



## John A. LaPolla

September 3, 1927 - April 10, 2019

UTICA - Mr. John A. LaPolla was reunited with his wife when he passed away on Wednesday, April 10, 2019 at the age of 91.

Born in Utica on September 3, 1927, John was the son of the late Antonio and Maria (DeFuria) LaPolla. A veteran of World War II, John honorably served his country in the United States Army. On September 2, 1950 he wed the former Evelyn Fierro with whom he shared 55 years in a traditional marriage graced with mutual devotion and love. Evelyn passed away on Christmas Day in 2005.

John's career was centered in the construction industry where he worked as a laborer on projects in the Utica area. Subsequently he also held positions with the New York State Railroad and at Griffis Air Force Base. He had a great work ethic, and he was able to maintain his physical fitness because of his work demands. John was independent by nature, and after the loss of his wife, he was able to manage his home and maintain his dignity. For many years, he enjoyed the sports of golfing and bowling. He was a devoted member of the former St. Agnes Parish. Although he was a quiet man, John had a great strength of character and determination throughout his life.

He is survived by his nieces, including his special niece L. Patricia Artessa and her husband Morris; and his nephews including Anthony LaPolla, great-nieces, and great-nephews. A special thank you is extended to his friends Cathy Young and Lisa Gilberti who blessed and enriched his life with their support and concern. He was predeceased by his sisters, Mary Lozzi, and

Angeline LaPolla; and his brother and sister-in-law, Louis J. LaPolla, Sr. and Marion LaPolla.

The family honored and commemorated John's life at a private time. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend John's funeral service and Celebration of Life which will commence on Tuesday, April 23rd at 1:00 at St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church where his Memorial Mass of Christian Burial will be offered. The family will receive visitors at the conclusion of services.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Uncle Johnny so sad to hear this news...seeing you a few months back was so nice, loved hearing your stories! Rest in peace. Nina

Nina LaPolla Wallace - April 17, 2019 at 01:38 PM

Lauren  
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“ Uncle John Grew his wings and now he is flying so high with his wife aunt evelynn i hope he is in a better Place. RIP uncle john



Lauren A - April 17, 2019 at 12:13 PM

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“ Uncle John’s kindness and concern to me and my family was so memorable. Projects around my house as I raised my family with your opinion was so helpful. We entertained ourselves together bowling and golfing many times. I’ll never forget those lousy horse race tips you shared with me lol. My children adored you and Aunt Evelyn so much through the years. I will never forget from when I was a youngster playing in your back yard when we visited. You always had games to keep me so excited about my visit. Thank you so much Uncle John for being a big part of my memories as I grew to be a man and raise my family. You will be happy to see Aunt Evelyn in heaven looking down on all of us. Cheers to you

Your loving nephew

Dominic

Dominic LaPolla - April 17, 2019 at 08:33 AM

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“ Mike Terzo lit a candle in memory of John A. LaPolla



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**Mike Terzo** - April 14, 2019 at 04:32 PM

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“ Michael And Marian Sturr lit a candle in memory of John A. LaPolla



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**Michael and Marian Sturr** - April 13, 2019 at 08:34 PM