



Mr. Joseph A. "Joe" Borgia, Sr

July 19, 1932 - July 22, 2016

Mr. Joseph A. "Joe" Borgia, Sr., age 84, passed away on Friday, July 22, 2016 at the Masonic Care Community of NY. He was a three-time survivor during his previous battles with cancer.

Born in Utica on July 19, 1932, Joseph was the son of the late Riccardo "Richard" and Vincenza (Vella) Borgia. He was a graduate of T.R. Proctor High School/Class of 1951. A proud veteran of the United States Army, Joe honorably served his country from 1952-1953 during the Korean Conflict stationed at the 38th Parallel, a boundary and buffer zone created to prevent the resurgence of hostilities. At the age of 19, in under a year's time, Joe rose to the rank of Sergeant. On June 27, 1970 he married his best friend and soul mate, the former Joan DuKette, and they remained devoted to each other for 46 years. They truly lived their vows and felt blessed and lucky to have one another.

Joe was employed by the G & L Packing Company from 1954 to 1978, a 24-year career that he began in sales and was subsequently promoted to supervisor, a position for which he was well suited. As a patriarch, Joe was supportive and thoughtful. He encouraged excellent values in his sons and was active in their lives. He was a strict, but fair father. As a grandpa, he cherished his grandchildren who lit up his life and made him sparkle with pride.

In his younger years, Joe owned trotter horses that raced at many venues including Vernon Downs and Belmont Park Race Track. A favorite pastime for

Joe was an occasional trip to the Casino. He was a fan of the NY Yankees, NY Giants, and Syracuse University Basketball and Football. He was a parishioner of Sacred Heart and St. Mary's Church in NY Mills. He was also a member of the American Legion Post #229.

Joe is survived by his cherished wife, Joan; his sons and their loves, David Borgia and Debra Morat of Syracuse, and Joseph Borgia Jr. and Lori Ann Sedgwick of Chadwicks/Whitesboro; his beloved granddaughter, Gabrielle Borgia of Chadwicks; his step-daughter and son-in-law, Laurie and Walter Butler; and his step-grandchildren, Dr. Jill Shea, Randi and Dan Bell, and Dylan Butler. Always close to his heart was the memory of his step-son, Scott D. Guminiak, who passed away on December 13, 2001. He will also be missed by his sister and brother-in-law, Florence and Ralph Risley of Deerfield; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and in-laws, Rose Borgia, Barbara and John Guerrera, Nancy and Joel Waters, and Brian and Martha DuKette. He was predeceased by his brothers and sister-in-law, Harry and Edna Borgia, and Thomas J. Borgia; and his sisters and brother-in-law, Gloria A. Borgia, and Carmelita and Bernard Lockwood also his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Veronica and Leo DuKette.

The family will be forever grateful to Dr. Joseph Booth and staff for their compassionate care and guidance; the entire staff of the Queens Household at the Masonic Care Community for the dignity and love they rendered to Joe, with special mention of Nurses Sue, Elizabeth, and Melissa; and his caseworker, Joanne.

The family will honor Joe's life in a private gathering. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Joseph's funeral service and Celebration of Life which will commence on Tuesday morning at 10:00 at Sacred Heart and St. Mary's Church where his Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. Arthur Krawczenko. The family will receive visitors at the conclusion of Mass. In lieu of flowers, donations may be directed to the Masonic Care Community of NY in memory of Joe; envelopes will be available at the church. Committal service and Interment with Military Honors will take place graveside in Calvary

Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

2407 Oneida Street
Utica, NY

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JUL **26**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Sacred Heart/St. Mary's Church
201 Main Street
New York Mills, NY

Tribute Wall

JB

“ 4 files added to the album Pictures



Joey Borgia - August 09, 2016 at 07:51 AM

AG

“ To my godfather, always had a smile on his face, may you rest in peace.
Love Allie

Al Gulla - August 06, 2016 at 10:03 AM

NW

“ Nancy & Joel Waters purchased the California Healthy for the family of Mr. Joseph A. "Joe" Borgia, Sr.



Nancy & Joel Waters - July 28, 2016 at 05:25 PM

NW

“ I am heart broken for my sister Joan and my nieces and nephews at the passing of her husband and their Father. He was and always will be the "Love Of Her Life". I met Joe when I was very very young and he was like a "Knight In Shining Armor". He always made me laugh and always was full of joy. He lived his Life With Passion. Joe will always be in my every day thoughts and so will my sister Joan.

Nancy Waters, Cocoa, FL

Nancy Waters - July 28, 2016 at 04:06 PM

SW

“ Joey, so sorry to hear of your dad's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Shelly Wnuk - July 27, 2016 at 05:43 AM

 Linda Gulley

“ We are so sorry for your loss. - The Gulley Family

Linda Gulley - July 26, 2016 at 06:03 PM

DG

“ Debbie Gale lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph A. "Joe" Borgia, Sr



debbie gale - July 26, 2016 at 07:27 AM

DG

I will fondly remember my uncle Joe. He was quick with a joke and a smile enjoying life to the fullest. My thoughts and prayers are with my aunt and cousins at this time. Rest in peace dear uncle Joe.

debbie gale - July 26, 2016 at 07:32 AM

Kelly
Kelsey-
Thayer

“ Dave, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time. I remember your dad very well. When we lived across the street from your family on Northrup drive your dad always had a smile and a kind word for me.

Kelly Thayer

Kelly Kelsey-Thayer - July 26, 2016 at 03:29 AM

LS

“ Dave so sorry for the loss of your dad, my deepest sympathy goes to you and your family. Laura Sacco

Laura Sacco - July 25, 2016 at 10:27 PM

LS

“ Laura (Sacco) Sudakow lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph A. "Joe" Borgia, Sr



Laura (Sacco) Sudakow - July 25, 2016 at 10:22 PM

RC

“ Our Family and the Borgia family Lived in a two family house at 1005 Smith Place in Utica, NY. Joe and I and my brothers were great friends and his sister Florence and my sister Lucille were the best of friends . My sister lives in NJ and my surviving brother lives in Florida and are sorry they wont be able to attend Joe's mass. I wont be able to attend either because of an urgent dental appointment. .My family and I send our deepest condolences to Joe's family.

Russell Cerminaro - July 25, 2016 at 07:41 PM

JB

Smith Place....that was the street where my father was playing a pick-up football game, using a sock for the football. He went out for a pass and ran into a telephone pole on that street, cutting his ear. He went home to clean himself before his mom could find out because she'd be mad that he got hurt playing football in the street. :-) I used to love that story as a kid. He used to take me down Smith Place and show me the telephone pole.

Joey Borgia - August 09, 2016 at 07:41 AM



“ *Simply Lily was purchased for the family of Mr. Joseph A. "Joe" Borgia, Sr.*



July 25, 2016 at 01:47 PM

JS

“ *Uncle Joe,*

You will be so missed. You had such a great sense of humor. I remember that when you retired, you would say that “Tomorrow is Saturday “no matter what day of the week it was. I always enjoyed just sitting and talking with you and kidding each other that we had the same birthday.

Rest Peacefully and our condolences to Aunt Joan, David, Joey and Lori.

Anne & John Siriani, Justin, Saori, Kristen, Lauren and Mark.

John Siriani - July 25, 2016 at 01:35 PM

DC

“ Dave, so very sorry, my deepest condolences to you.



Debbie Carcone - July 25, 2016 at 10:15 AM

DA

“ Dave lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph A. "Joe" Borgia, Sr



Dave - July 25, 2016 at 09:09 AM

DA

R.I.P Pop !!!

Dave - July 25, 2016 at 09:10 AM

MD

“ Marj DeFazio lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph A. "Joe" Borgia, Sr



Marj DeFazio - July 25, 2016 at 08:43 AM

KB

“ Surely.....one of the kindest, most supportive and loving parents I ever had the pleasure of meeting. That is how I will always remember him. may he rest in peace.

Kevin C. Barefoot - July 25, 2016 at 08:07 AM

SF

“ *Scott Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph A. "Joe" Borgia, Sr*



Scott Family - July 25, 2016 at 07:05 AM

TF

“ *The Scott Family lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph A. "Joe" Borgia, Sr*



The Scott Family - July 25, 2016 at 07:03 AM

LH

“ *Laure Haines lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph A. "Joe" Borgia, Sr*



Laure Haines - July 25, 2016 at 07:01 AM

LA

“ *Lori Ann lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph A. "Joe" Borgia, Sr*



Lori Ann - July 24, 2016 at 10:41 PM

JO

“ Joey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph A.
"Joe" Borgia, Sr



Joey - July 24, 2016 at 10:38 PM

JO

“ Joey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph A.
"Joe" Borgia, Sr



Joey - July 24, 2016 at 10:37 PM

JO

“ Pop, I miss you so much. I'm just so glad you're done. It's enough.
You were so strong. It's time to rest now. Buona sera. Te amo.

Joey - July 24, 2016 at 09:37 PM