



Mr. Joseph P. Majka

March 17, 1939 - September 2, 2020

REMSEN - Mr. Joseph P. Majka, age 81, passed away on Wednesday, September 2, 2020.

Born in Utica on March 17, 1939, Joseph was the son of the late Joseph and Helen (Firlet) Majka. He was a graduate of T.R. Proctor High School/Class of 1957. A proud veteran of the United States Air Force, Joe honorably served his country stateside from 1959-1962. On July 9, 1960 he married his high school sweetheart, Sylvia Bruni. They were compatible parents and shared special times together, celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary this past July.

Joe was employed by Special Metals as a vacuum furnace operator for nearly 40 years, a job he enjoyed and performed with pride. Joe not only had a passion for sports, he was also a participant. In high school, he played basketball as well as baseball, including Muny League Softball and during his time in the service he was still able to participate in his favorite sports. He later became a league bowler, and a golfer, especially at the Eagle Hill Golf Course in Deerfield. He followed the Boston Red Sox on TV, and played the ponies as one of his favorite pastimes. Joe was a steak man, and porterhouse was his cut of choice. He had a hankering for spaghetti with homemade sauce with a variety of meats, cooked until tender. Eat hearty! Sylvia always wanted to provide a tasteful good meal for her husband.

Joe was a patriotic member of the New Hartford American Legion Local # 1376 and a parishioner of St. Leo's & St. Ann's Church in Holland Patent.

Above all, he was a patriarch who knew the blessing of family who he loved. They returned his love, and always cared for and watched over him. He lived each day in the fashion he chose to and nobody could stop his stride. Joseph is survived by his wife, Sylvia; his daughter, Sylvia A. Majka, Esq.; son, Joseph J. Majka; and his sister and brother-in-law, Joan and Henry Heinlein. He also leaves many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins; in-laws, Robert Funicello, Theresa "Cookie" Bruni, and Vernon Miller; and many friends for all seasons, including Carl Hoffman, Stash Babiarez, and Dave Excell. He was predeceased by his twin siblings who passed shortly after birth; and in-laws, Aurelia Miller, Joanne Funicello, and Edmund Bruni.

The family is grateful to the staff at MVHS at St. Luke's Healthcare for their kindness and compassion, especially the personnel of the Allen-Calder Wing who were so supportive of the family; and Dr. Alpurva Shah, and Dr. Samir Desai and the staff of the Infusion Unit at the Faxton-St. Luke's Campus for their medical expertise. Every person along the way was able to connect with Joe during his journey.

When the family is able to join together, a future celebration of Joseph's life and Memorial Mass of Christian Burial will be held at a date and time to be announced at St. Leo & St. Ann's Church in Holland Patent.

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

Tribute Wall

EP

“ Remembering Joe from our high school days at Proctor, playing Basketball together. Joe was an outstanding athlete, always striving to be the best he could be. Rest in peace, Joe!

Ed Paparella - September 08, 2020 at 05:32 PM

EK

“ Sorry to about Joe's passing. He will be remembered in our prayers.

Ed Kulakowski

Edmund Kulakowski - September 08, 2020 at 04:49 PM

EE

“ Dear, Sylvia,

Sorry to hear of your husband's death. You have often been in my thoughts over the years. Hope you are heathy. Please know my prayers are with you and your family.

Regards,

Elaine Evanowsky

elaine evanowsky - September 07, 2020 at 11:30 AM

RM

“ *Sylvia and family,
I am so sorry for your loss. Like others expressing their sorrow I also remember those years at Proctor, playing high school and summer baseball, so long ago. In recent years Joe and I would cross paths now and then, bringing each other up to date of latest going ons. Joe my friend, rest in peace.
Richard Melchiore*

Richard Melchiore - September 06, 2020 at 01:11 AM

WD

“ *Sylvia
To you and your family my love and condolences.
Joe was my best friend in high school and though I've been gone from Utica a very long time he has always remained in my heart.i will always remember those long summer days when just the two of us played baseball at Proctor High till we dropped.
I always called him slugger.
I know it's our time now but i am truly heart broken
God bless you and yours
Bill DeCarlis
Gainesville, Florida*

william DeCarlis - September 05, 2020 at 03:05 PM

JC

“ *My heartfelt sympathy to you Sylvia and your family for the loss of Joe. Always remember you both from school though it's been years. He was always a great guy. May you find peace in your years of memories.
God Bless 🙏
Jeanne Castronovo*

Jeanne Castronovo - September 05, 2020 at 09:13 AM

CH

“ Joe, a life long friend, with so many good memories brought to mind.
Always a competitor, striving to give his best to his team and himself
Rest easy my FRIEND.....

Carl Hoffman - September 04, 2020 at 06:20 PM

RB

“ Rosemary Brown lit a candle in memory of
Mr. Joseph P. Majka



Rosemary Brown - September 04, 2020 at 04:24 PM

RB

“ Dear Sylvia and family,

We are so very sorry to hear of Joe's passing . He was a dear friend of my dad Joe Chambrone and so grateful to him for him coming my dad's services just last month .

*Hopefully they are together in Heaven and happy to meet again .
Our deepest sympathy to all of you.*

Love , Rosemary Chambrone Brown and family

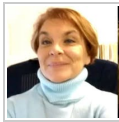
Rosemary Brown - September 04, 2020 at 04:24 PM

WD

*Dear Sylvia and family
Joe was my guardian angel in High School
We spent summers playing ping pong at his house and the two of us
practiced baseball for hours at Proctor High.
Absolutely the best high school baseball player I ever saw. We called
him slugger!
Though I left Utica Joe has always been in my thoughts and heart.
My love and sympathy to you and your family.
Feel like I lost a big brother from long ago.*

*Bill DeCarlis
Gainesville, Florida*

william DeCarlis - September 05, 2020 at 07:26 AM



*Dear Sylvia,,
My deepest condolences to you and your family. Sending my love and
prayers.
Laurie Marshall ❤️🙏❤️*

Laurie Marshall - September 06, 2020 at 11:07 AM

LF

*Dear Sylvia and family,
My deepest sympathy to you all. I hope you are well and continue to
enjoy Florida. I think of you often and remember all the laughs we had.
Warm regards,
Linda Finley (Richter)*

Linda Finley - September 13, 2020 at 01:21 AM