



## Mr. Joseph Montanaro

October 31, 1927 - June 20, 2023

UTICA – Mr. Joseph Montanaro, son of the late Dominick & Amelia (Liuzzi) Montanaro, passed away on Tuesday, June 20, 2023 in the exceptional care of the Rome Abraham House.

Born on October 31, 1927, Joseph attended schools in Canastota and Utica, and was a 1947 T.R. Proctor High School graduate. He also attended M.V.C.C. and Utica College. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War (1949-1952). He was employed at Griffiss Air Force Base from 1952-1955; and retired in 1988 as a full-time Army Guardsman through the State of NY and achieved the rank of Chief Warrant Officer Four.

On September 27, 1952, he married Margaret Putrelo, a marriage of over 70 years. Joe was a member of the Knights of St. John Commandery #385, American Legion Post #229, Sts. Cosmas & Damian Society, and the Italian Heritage Club of the Mohawk Valley.

Surviving are his wife; two sons, Dominick P. (Barbara) Montanaro of FL, and Joseph A. Montanaro of NY; and a daughter, Amelia R. (Dr. Anthony) Massi of NY; grandchildren, Brenda (Don) Wilmshurst, Frank (Jaclyn) Massi, Valerie (Joshua) Dalton, Maria Massi; Joseph A.J. and John Montanaro; and great-grandsons, Mason Sparks, and Maximus Massi. He is further remembered by his brother-in-law and sisters-in-law, Joseph L. (Benita “Sue”) Putrelo, and

Fanny George; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews, cousins, and friends. He was predeceased by his two sisters, Angela (Mark A.) Piacenti, and Lucille (Thomas) DeMarco; and in-laws, Maria, Rosina, Vincenzo, Dominick, Pasquale and Maurice (Concetta) Putrello, and William I. George.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend Joseph's Mass of Christian Burial and Celebration of Life on Saturday, June 24, 2023 at 11:00 AM at St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church, 422 Tilden Ave. The family will receive visitors at the conclusion of Mass. By family request, please omit floral offerings. Contributions can be made to: St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church or The Abraham House.

# Tribute Wall

SC

“ Margaret - so sorry to read about Joe - my mother was Josephine Thomas Massocco so you know who I am - Sandy Claeys

Sandra Claeys - July 06, 2023 at 08:45 AM

RF

“ Margaret, we are sending our deepest condolences to you and your family. Joe was a great guy, always are pleasure to converse with throughout the years.  
John and Roseann Franco

Roseann Franco - June 27, 2023 at 10:27 AM

GM

“ Thank you for being my sweet and beautiful godparents.  
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Gina Matterese - June 24, 2023 at 08:08 AM

SD

“ We are keeping the Montanaro Family in our thoughts and prayers during these difficult days. Joe's legacy of strong family ties and kindness will remain in the memories of everyone who knew him.  
Love, Steve and Sandy Dimeo

Sandy Dimeo - June 23, 2023 at 07:31 PM

PD

“ To the entire Montanaro Family.my Condolences for the loss of your husband your Dad & your grandfather. He was a true gentleman. Joe so sorry prayers for you and your family.God Bless You All.  
Paul Devins.

Paul Devins - June 23, 2023 at 10:29 AM

JJ

“ *My sincere condolences to Joe's family. Joe was one of the nicest men I ever met. I enjoyed every minute of the time spent with him during my 6 years as a member of the 107th Military Police Co. I've thought of him often over the years and he will remain in my thoughts and prayers. May he rest in peace.*

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**John Sageer, Jr.** - June 22, 2023 at 10:45 PM

PS

“ *so sorry about joe great guy and loved to play golf with his nice wife marge my praysfor the family*

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**patty stanton** - June 21, 2023 at 05:09 PM

JA

“ *Marge and Family. My deepest sympathy to Marge, Dom, Joe and Amelia. Joe was like my second father and Marge was my second mother for the past 50 years. Always in my heart. God Bless.*

*Joe Ancona and Family*

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**Joe Ancona** - June 21, 2023 at 06:56 AM

MD

“ *Joe and family,  
Sincere condolences and blessings from Lee and I.  
Your dad is at peace with god in heaven*



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**Mia Debernardis** - June 20, 2023 at 06:36 PM