



Mr. Joseph A. Convertino, Sr.

March 2, 1926 - July 30, 2020

UTICA - Mr. Joseph A. Convertino, Sr., “Joe the Barber”, age 94, passed away on Thursday July 30, 2020 during his stay with the caring staff of the Masonic Care Community.

Born in Utica on March 2, 1926, Joseph was the son of the late John and Jennie (Diaz) Convertino. He was raised and educated in Utica and proudly served his country in the U.S. Army where he was deployed to Okinawa during World War II, and received the Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal. In 1953 Joseph attended Roberts Barber School in Buffalo N.Y. and began his lifelong career.

In 1949 Joseph was united in marriage to the former Victoria Panaro and together they raised their family with good morals and ethics. Joe lovingly took care of his wife Vicki through her 7-year struggle with cancer until her passing in 1994.

Joseph leaves behind three children and their loves: a son Joseph A. Convertino Jr. and his wife Gabriela, a daughter Roseann and husband Lynn Nachtigal, a son John Convertino and fiancée Julie Guido, his beloved granddaughter Tanya A. Chandler and husband David, dedicated cousins Mary & Jim Galpin, and his lifelong friend Peter Zizzi.

Joe dedicated his life not only to his family but also to his 64- year career as a barber on James Street, proudly serving numerous generations while sharing his acquired knowledge of life from his journey. Joseph's strong work ethic assured that his customers received a haircut no matter the circumstance,

including going to their homes, nursing homes, and hospitals to ensure they looked good.

As a child of the depression, Joe's core values were focused on creating a future for his family that was rooted in the Catholic faith, unconditional love, loyalty, and strong financial learnings. He passed all of these teachings on to his children and granddaughter Tanya to whom he played a strong part in raising. There was no doubt that through the years, his children could always depend on him for whatever was needed and we all thank him for being a person who bestowed great guidance!

When Joseph suffered a debilitating stroke 5 years ago, he entered Masonic Care for rehabilitation and was unable to fully recover. Since that time, he has been cared for by a dedicated staff that always provided Joe with the highest level of care. The family would like to thank the entire Masonic staff that so lovingly cared for our father throughout the years especially his day-to-day nurse Lori Lawton who always understood his needs and those of our family. Joseph was a communicant of St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church and a former parishioner of St. Mary Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish, and those closest to Joe know that no matter the parish, he was dedicated to religiously attending Mass.

In death, Joseph will join his beloved wife Victoria, his parents, his sister Frances, brother Benny, and numerous friends and clients that he missed so dearly.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Joseph's funeral service and Celebration of Life which will commence on Tuesday morning at 11:30 at St. Anthony and St. Agnes Church where his Mass of Christian Burial will be offered. The family so appreciates the fine organization of the Masonic Care Community of NY that they request that memorial contributions be considered to them online at <https://www.masonichomeny.org/ways-to-support/donations>; they are so grateful for the respect and admiration they were given over the years so unconditionally. Envelopes will also be available at the Mass.

Face masks are required, contact tracing will be implemented, and the funeral home staff will kindly direct everyone through the entrances and exits.

Entombment will take place in Calvary Cemetery Mausoleum at the convenience of the family.

Please take a moment to connect with Joe's family through the "Memories" section of his obituary at www.EannaceFuneralHome.com. Our prayers go out to all as a sign of our continued support.

"It is very important for a young woman to have a strong, loving and wise man in and throughout their life. Thankfully, I was blessed with my grandfather Joseph Convertino. He shaped me and I can confidently say that I am an infinitely better being, having been under his wing. His gifts in life have proven to be invaluable and may death not part us.

I love you!" - Tanya Ann Chandler, Granddaughter

Cemetery Details

Calvary Mausoleum

2407 Oneida Street
Utica, Ny

Previous Events

Service

AUG 4. 11:30 AM (ET)

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

Tribute Wall

LK

“ Dear Joe, Roseann and John,

We are so sorry to hear about your Joe's passing. Joe and Vickie took care of our son Brian when he was a baby while I returned to teaching. They cared for him as if he were their own. We have many fond memories of you and your parents during this time and are so grateful for the role Joe and Vickie and your family played in our son's early years. One memory we have is when Joe introduced our son to sharp provolone cheese which he still likes! We also remember John spending time playing with Brian. We are grateful to Joe, Vickie and all of you for the caring love you shared with our family. It will never be forgotten.

Linda and Tom Kukowski

Linda Kukowski - August 06, 2020 at 09:20 AM

LL

“ Joe, Roseann & John,

You all are in my thoughts. He will be missed. You will be missed. Please keep in touch even if it's just to talk. I will miss him keeping me in line.

*With Love.
Lori Lawton CNA*

Lori Lawton - August 05, 2020 at 08:49 PM

KG

“ Joe was my barber for over 40 years, even at his house in later years, We had many great conversations especially about his wife and family. I was worried about him when I no longer heard from him. He certainly did love his work. You are now at peace with your wife and other family members. Rest in peace Joe. My sincere condolences to his family.

Jim Gilot

Karen Gilot - August 04, 2020 at 07:30 PM

JR

“ I always enjoyed the conversations I had with him.
Always a wise word.
Spent many days at their house.
I know my parents love him and his wife!

James Russo - August 04, 2020 at 02:55 PM

SK

“ We remember Aunt Vickie and Uncle Joe at the "Family Clambakes" in Syracuse. He would play horseshoes with Uncle Johnny, John Panaro and Uncle Tommy. What fun we all had on those days!!!! And all the great food!! We will always remember those times. Our prayers are with you all. Love, Cousin Sue and Jim Kelley, and 2nd cousins Monica and Jimmy Johnson.

Susan Kelley - August 04, 2020 at 12:10 AM

ST

“ I'm truly sorry for your families loss.
I Loved him dearly.
Rest In Peace!



Stan - August 03, 2020 at 07:54 PM

CD

“ Roseann and family. I am sorry to read of your dad's passing. May you all find strength in the prayers and support of friends and loved ones. So sorry also to have read that your mom passed so long ago and I hadn't seen it. I can still remember her taking you to dance classes with Vinny. I have a photo of Patti, you and I in a small Christmas recital at Broadacres which I look at every year.
Sincerely, Cathy Altieri Ducato

Cathy Ducato - August 03, 2020 at 07:37 PM



“ I ran for Utica city council a few years back. Joe invited me in to talk. He fed me greens (in his pajamas) and said he would have given me some Remi Martin but I would have had to stay longer. Great memory from a very nice man. Sorry for your loss.

KJ Ley - August 03, 2020 at 07:20 PM

LM

“ Joe and Family. I have memories of your Dad when he would come to Tony's Spaghetti House and have coffee with crackers and butter with my Mom, my sister and I on Saturday mornings when we would go help Mom at the restaurant. He was such a wonderful man. May he RIP. Please accept my deepest condolences. Lorrie Moyer

Lorrie Moyer - August 03, 2020 at 06:49 PM

AC

“ We Are So Sorry For Your Loss, Joe Was Such A Great Guy, Our Thoughts and Prayers Are With Your Family! Andy & Linda Convertino

Andy & Linda Convertino - August 03, 2020 at 06:44 PM

JB

“ I got my first haircut from Joe the Barber in 1958 when I was 3! I remember sitting on a little bench atop his chair. I'd also wave to him everyday as I walked past his shop on my way to school. RIP Joe the Barber.

Jay L. Bloom - August 03, 2020 at 11:54 AM

KL

“ Karen E Latus lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph A. Convertino, Sr.



Karen E Latus - August 03, 2020 at 11:06 AM

KL

“ I used to live on James Street and remember Joe The Barber. My late brother used to always go to Joe to get his hair cut even after he moved from James Street. My deepest sympathy goes out to all his family and friends. Rest in peace dear Joe.
Karen Eyerman Latus

Karen E Latus - August 03, 2020 at 11:05 AM