullest. John was a faithful parishioner of St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church which was his foundation. He served as a Lector and Eucharistic Minister and was a

member of the Holy Name Society, former Choir member, President of the St. Cosmos & St. Damian Society, former trustee, Chairman of the St. Cosmos & St. Damian Pilgrimage for over 40 years, and as a member of the parish council, he was involved in the many activities that were held throughout the year including Friday Fish fries. He was a cornerstone of his parish. In recognition of John and Regina's meaningful years of service and dedication to their religious community, the Syracuse Catholic Diocese bestowed upon them the Immaculata Award in November of this year. John lived his life through the Lord's lessons; he never disliked anyone or anything, and he found the best in others. His motto was "be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, and faithful in prayer". John met his Lord with open arms and a humble heart. John is survived by his beloved wife, Regina; his children and their loves, Michelle and Donald Anastasi, John Aliasso, Camille Scampone and Nick Manfredo, and David and Kathy Aliasso; as well as Fred Grimaldi III, Rita Grimaldi, Karen Grimaldi and fiance Steve Deming, and Robin Grimaldi and fiance Scott St. Hilaire; his grandchildren, Donald, and Joseph Anastasi; Jessica, and Maggie Aliasso; Salvatore Scampone and fiancée Gina Stephens, Genaro Scampone, and their father, Sammy Scampone; Alexandria, and Dominic Aliasso; Megan and Andrew Wilson, Marissa Mazza and Clay Carlisle; and always close to his heart was the memory of his grandson Joel Collins. He is also survived by his great-grandson, Anthony John Scampone; his sisters, Angela Green, and Barbara Pacilio; his brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Theresa Aliasso; his nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, in-laws, Richard J. "Dick" Graniero, and Walt Lorenz; and a lifetime of wonderful friends. He was a humanitarian advocate for all God's creatures, especially loved his cat, "Baby". He was predeceased by his sisters-in-law Carmelita Graniero, and Vida Lorenz.

The family is grateful to Dr. Alicia DeTraglia, Dr. Hung Nguyen, and Dr. Rebecca Heist from Massachusetts General, all of whom gave compassionate hope, honesty, and genuine friendship to John; Fr. Mark Kaminiski for his

spiritual guidance, and Deacon Bill Dischiavo for his years of loyal friendship and devotion to their team efforts.

Visitation will be held Monday from 4:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. The family will remain until all visitors have been seen. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in John's name to St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend John's funeral service and Celebration of Life which will commence on Tuesday morning at 11:30 at St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church where his Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. Mark Kaminski and Deacon Bill Dischiavo with Military Honors conferred. Entombment will take place in Calvary Cemetery Mausoleum at the convenience of the family.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **14**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

# Tribute Wall

LD

“ Dear Regina, My deepest condolences to you and your family.  
Lauren A. Darman

Lauren Darman - December 21, 2015 at 08:39 AM

JS

“ Regina and family,  
There are no words that we can say that will help ease the pain. We were fortunate to know a kind, great, patient man named John. He will be missed.

Jacquelyn Rizzo-Schmidt and sister Linda Bohling

Jacquelyn S - December 15, 2015 at 07:22 PM



RM

“ Dear Angela Green and daughters Laurie and Karen, We are so sorry for the loss of your brother and uncle. Our prayers and thoughts are with you at this moment of grief. Our love to you and prayers to all of Johns family.  
Ron and Mary Merritt

Ron Merritt - December 15, 2015 at 04:04 PM



Miranda Crossley

“ I am so sorry for the loss of John. My thoughts and prayers are with all of his family at this time. John was such a kind and loving man. I have such fond memories of him and Regina at my Luau. Many prayers for Regina. with much Love and condolences, Miranda

Miranda Crossley - December 15, 2015 at 03:55 PM



JP

“ I worked with John as a Tax Preparer. He was well respected, often the one sought out for an opinion on a complicated question. No matter how late someone walked in the door, John would unpack the computer to help. His smile, humor, and big heart have made the world a much nicer place.

JPM

JPM - December 14, 2015 at 05:37 PM

JM

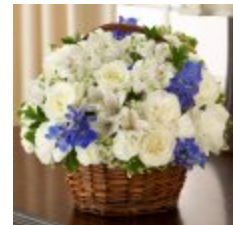
“ John M lit a candle in memory of Mr. John B. Aliasso



John M - December 14, 2015 at 05:29 PM



“ Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Mr. John B. Aliasso.



December 14, 2015 at 02:27 PM

KF

“ Kristen and Kevin Joyce and family purchased the Sympathy fireside Basket in Christmas Colors for the family of Mr. John B. Aliasso.



Kristen and Kevin Joyce and family - December 14, 2015 at 08:20 AM

PB

“ *To our dear friend Michelle and the entire Aliasso Family:  
We may be many miles apart, but our wishes for comfort to all of  
you at this sad and difficult time are right there beside you.  
May memories of fond times, especially during Christmas season  
give you countless reasons to smile as you reflect. We are confident  
that those memories, coupled with family and love will make a  
difference and lift your spirits.*

*Love and condolences,  
Bucky and Tammy*

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**Paul Buckley** - December 14, 2015 at 08:16 AM

FC

“ *From the Diner Crew purchased the Serene Gree  
n™ Bouquet For Sympathy for the family of Mr.  
John B. Aliasso.*



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**From the Diner Crew** - December 14, 2015 at 08:14 AM



“ *There are so many great memories I can share I don't know how to  
pick just one. But let's go way back to the times of playing poker  
scrabble, boggle and the infamous Bargain Hunter. (Ha) all the time  
with John and my mother. We always had so much fun. He taught  
me so much and helped me all the time with my math work, and  
he'd let me read my stories to him that I'd write. He was patient and  
kind, strong and supportive, caring and loving. Thank you John for  
coming into our lives and making us all smile. I can still hear your  
voice saying, I love you Rob. Well I love you too John! Always! ?*

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**Robin Grimaldi** - December 13, 2015 at 08:40 AM



“ Always a pleasure to see John. We've lost one of the good guys, a real gentleman.

**Billy Burns** - December 13, 2015 at 08:01 AM



“ To all the Aliasso Family, You are all in our hearts and prayers. His smile will be missed by us all. Anthony & Elizabeth DeCarolis

**Anthony & Elizabeth Decarolis** - December 12, 2015 at 09:57 PM



“ Regina and family, and my sister and brother-in-law Theresa and Butch my condolences and prayers of comfort in these trying times. John was a man of all ages, caring and respectful to everyone whom he came in contact with friends or strangers. May he rest and peace with his family in heaven.

**David (Lee) Lia** - December 12, 2015 at 06:10 PM



“ Sympathy fireside Basket in Christmas Colors was purchased for the family of Mr. John B. Aliasso.



December 12, 2015 at 09:40 AM

BU

“ John you were the big brother anyone could wish for. You always helped family, friends & strangers. I remember when I was young you would take me with you & your friends on the train excursions to NYC. Now you can start your own Bridge Club in Heaven.

*I look forward to see you again someday, Butch*

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**Butch** - December 12, 2015 at 07:44 AM

EB

“ It was always pleasant working with John at GE many years ago..Our thoughts and prayers are with all your family. Gene Benman

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**eugene benman** - December 12, 2015 at 06:42 AM

FB

*We hold much Love in our hearts for "Papa John". Wonderful memories of a wonderful man! Many prayers to the family for peace and strength. Love to all. Joe and Frannie Bellino and family*

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**francesca bellino** - December 12, 2015 at 07:04 AM

RG

*To a great "Godfather" who was wise beyond his years and lived life with a generous heart. I'll dearly miss you Uncle John and will cherish all the memories. You will always be part of me. With all my love, Richard.*

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**Richard Green** - December 12, 2015 at 10:11 AM

FL

*We are so sorry for your loss, our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.*

*Fran LaBarbera and family*

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**Fran LaBarbera** - December 14, 2015 at 08:36 AM

EC

*Regina and family;*

*So very very sorry for the loss of John he will be sorely missed by everyone who had the pleasure of knowing him.*

*I am also extremely sorry I cannot get to his wake, to say Goodbye to John, because I had the Paramedics at my house at 6AM today to get Louis off the floor - so I am afraid to leave him. Please know that our prayers and thoughts are with you & Family.*

*God Bless*

*Esther Comito*

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**Esther Comito** - December 14, 2015 at 02:28 PM

MM

*Our thoughts and prayers are with the Aliasso family. John will be deeply missed by all at St. Anthony and St Agnes Church. God Bless John!*

*Mark and Palma Medici and Family*

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**Mark Mecici** - December 14, 2015 at 02:35 PM