



Mr. Joseph P. "Joe" Cifarelli

December 16, 1938 - May 2, 2014

Mr. Joseph P. "Joe" Cifarelli, age 75, passed away on Friday, May 2, 2014 at Mohawk Valley Health Systems at St. Elizabeth Medical Center with his loving family and friends by his side.

Born in West Winfield on December 16, 1938, Joseph was the son of the late Philip and Anna (Castronover) Cifarelli. He was a graduate of West Winfield High School/Class of 1956 and later attended the University of Buffalo. On April 8, 1961 he married Carol A. Scianni with whom he shared 53 years graced with love in their hearts and happiness in their home.

Joe was the former owner and operator of J.C. Body & Fender Works, Lincoln Garage, and Utica-Syracuse Automobile Salvage until he opened Easy Auto Glass in the early 1980's. The glass shop was a meeting place for many of his friends and business acquaintances.

A man of strong character and integrity, Joe was a true gentleman. He radiated strength and confidence and offered advice and guidance to his family and friends reflecting his common sense and good judgment. He was available and on call whenever he was needed. He loved to entertain and was known for his self-taught cooking skills which produced creative dishes that everyone loved. With his warmth and sincerity, he had the ability to bring everyone together.

He was admired for his variety of interests and achievements. Joe was an excellent marksman, avid duck hunter, and fisherman. He was also a skilled shooter of skeet, trap, and sporting clays. In 1968 Joe was nationally

recognized for his skeet shooting abilities. In the 1970s and 80s, he was a world class live bird competition shooter in Europe and North America. Joe was a lifetime member of the National Rifle Association (NRA). He was a former president of the Clinton Fish & Game Club as well as an affiliate of the Iliion and Trenton Fish & Game Clubs. He was also a member of Ducks Unlimited. Joe also served as former president of the Utica Auto Rebuilders. Joe was well known for his vast knowledge of and experience in automotive repair, classic car restoration and automobilia. He was a member of the NCRS (National Corvette Restorers Society). Joe also played and followed PGA golf, as well as NASCAR, and attended a number of races with his friends.

Joe is survived by his beloved wife and best friend, Carol; his sons and daughters-in-law, Joseph and Elizabeth Cifarelli of Rotterdam, NY, John Cifarelli and his wife Edith Pulling of Denver, CO, and James and Suzanne Cifarelli of Guilderland, NY; his grandchildren, Steven, David, and Cara Cifarelli; and his canine companion Casey. He also leaves behind his in-laws Elizabeth Cifarelli of Bethlehem, NY, Lorraine and Ame Jweid of Utica, and Melanie and Ron Usyk of Marcy; and his many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and many close and loving special friends. He was predeceased by his sister and brother-in-law, Coletta and Anthony Girard; brothers and sister-in-law, Louis and Gloria Cifarelli, and Pasquale "Pat" Cifarelli; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Lawrence and Anna Scianni; and his in-laws, Theresa and Franklin Stooks.

The family extends sincere thanks to the doctors, nurses, and staff of the St. Elizabeth Medical Center Intensive Care Unit for all the compassionate care rendered to Joe.

Visitation will be held Tuesday from 4:00-7:00 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 the Cleveland Clinic or Roswell Park Cancer Institute in lieu of floral offerings; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Joseph's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Wednesday morning at 10:00 from the funeral home and at 11:00 at St.

John the Evangelist Church, New Hartford where his Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. Joseph Salerno. Committal services and Interment will take place graveside at Calvary Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Service

MAY 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. John the Evangelist Church
60 Oxford Road
New Hartford, NY 13413
(315) 732-8521

Tribute Wall

TW

“ *Enjoyed times at the club with Joe and making dishes in the kitchen and drinking a glass of wine. Talk of hunts past and bragging who's dog was better. See you on station eight in the big skeet field in the sky.*

Tom Williams "doolittle"

Thomas Williams - May 20, 2014 at 03:26 AM

JH

“ *Carol and Family: I am so sorry for your loss. In reading his obituary I can see that he was an amazing man. Cherish the memories of your wonderful life together. Joan Heinlein*

Joan Heinlein - May 06, 2014 at 08:02 PM

JH

“ *Dear Carol:*

I had only met Joe at our re-unions - a downside of leaving Utica. My deepest condolences - I know the pain of losing a spouse.

Joe Hanna

joe hanna - May 05, 2014 at 09:53 AM

TM

“ *Dear Carol and family, I am sorry to hear about Joe's passing. I have fond memories of Joe's party's and flying to Florida with him. May memories of times with family and friends help to heal your sorrow and bring contentment to you and yours. With deepest sympathy Tom Maugeri*

Thomas Maugeri - May 04, 2014 at 08:53 PM

RM

“ Carol and family: We were saddened to read of Joe's passing. Joe was a great guy. I had the pleasure of knowing Joe thru the auto glass business. May he rest in peace.
Gail and Richard Maggiolino

Rich & Gail Maggiolino - May 04, 2014 at 08:40 PM



“ Pink & White Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Joseph P. "Joe" Cifarelli.



May 04, 2014 at 07:54 PM

OW

“ i was in the same neighborhood of west winfield as joey as we called him then. being about 5 years older i didn't know him well but remember him wanting to come to my birthday party at about 7 years old. my brother told him he could if he brought a present. joey went home and came with a beautiful bouquet of flowers his mom cut from her garden. i thought that was wonderful. he sure was a handsome young man back then and i think i remember him liking cars. great memories and sorry for your loss. olivia waldruff wheelock and still around west winfield.

olivia wheelock - May 04, 2014 at 06:32 PM



Stephanie
Toukatly

“ Joe and Carol came into my and my family's life many years ago and have always been there to lend a helping hand when needed. Heaven gained a kind and loving soul who will be greatly missed by all his friends and family. My condolences and prayers to him and his family in this time of sadness.

Stephanie Toukatly - May 04, 2014 at 03:06 PM



MR

“ Dear Carol and Family, so sorry to hear of your loss, my thoughts and prayers are with you though this difficult time. Maxine Roblin

Maxine Roblin - May 04, 2014 at 02:08 PM



CP

“ Carol and family, please accept my condolences at this very sad time. My thoughts and prayers will be with all of you. Cissy Pastorella

cissy pastorella - May 04, 2014 at 02:00 PM



Matt
Nimey

“ I can only smile when I think of Joe. He has been there to lend advice and help for many years. His wisdom and rational thinking can not be taught in a book but only learned from experience and deep thought. Joe was a special person and you only needed to meet him briefly to know that. I will miss his random phone calls to say hello or update me about the corvette. Heaven will be a better place with him there adding his talented touch. Thanks Joe, we will miss you dearly.

Matt Nimey

Matt Nimey - May 04, 2014 at 12:44 PM