



## Mr. Joseph C. Giambrone

August 20, 1930 - November 20, 2014

Mr. Joseph C. "Joe G" Giambrone, age 84, passed away on Thursday, November 20, 2014 at the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center with his wife by his side.

Born Utica on August 20, 1930, Joseph was the son of the late Vincent "Jim" and Mamie (Sardina) Giambrone. Raised and educated locally, he was a 1970 graduate of M.V.C.C. and a 1976 graduate cum laude of SUNY Utica/Rome earning recognition on the President's List and the Dean's List. A veteran of the United States Army, Joe honorably served his country during the Korean War from 1951-1953. He was also a retired member of the United States Army Reserves. On November 20, 1987 he married the former Billie Buchanan with whom he shared 27 years in a strong and steadfast union. For 26 years, Joe served the city of Utica as a Police Officer retiring as a Detective. Upon his retirement, he began working as a school bus driver for the Utica City School District, a position that was rewarding and enjoyable for Joe. At home, Joe was a blessing to his family, a patriarch who provided for the well-being of his loved ones and embraced strong family values. He was a one-of-a-kind, strong-willed person who honored his Italian heritage. He was well loved and respected by many friends and people of the Central New York area. He often went above and beyond to lend a helping hand to family, friends, and acquaintances. Among those who knew him, he was considered a legend. He was active in local politics through his service as a Legislator for the 23rd District in Utica Oneida County. Joe enjoyed summertime at his camp

on Oneida Lake Oneida Lake and found it to be a perfect place to gather his family for rest and relaxation. He was also fond of bowling and was involved with the Bowling Association. He was a member of the Police Benevolent Association, the SUNY Alumni Association, and the American Legion. He proudly and patriotically performed as a Drummer in the United States Army and for the Shriners as well. Joe very much loved his canine companions. He practiced his Catholic faith as a parishioner of St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish.

Joe is survived by his wife, Billie; his beloved daughters and son-in-law, Joya Giambrone of New York City, and Sunday and Jeff Taylor of WY; his son, Vincent J. Giambrone of WY; and his grandchildren, Sean Taylor, and Erin Taylor. He will also be missed by his brothers and sisters-in-law, Jack and Divina Giambrone of Utica, and Anthony and Annette Giambrone of OH; his many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and in-laws, Fred and Anne Blake, Pam Maine, Phil Blake, and Lorelyn Blake. He was predeceased by his brother-in-law, Daniel Blake; he loved and cherished the memory of his extended family members who passed before him.

Visitation will be held Sunday from 2:00-4:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Those wishing to express an act of kindness in lieu of flowers may make a donation to the St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish Memorial Fund; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Joe's funeral service and Celebration of Life which will commence on Monday morning at 10:00 at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish where his Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. James Cesta. Committal services and Interment with Military Honors conferred will follow graveside at St. Agnes Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Agnes Cemetery

601 Arthur Street  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 732-8588

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **23**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.  
932 South Street  
corner of Hammond Ave.  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 724-6714  
eannacefh@roadrunner.com  
<https://www.eannacefuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Service

NOV **24**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish  
648 Jay Street  
Utica, NY 13501  
(315) 735-1482  
<https://www.mountcarmelblessedsacrament.com/>

# Tribute Wall

BO

“ *RIP Mr. Giambrone, you will be missed in the heart of East Utica. You always went out of your way to say hello to me. I grew up on Bleecker St. and the area of Mt. Carmel, you were always looking out for us kids back then and made sure you didn't forget us in your last years.*

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**Bob Ollerenshaw** - November 23, 2014 at 06:51 PM

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“ *TO JOE'S FAMILY, YOUR DAD WAS ALWAYS THERE, YOU COULD FIND HIM AT ANY MASS AT MT. CARMEL CHURCH; HIS HAND OUTSTRETCHED TO GREET YOU. HIS YEARS ON THAT SAME CORNER, HOW COULD YOU FORGET ABOUT HIM. YOU WILL BE MISSED, FOR I WILL SEE YOU STANDING THERE AT CHURCH ALWAYS SHAKING SOMEONES HAND. MAY GOD BE YOUR GUIDE, AND MAY YOU FIND PEACE AND ETERNAL REST WITH OUR LORD.*

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**FIORA WILSON** - November 22, 2014 at 11:55 AM

DV

“ *My condolences on your loss. He was always such a kind and generous man. I can't help but remember all the summers at camp growing up and swimming in the pool when we didn't have one. He would always go out of his way to say hello whenever and wherever I saw him. He will be missed!*

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**Dina Faccioli Ventura** - November 22, 2014 at 06:40 AM

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**Dina Faccioli Ventura** - November 22, 2014 at 06:41 AM

SA

“ *Tony, Jack & all the Giambrone Family, I am sorry for your loss. Joe was a great man and always went out of his way to say hello no matter what the weather was. He will be missed by all. May he rest in peace and my prayers are with you all.*  
*Sally Gigliotti Pugliese*



**SallyPugliese** - November 21, 2014 at 05:46 PM

DB

“ *we are sorry to hear. please accept our condolences and sympathy. we are here so should you need, please let us know. Bonamassa family*

**dominick & linda bonamassa** - November 21, 2014 at 05:11 PM



“ *Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Mr. Joseph C. Giambrone.*



November 21, 2014 at 01:11 PM

RP

“ To Joes family, I had the honor of serving with him on the UPD many years ago, Joe was an intelligent man and just a great guy. I remember him smoking a cigar and talking about old times, and his "station wagon". Joe say hello to our daughter, Deanna she will be glad to see you and hear of the good times we had on UPD. Rest in peace my friend. Your new life has begun with God.....  
Ralph Paladino, UPD, retired.



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**Ralph Paladino** - November 21, 2014 at 08:08 AM

PN

“ Billie, I was shocked when I saw Joe passed away. He was such a sweetheart..I will miss seeing him at the Pin O Rama..He always said hi and we chatted about the good old days when my aunt lived up stairs., I'm sure the lord welcomed him into his kingdom with open arms.. Our prayers are with you and your family.  
Patti & Ralph Nitti.

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**Patti nitti** - November 21, 2014 at 05:35 AM