



## Mr. Joseph M. Artessa, Sr.

February 22, 1918 - July 8, 2016

Mr. Joseph M. Artessa, Sr., age 98, went home to the Lord as he passed away on Friday, July 8, 2016 with his devoted family at his side.

Born in Utica on February 22, 1918, Joseph was the son of the late Fortunato and Maria (Greco) Artessa. Raised and educated locally, Joe was a member of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), a public works project intended to promote environmental conservation. A proud veteran, Joe was also a member of the New York Army National Guard which was activated during World War II into the United States Army. He was stationed in the Pacific Theater of Operations where he served his country with honor for the entire duration of the War. He was the recipient of the bronze star and Purple Heart with cluster for his valour. On October 12, 1946 he married the former Mary Egitto with whom he shared nearly 70 years as great partners in life. Love was the key to their success.

Joe worked in the motor pool at Griffiss Air Force Base, a career that spanned 30 years until his retirement in 1976. He concurrently worked as a master carpenter and over the years he remodeled and constructed many a home. In 1952, he began the construction of his legendary family summer home at White Lake where he spent many wonderful summers with his family. Joe was honest, respectful, and humble, hallmarks of the Great Generation. He was a good family man and a good provider. A passionate golfer, Joe got a hole-in-one at Pine Hills in June of 2001 at the age of 83! He continued to play golf a minimum of three days a week — until the age of 95! He practiced his

Catholic faith at St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church. In retrospect, Joe felt he had a good life filled with many blessings.

Joseph is survived by his wife, Mary; his sons and daughters-in-law, Joseph M., Jr. and Carm Artessa of Deerfield, and David and Martha Artessa of Monticello, Georgia; his grandchildren, Joseph M. III and Sarah Artessa, Mark and Megan Artessa, Gina and William Bienkowski; twin granddaughters, Misty and Craig Garvin and Christy and Kenneth Roberts, and David B. and Johna Artessa; and 16 great-grandchildren. He will be remembered by his sister, Betty Angerosa; his brother and sister-in-law, Morris and Patricia Artessa, his nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and in-laws, Florence and Michael P. Rose with whom Joe and Mary shared many wonderful years. He was predeceased by his sisters and brothers-in-law, Angeline King, Rose and Charlie Duggleby, and Katherine and Ray Poynter; his brothers and sisters-in-law, Anthony and Ida Artessa, Frank "Hank" and Marion Artessa, Carmen Artessa, and Thomas and Betty Artessa; his in-laws, Frank and Theresa Egitto; and his brother-in-law, Fred Egitto.

The family extends sincere thanks to Dr. Jerry Sloan and his staff, Joe's longtime and outstanding physician; and the compassionate and thoughtful caregivers at the Masonic Care Community of NY/Saranac Household.

Visitation will be held Monday from 5:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Expressions of sympathy in the form of donations may be made to St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church in lieu of floral offerings; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Joseph's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Tuesday morning at 9:30 from the funeral home and at 10:30 at St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church where his Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. Mark Kaminski. Entombment will take place in Resurrection Chapel Mausoleum at Holy Trinity Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

# Cemetery Details

## Resurrection Chapel Mausoleum

Champlin Ave.  
Utica, NY 13501

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 11. 5:00 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

## Funeral Service

JUL 12. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church  
422 Tilden Ave.  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 732-1177  
<https://www.stanthonystagnes.com/>

# Tribute Wall

SA

*“ I was sorry today to hear of Joe's passing on. But I enjoyed knowing him at their White Lake camp and was always amazed to hear about Joe fixing things at the camp-in recent years. A good person and happy family I'm glad he enjoyed many years of life. Susan L. Allan*



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**Susan L. Allan** - July 16, 2016 at 07:51 PM

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*“ Mary and family, Our deepest sympathies to all. Dona and Tom Dawes*

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**Dona Dawes** - July 14, 2016 at 06:21 PM

FM

*“ Sorry for your lost my deepest sympathy to the family. I will always remember the good times at White Lake. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Frank & Philomena Marrotta*

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**Frank & Philomena Marrotta** - July 12, 2016 at 09:24 AM

CP

*“ Dear David and the Artessa Family Sending you and your family prayers in the loss of your Dad. He was such a nice man. We always sat behind your parents in Church. My daughters always said he had a strong but gentle handshake. Our thoughts are with you all. Cissy (Durso) Pastorella*

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**cissy pastorella** - July 11, 2016 at 04:03 PM

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“ We are so sorry to hear of your loss.

*Rick LaClair and family*

Rick Laclair - July 10, 2016 at 05:58 PM

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“ Allane Milner lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph M. Artessa, Sr.



Allane Milner - July 10, 2016 at 05:18 PM

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*My deepest sympathy to the family. He was a good man .*

Allane Milner - July 10, 2016 at 05:21 PM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Joseph M. Artessa, Sr..



July 10, 2016 at 02:09 PM