



## Mr. John F. Papaleo

September 20, 1926 - November 11, 2019

UTICA - Mr. John F. Papaleo, age 93, went home to the Lord to join those who went before him, when he passed away on Monday, November 11, 2019 at the Presbyterian Home for CNY, Inc. with his loving family by his side.

Born in Utica on September 20, 1926, John was the son of the late Nicholas and Maria (Castano) Papaleo. He attended T.R. Proctor High School. On September 8, 1951 he married the former Teresa Robilotta. They were good companions, dedicated to each other's needs. John and Teresa were sociable, outgoing, and friendly. The couple shared their lives for 53 years prior to Teresa's passing on February 27, 2005.

John began his working life at Gold Medal Packing Company where he was a Foreman in the vacuum packing department until the company's closing. He subsequently accepted a position at the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company where he worked for over 25 years as an agent. He held various licenses and was successful in his career because he was knowledgeable, honest, and accommodating. He enjoyed having conversations with the many folks he met along the way. He met with his friends on Friday nights for coffee and cards; they were a great group of guys.

John was a traditional, respectful gentleman. He was a good family man who taught his values to his children and supported them in their endeavors. His grandchildren adored him and he loved their company. As a storyteller, he was very interesting, and amusing. He often put words that he spoke to song, and he always hit the high notes in key! He was proud of his sons, amazed by his

grandchildren and often told them, "You are so beautiful". His legacy of traditions will live on through his great-grandchildren. If you were fortunate enough to know John, you knew he was a true conversationalist and that he had met many people along life's journey, all of whom we hope he is now reunited.

John is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, John B., Jr. and Kathryn L. Papaleo, and his son James J. Papaleo and Romana Davis; his grandchildren, Alexandria R. and Andrew Deno, Victoria A. and Michael Phalen, Christina M. Papaleo, and Cassandra R. Papaleo; and his great-grandchildren, Ashley, Grace, Giana Teresa, and Andrew S. Deno. He also leaves many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and cousins. He was predeceased by his siblings and their spouses, Eleanor and Louie Frate, Anthony Papaleo, and Frank and Elaine Pellegrino; and his in-laws, Frank and Clara Robilotta, Carmen and Ann Robilotta, and Katherine and Simon Elhage. The family is grateful to the staff of the Presbyterian Home for CNY/Elm Unit, especially Cindy and Marcia, for the loving care they offered John with great sincerity.

Visitation will be held on Sunday from 2-4 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. In lieu of flowers, contributions in John's honor may be made to Adopt a Family Program through ICAN (Integrated Community Alternatives Network) online at <https://foundationhoc.org/ICANcharitablefund/>; envelopes will also be available at the funeral home. John's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Monday morning at 10:00 from the funeral home and at 11:00 at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish where his Mass of Christian Burial will be offered. Entombment will follow in Calvary Cemetery Mausoleum. "I am coming home, I am on my way".

# Cemetery Details

## Calvary Mausoleum

2407 Oneida Street  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 735-2727

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 17. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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

## Funeral Service

NOV 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary of Mount Carmel / Blessed Sacrament Parish  
648 Jay St  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 735-1482

# Tribute Wall

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“ So sorry to hear of Uncle John's passing. Maryann and I have pleasant childhood memories of time spent with Uncle John, Aunt Teresa, Jimmy & Johnny. I remember his singing and how referred to Dad as Franky! They are all together now having a great reunion!

Your Cousin  
Nancy Pellegrino-Stark

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**Nancy Pellegrino-Stark** - November 16, 2019 at 01:56 PM

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“ Jim, Christina and Cassandra,

We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Our deepest sympathies and prayers are with you girls and your dad during this time. We are away and will not be able to attend services. May God bless.

The Teti family

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**Stephen Teti** - November 16, 2019 at 10:15 AM



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“ Jimmy my condolences for you and the family on the loss of your father. I'll keep you all in my prayers.

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**Bob Ollerenshaw** - November 15, 2019 at 04:06 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Mr. John F. Papaleo.



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November 13, 2019 at 11:36 AM