



Mr. Joseph S. Ferro

March 19, 1919 - May 22, 2012

Mr. Joseph S. Ferro, age 93, of Utica, passed away on Tuesday, May 22, 2012 at the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center with the love and support of his family.

Joe was born in Utica on March 19, 1919, the son of the late Gerald and Rosa (Montana) Ferro. Raised and educated locally, he furthered his studies

at the Utica Trade School which introduced him to his lifetime profession. A proud veteran of the United States Army, he honorably served his country during

World War II in the 542nd Battalion stationed in Central Europe and the Rhineland. In 1940 in Utica, Joe was introduced to Marie L. Tantillo at the St. Rosalia Feast. They courted for a year and were married on November 29, 1941.

As a couple, they were truly compatible and inseparable, and during their 70-year marriage they shared daily responsibilities and life's goals.

Joe was primarily a roofer by trade, and his entire career was with the Pulver Roofing Company. He was knowledgeable, honest, and steadfast at his

work endeavors. Joe's second endeavor was with New York State where he worked

with the Green Thumb Environmental Program which gave him the

opportunity to be

social and active on a daily basis. His family was always his primary concern. He was a soft-spoken, dependable Dad, always supportive and attentive and blessed with a kind heart. His greatest happiness in life was derived from his position as the patriarch of the family that he loved so dearly. He tended to his vegetable garden with much pride. Joe was a passionate woodworker talented

in making 'hand made' gifts in his own style and proudly presented these to those he loved. Many have these treasured creations that they still use daily. He will be remembered as someone who could "MacGyver" anything, as he was a man

of great resourcefulness roaming about the house. During his more active years,

Joe's interests included league bowling with his wife, bocce, bingo, jaunts to Atlantic City and yearly trips. As a couple, they were very active members of the Sons of Italy Lodge #2054, the Loyal Order of Moose, and the American Legion

Ft. Schuyler Post. He was a parishioner of St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church.

Joe is survived by his wife, Marie; his son and daughter-in-law,

Joseph A. and Cindy Ferro of Florida; his daughters and son-in-law, Rose Marie

and Richard T. Maline of Utica, and Carol Lee Ferro who has always been his angel and caretaker. Always close to his heart were the memories of his infant children, Geraldine and Gerard. Joe and Marie were also blessed with the love and

respect of an 'additional daughter', Gina Marie Mezza, who they truly loved.

He

also leaves his grandchildren, Joseph A. and Misty Ferro, Regina Ferro Vliegenthart and her husband Donald, Patricia and Russell Hobby, Jessica Ferro

and Cari Austin; Richard and Holly Maline and Mark & Lisa Maline; and his

great-grandchildren, Alexandria, Victoria, Joseph, and Olivia; Brandon, Micah, Zane, and Anne; Jacob and Zachary; Dana, Connor, Cameron, and always remembering

Aaron Cole who passed away on February 14, 2003; and Brendon and Justin. His

extended family includes his many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews,

cousins, and the many wonderful friends with whom he was blessed throughout his

life. He was predeceased by his brothers and sisters-in-law, Rocco L. and Susan

Ferro, Benjamin and Philomena Ferro, Anthony J. and Laurina Ferro, Lewis A. and

Marguerite "Marge" Ferro, Gerald J. Ferro, and Frank and Marge Ferro; and his

in-laws, Samuel T. and Deeny Tantillo.

The family sends heartfelt thanks to the personnel of the Faxton-St.

Luke's Healthcare Center 1st and 2nd floors of the Allen Calder Wing for their compassionate care. A note of sincere appreciation to Melissa and Kelly who tended to Joe and Marie at their home with much dedication and affection; thanks

also to Dr. Gunnar Anderson and Dr. Scott Brehaut whose attention to detail and

professional advice was exceptional and sincere.

Visitation will be held on Friday afternoon from 3:45-4:45 at St.

Anthony & St. Agnes Church, 422 Tilden Ave., Utica. Additionally, the family will continue to receive visitors at the conclusion of the Mass. By family request, please omit floral offerings. Joseph's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Friday afternoon at 5:00 at the church where his Mass

of Christian Burial and committal prayers will be offered. Military Honors will be conferred by the Military Forces Honor Guard. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Eannace Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Joseph S. Ferro*



Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. - May 22, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ *So very sorry to hear of your loss. You are all in our thoughts and prayers. We love you much. The Day Family*

Noel Day - May 28, 2012 at 06:26 PM

MS

“ *Dear Ro and Family:
I was so very sorry to read of your Dear Father's passing. Know that he and you, his loved ones are in my prayers.
God bless,
Michele Simmen*



Michele Simmen - May 26, 2012 at 11:40 AM

RO

“ To the Ferro Family...Joe worked for me, my father, and my grandfather. That's a lot of years. After his retirement here, I enjoyed his occasional stops just to chat and talk about some "war" stories of his "on the roof" experiences. People like Joe are still hard to find. Sorry to hear of the passing of probably our oldest living employee.

Dick Owens Pres.
Pulver Roofing Inc.

Richard Owens - May 24, 2012 at 08:24 PM

JC

“ Jackie Carbone lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph S. Ferro



Jackie Carbone - May 24, 2012 at 01:55 PM

JC

Carol & Gina, so sorry to hear about your Dad, thinking of you and your family - hope to see you soon.

Jackie Carbone

Jackie Carbone - May 24, 2012 at 01:57 PM



“ Carol Lee, and family, I am so sorry about your dad, He was a great guy, growing up across the street from you was fun,, he was all way making sure we was not getting into any thing we shouldn't. I don't know if you remember me but I live at 934 jay st , we went to school together when we were kids, You and your family are in my prays

Rita Stevens - May 24, 2012 at 12:17 AM

PH

“ carol & family sorry to hear of your dad passing, joe was a funny guy and could make anything, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Pete & Debbie Huckabone

Pete Huckabone - May 23, 2012 at 06:13 PM

JK

“ Joe was a special person, I had the privilege of working with Joe at the Utica State Office Building several years ago. He took pride in everything he did. I will miss him! Jane K.

Jane Kulczycki - May 23, 2012 at 05:29 PM

PC

God bless and comfort the family and friends of Joe Ferro. He was loved and will be sorely missed.

Penny & John Crowder (Cindy Ferro's sister)

Penny Crowder - May 26, 2012 at 12:21 AM