



Mr. John A. Roberta

April 9, 1919 - February 6, 2017

Mr. John A. Roberta, age 97, passed away on Monday, February 6, 2017 at the St. Elizabeth Medical Center with the love and support of his family by his side.

Born on April 9, 1919, John was the son of the late Pasquale and Mary Grace (Scampone) Roberto. John was a member of the Civilian Conservation Corps stationed in Wyoming where he came to know and love the beauty of that state and the Western way of life. A proud veteran of the United States Army Air Corps, John honorably served his country during World War II as a gunner in the Pacific Theater of Operations. On February 5, 1947 he married the former Linda DiMambro. They were a loving couple and a fine example to their children of what true love is. Linda passed away on May 6, 2011 and last Monday they were reunited — after what would have been their 70th wedding anniversary.

John worked as a self-employed building contractor masterfully constructing many homes in the East side of Utica as well as several notable businesses. As patriarch, he was a fair, loving, and supportive father. His family was the nucleus and he was the fusion that bound them together. His children characterized him as a complete gentleman, unassuming and humble with traits of a generation past, and a 'great' one at that. John was a handsome man, well-attired, and tall in stature, attributes that earned him the affectionate appellation of "Big Daddy" by those who loved him. This gracious man was blessed with a good woman by his side who he loved unconditionally. They

were unconventional and reserved by nature, but their family life was grand and their home was always open. He was a member of the former Sons of Italy Lodge and the Loyal Order of Moose because he and Linda loved to dance. It is difficult to sum up 97 years of life... but there were so many grand components: loyal siblings, a beautiful wife, respectful children, and the brightest beam of all —his granddaughter, who energized his life.

John is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Marilyn A. and Kevin Blaney of Utica; his son and daughter-in-law, John “Jack” and Katie Roberta of Honeoye Falls, NY; his beloved granddaughter, Janene Sansone-Tirado and her husband Phil of New Hartford; and his great-grandchildren, twins Alena Lucinda, and Alex Michael John. He will also be remembered by several nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and cousins. He was predeceased by his sister and brother-in-law, Antoinette and George Pucine; his brothers and sisters-in-law, Victor and Regina Roberto, Anthony and Marion Roberto, a special brother and best friend, Arthur Roberta; and his in-law, “Granny” Lucy DiMambro.

The family extends many thanks to the staff of the Mulberry House at the Charles T. Sitrin Home who took great care of John, loved him, and appreciated his fine qualities.

In keeping with the family’s desires John’s loved ones will commemorate his life at a future time. Committal services and Interment beside his wife in Calvary Cemetery will be private and at the convenience of the family.

Tribute Wall

JC

“ Dear Roberta Family, John was very good friends with my father Peter who ran City's luncheonette Utica. Every Sunday John would come to the diner have his coffee and smoke his cigar while reading the paper. I considered John a second father as he was always available to talk with when I needed some advice. John was always so kind even when I did something wrong he seemed to be able offer a perspective and counsel with that famous smile of his. I looked forward to his stories about WWII and sage advice. John is one of the reasons I am the man I am today. I also saw how much he loved your mom and it is at least a little comfort they are back together once again. My sympathies to your family on your loss.

John Cittadino - February 13, 2017 at 11:21 AM

JT

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Janene Tirado - February 12, 2017 at 05:05 PM

PS

“ Our deepest sympathy to the family on John's passing. He was a great guy. May he rest in peace.
Sincerely,
Cousins Carol and Philip Scampone

Philip Scampone - February 12, 2017 at 01:02 PM

KF

“ So very sorry for the loss you father, grandfather & great grandfather. I know how much he was loved & loved you all. May you have comfort knowing his spirit spirit is with you always. May he Rest In Peace.

Deepest Condolences
- Kimberly Furgol & Family

Kim Furgol - February 09, 2017 at 01:19 PM

DW

“ Words can't express how sad I am to hear "Big Daddy "passed away. He was such a kind man and had a good heart. I would go to their house on weekends with Janene and Big Daddy would pick us up after school in his grey pickup truck and we would go to the Moose with them for Friday fish fry's and dance. We would play in his office and of course we would make messes but he never said a word he just let us be kids. On Sundays we would go to mass at Blessed Sacrament and then go home and have Sunday dinner. I always loved Sunday dinners there they were special. I never had Salad at the end of meal before and I thought that was really cool. He and Grammy Linda always treated me like I was family and I was another Granddaughter. The memories I have of Lucy Nonie and Grammy Linda and Big Daddy I cherish and I am so glad I got to spend those weekends and summers with Janene at their home growing up. Thank you Big Daddy for being so good to me. I will miss you dearly and may God bless my dear friend Janene and her family during this hard time.

Dawn Divens Walker

Dawn Divens Walker - February 09, 2017 at 10:58 AM

KF

“ *Kelly Britton And Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. John A. Roberta*



Kelly Britton and Family - February 07, 2017 at 06:10 PM

MH

“ *Mary Hosey lit a candle in memory of Mr. John A. Roberta*



Mary Hosey - February 07, 2017 at 11:00 AM

MH

Dear Janene and Family, I am so sorry to hear of John's passing. May God give you all the strength to carry on. God rest his soul. Mary Hosey

Mary Hosey - February 07, 2017 at 11:01 AM

JC

*Dear Roberta Family,
So sorry for your loss. Johnny as my Dad, Sam, called him was a great guy and always with a big smile. I always remember him from my childhood days and in later years. He and my Dad had mutual respect not only for one another but for their craftsmanship. The homes built today will never hold up to those that your Dad, my Dad and all those other "old Timers" built.
May your Dad now be resting in eternal peace and may the love and support of family and friends guide you through this sad time. Joann Cavo Campbell*

Joann Cavo Campbell - February 12, 2017 at 06:28 PM