



Mr. Joseph Mario Giannatelli, Sr.

July 8, 1933 - December 21, 2011

Mr. Joseph Mario Giannatelli, Sr., age 78, of Clinton, passed away on Wednesday, December 21, 2011 at the Presbyterian Home for Central NY after he bravely dealt with Parkinson's disease. He was supported by his loving family as the Lord embraced him.

Joseph was born in New York City in the vicinity of the beautiful Bronx Zoo, on July 8, 1933, the son of the late Nicholas "Nick" and Maria (Anguilli) Giannatelli. Raised and educated in the City, he graduated from Bronx High School, after which he proudly enlisted in the United States Navy where he honorably served his country. Upon fulfillment of his military duty, he moved to Utica where he continued his studies at Mohawk Valley Technical Institute (now M.V.C.C.) On September 15, 1956 he married the former Jean L. Assisi with whom he shared more than 55 years in a union that focused on raising their four wonderful children.

Joseph and Jean relocated to Poland, NY and after 5 years came back to the Utica area where Joseph built a new home on Tilden Avenue for his family. He was a bit of an industrialist, an element that enriched his career which began with a 10-year employment at the General Electric Company Radio/Receiver plant and then for many years with Farrington Plastics where he worked as a foreman. As an entrepreneur, Joseph prided himself as the owner and operator of Service Master of Oneida County, a franchise he purchased in 1984 and eventually shared with his sons. During his later years, he worked as a security guard at M.V.C.C., the position from which he retired.

As an active father and patriarch, Joseph was proud and focused on the lives of his children. He was inherently unique, quick-witted, and light-hearted. He meticulously maintained his home and pursued his passion for gardening, producing strawberries, grapevines, and garlic among other summertime fresh fare. Joe was truly a fun man with an unforgettable smile and a zest for life. He had an intuitive aptitude to learn, create, and produce, from wine-making to antique model cars. He held an appreciation for music, and especially loved the classical genre. Joe was a parishioner of St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish.

Joseph is survived by his loving wife, Jean; his sons and daughters-in-law, Nick and Pat Giannatelli, and Joseph M. and Judy Giannatelli, Jr., all of New Hartford, and David C. and Valerie Giannatelli of Chadwicks; his daughter, Angela "Angie" Giannatelli of Liverpool; his grandchildren, Nicholas, Matthew; Adam, Abby, and Alex; Justin, and Candace; Jordan, and David; and his great-grandchildren, Jada, and Lily. He also leaves his sisters and brothers-in-law, Carol and Paul Bucceri of FL, and Tilly and Vincent Taffuri of NJ; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and in-laws, Joseph Assisi, and Samuel Assisi, both of FL, and Lucille Stucky of Whitesboro. He was predeceased by his infant granddaughter, Holly Marie Giannatelli, who passed away in 1988; his father-in-law, and mother-in-law, John and Angeline Assisi; his in-laws, Ronald F. Stucky, Alfred T. Assisi, and John Assisi, Jr.

The family extends sincere appreciation to the nurses and staff of the Presbyterian Home with special mention of Cindy Fogelman, LPN, Sandy Lenczewski, LPN, Alyson Vick, LPN, and Karen Freytag from the activities department for providing Joe the opportunity to maintain an exemplary quality of life during his final journey.

Visitation will be held Tuesday from 4:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Joseph's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Wednesday morning at 9:00 from the funeral home and 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 prayers and Military Honors will follow at Christ Our Savior Mausoleum Chapel with interment in Calvary Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **27**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 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>

Service

DEC **28**. 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



“ *Eannace Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Joseph Mario Giannatelli, Sr.*



Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. - December 21, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ *Love you pops I deeply miss you but I know your watching over me. I hope to see you again one day when I am older. Until then keep that bright warm smile you always had on your face for me:) R.I.P. pops love you forever*

love Matthew

Matthew Giannatelli - December 29, 2011 at 05:16 PM

CH

“ *Joe, Judy, Adam, Abby, Alex- Our deepest sympathies go to you all. It does get easier, and the good times are the memories that last. Your dad was a great man. I remember his smile, and him talking to me about gardening. Our love and prayers are with you as you go through this difficult time. Dave & Cindy Henry*

Cindy Henry - December 28, 2011 at 02:23 PM

JG

“ Joe, Judy, Adam, Abby and Alex - my deepest sympathies as you mark Mr. Giannatelli's passing - he was a very respectful, respectable man. May the comfort and love of family and friends carry you through. Jason Gerling

Jason Gerling - December 27, 2011 at 11:51 AM

RF

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Renee Fluty - December 26, 2011 at 04:43 PM

MH

To the entire Giannatelli Family:

We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

*Michelle and Scott Holbrook
Brandon Pudney*

Michelle Holbrook - December 27, 2011 at 10:20 AM

DH

“ It beaks my heart to learn of the passing of Mr. Giannatelli. Angie and I have been long time friends.... since grade school. Many times I had gone over to the house on Tilden Ave. Her dad always welcomed me in like I was one of his own kids. I remember how proud he was of his gardening. He took me around the yard to show me the recent additions that he had made to his landscaping. Oh and that pond that he created, he was so proud of all the work that he put into it. You were a wonderful man, Mr. G.. Thank you for always being so kind and inviting. May you rest in peace.

Debbie (Dunn) Hearty

Debbie (Dunn) Hearty - December 26, 2011 at 02:53 PM

BM

“ I will never forget Joe, one of my favorites...he taught me alot about gardening, family and patience. I will miss you Joe. Alot.. Never saw this picture of him, but i like it alot. RIP my friend....Love Beck

Becky Madrak - December 25, 2011 at 08:17 PM

AG

“ Many people had many different types of relationships with my dad, as he always embraced and liked everyone. I was the only person that had a father-daughter relationship with him, and wanted to share some of the things he taught me.

My dad would sometimes spontaneously burst into song, making up his own words. I remember sitting at the window with him when I was 3 up in Poland, NY, chanting a song about how we hated the snow, loved the grass, and thought the snow was a pain in the - and then we would both burst into laughter. He never finished that song, of course. He was funny.

Everytime there was someone on the news that was less fortunate or had something bad happened to them, he would say "Aww. Poor thing." He was compassionate.

A couple of times he went to the animal shelter, and brought home our newest family member - a dog. He never picked a bad one, and taught me to love and care for animals. He was kind.

When I was very little I had some bullies picking on me on the school bus. He showed up at the bus stop with me one day and they never bothered me again. He was protective.

He would get into his garden, and plant, dig, and grow vegetables so that we would have great things to eat all the time. He had a ball doing that, it was his down-time. He was nurturing.

His taste in music was pretty diverse: he'd go from classical to Motown, 60's folk, contemporary, almost anything, and would sing out loud to it all, many times on Sunday morning when we were trying to sleep. He was a joker.

When mom was at work he would get into the kitchen, and randomly cook up some interesting things for us. They were all really good, too. He was creative.

I will never forget what a unique and honorable man he was, and will cherish these memories as long as I live. He was the type of person you just don't find anymore. I love you dad, and will forever miss you.

Angie

Angie Giannatelli - December 24, 2011 at 07:45 AM

RF

Dear Angie, Nick, Joe, Dave,

I had the opportunity to spend some time with your dad, a week before his passing. I reminisced about days when he pattered in his garden and when he made his own wine and everyone got to try some, even me, when I was little and I told everyone, "We drank twine." I could not pronounce it correctly. As a grown woman he still joked with me about that. I also remember all the sleepovers with Angie. Uncle Joe would wake us with his music the next morning playing it very loud. We were mad but he was so happy listening to what he loved, that classical music. Uncle Joe was a kind and loving man I will always remember, much like my father in which they were brother in laws but friends. Like my Dads passing 3 1/2 years ago I am much sadden. To experience the loss of a parent you feel like you loose a part of yourself. They say time heals the pain I don't know if it is true but I do know he will always be with you because he is a part of you. You are him. I haven't been able to get myself to call you but you all are in my thoughts and prayers.

love your little cousin, Renee

Renee Fluty - December 24, 2011 at 09:52 PM

JJ

Thank You Renee

Joseph Giannatelli, Jr. - December 25, 2011 at 05:11 PM

PS

Angela, Angela, Angela,

My heart and deepest sympathies go to you, your Mom, your brothers and the rest of your extended family.

May you always cherish the memories you have of your Father. I pray you will see him in your dreams soon again, in the rain that falls on a cold day and in the rainbow when the sun is still shining. I pray you will hear his voice in a random song on the radio. Its these things that encourage my faith-- that we are all connected on a much higher level, one that we will never understand or could even explain.

Love to you. Your friend always, Pam

Pamela Scheller - December 27, 2011 at 07:19 AM

MT

“*Sorry to hear of your loss of your father and husband. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*”

Marc Talerico - December 23, 2011 at 10:37 AM

SJ

“ *May our Lord & savior Jesus Christ comfort all that knew and loved my Uncle Joe.*

I had the pleasure of several sleep overs as a child at the Giannetelli's home and remember the peace and love that was present and recall always looking forward to an invitation to stay over.

We were all blessed to have known Uncle Joe and will remember him as an honorable man.

My deepest sympathy to Aunt Jean, Nick, Joe, David and Angela for our loss.

God Bless you,

Sam & Heather Assisi

Sam Assisi jr. - December 22, 2011 at 06:40 PM

BA

“ *My heartfelt thoughts and prayers go out to the entire Giannatelli family during this difficult time. As a child, I remember feeling so welcome in the Giannatelli home. Specifically, I'll always remember Uncle Joe coming up to me and squeezing my cheek, saying "Hey Bobby" with his unforgettable, huge smile, every time I visited. He had a way about him that made you feel special, whenever you were around him. He always took the time to talk to me, ask me questions about how I was doing, school etc., in a way that showed a genuine, loving interest. I'll never forget that.*

Bob Assisi

Bob Assisi - December 22, 2011 at 04:13 PM

DL

“ It's been many years since I've seen Uncle Joe, but he remains a relative I've always been fond of and hearing of his passing has saddened me. I'd like to extend my condolences and love to Aunt Jean, my cousins Nick, Joe, David and Angela and all of their respective families. The obituary is wonderfully written and captures his bright spirit and the joy people felt when they were around him. We shared a birthday- July 8 and all of the visits I was lucky enough to make during my childhood to the Giannatelli home will always be special memories for me. My heart goes out to all of you. I think it's quite beautiful and fitting that he had his loving family by his side until the very end. Love to you all. He'll always be in your hearts. May he rest in peace.



~Deb (Assisi) LaBlanc

Deb (Assisi) LaBlanc - December 22, 2011 at 02:22 PM

MG

Been thinking of you grandpa. I always have and always will. I'm happy your in a better place now finally at peace. It is hard to move on but I know your there watching over me and the family. I miss and love you so much pops. you'll forever be in my heart. I'll see you again one day. R.I.P. pops i'll never forget the memories we had or the great grandpa you were.

Love Matt

Matthew Giannatelli - December 23, 2011 at 04:04 PM

JJ

Hey Debbie, It has been a very long time since we had seen you. Hope all is going well. Thank you for the nice tribute to Dad. We appreciate it very much. Joe Jr.

Joseph Giannatelli, Jr. - December 23, 2011 at 09:35 PM

DL

Hey Joey! So nice to hear from you. I've been thinking a lot about you and your family over the past few days and how much I always enjoyed being in your company. We had some good times back in the day. You were such fun and so nice and I have a feeling that hasn't changed one bit. Thanks for reaching out. Email me anytime- mlablan1@nycap.rr.com. Would love to hear from you and catch up on everything in your life. Sending you a big hug, cousin. Your dad was one in a million and was loved by many. Don't know if Matt is your boy...but his message here is very touching and sweet. Love the video tribute too. Your family has done a remarkable job in honoring the man who has made such a difference in all of your lives. He was a true family man in every sense of the word.

Deb LaBlanc - December 24, 2011 at 07:58 AM