

## Mr. Joseph J. Morgia Sr.

November 1, 1928 - December 16, 2010

Mr. Joseph J. Morgia, Sr., age 82, of New York Mills, passed away on Thursday, December 16, 2010 at the St. Elizabeth Medical Center with the love and support of his family.

Born in Watertown on November 1, 1928, Joseph was the son of the late Dominic and Assunta (Cecilia) Morgia. He was raised and educated in Watertown. A veteran of the United States Army, he served his country honorably during the Korean Conflict. In 1952 he married the former Gloria Napoli with whom he shared a close, devoted union graced with love and respect. Joe and Gloria were an inseparable couple during their 58 year marriage to one another.

For over 35 years, Joe worked as the bartender at his cousin's restaurant, Alteri's, in Clinton. A caring, selfless, big-hearted man, he provided for his family's needs before his own. He truly cherished his family and the generations that followed, especially his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Joe's favorite time of the year, was Christmas and he loved spending this time with his loved ones. In the past, Joe coached the East Utica Little League for many years, and was one of its founders. He also coached the American Legion Helmuth-Ingalls Post 232 baseball team. He was also an avid fan of the Clinton Comets Hockey team, the NY Rangers Hockey team, and the NY Mets. He enjoyed bowling and was past president and an active member of the Utica Bowling Association. He was a parishioner of St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church.

Joe is survived by his wife, Gloria; his daughters and sons-in-law, Camille and David Hanzalik of Myrtle Beach, SC, and Christine and Ed Eck of Frankfort; his son and daughter-in-law, Joseph, Jr. and Heather Morgia of Utica; his grandchildren, Melissa and James Pollard, Tiffany and Josh Early, all of Frankfort, Michelle Hanzalik of Myrtle Beach, Thomas Eck, and Tricha Eck, both of Frankfort, David Hanzalik, Jr. of Myrtle Beach, Deana Morgia of NY City, Joseph Paul Morgia of TX, and Elizabeth "Lizzy" Morgia of Utica. Cherished in his heart was the memory of his infant grandson, John Morgia, who passed away on May 25, 2010. He also leaves his great-grandchildren, James Pollard, Jr., Aidan Early, Little Thomas Sebastian Eck, Tyler Morgia, Isabella "Bella" Morgia, Josiah Morgia, Solare Morgia, and Aaron Morgia. Survivors also include his sisters and brother-in-law, Lena Attili of Utica, Mary J. Crescenzi, Angeline Mathew, Agnes Natali, all of Watertown, and Pauline and Armand DiStefano of Utica; his brother and sister-in-law, John and Rosalind Morgia of Watertown; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great nephews, cousins, and in-laws, Jean Morgia of Watertown, Jean Aiello of Utica, and Sam Tufo of Watertown; and his good friend, Nick Crescenza. He was predeceased by his brother, Edgio Morgia; his sisters, Lillian Tufo, Philomena "Fanny" Balderson, Alta Fiorentino; and his in-laws, Jerry A. Attili, Sr., and Joseph J. Aiello, Jr.

The family is grateful to the nurses, staff, and doctors of the St. Elizabeth Medical Center ICU, special unit, especially acknowledging Carolyn who was in the ICU, and Dean Cassidy, close family friend who has been by Joe's side during this difficult time.

Visitation will be held Sunday (today) from 2:00-5:00 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 Rescue 1 Emergency Medical Services Fund; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Joseph's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Monday morning at 9:30 from the funeral home and at 10:30 at St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church where his Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev.

Anthony P. LaFache. Committal prayers and military honors will take place in Christ Our Savior Chapel with interment in Calvary Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Christ Our Savior Mausoleum at Calvary Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **19**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 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 **20**. 9:30 AM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.  
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corner of Hammond Ave.  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Eannace Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Joseph J. Morgia Sr.*



Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. - December 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CE

“ *Chris Eck sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Joseph J. Morgia Sr.*



chris eck - April 24, 2011 at 01:06 PM

CE

*Happy Easter Dad love and miss you so much but your in my heart today as every other day*

chris eck - April 24, 2011 at 01:08 PM

CA

“ *Camille sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Joseph J. Morgia Sr.*



Camille - April 23, 2011 at 06:45 AM

CA

*Happy Easter Love and Miss You*

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**Camille** - April 23, 2011 at 06:49 AM

CE

“ *Chris Eck sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Joseph J. Morgia Sr.*



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**chris eck** - April 18, 2011 at 05:57 PM

GL

*the rings are our symbol of love Happy Anniversary love gloria*

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**gloria** - April 18, 2011 at 05:59 PM

CE

“ *Chris Eck sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Joseph J. Morgia Sr.*



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**Chris Eck** - April 18, 2011 at 09:44 AM

CE

“ *Happy Anniversary, DAD Ilove and miss you*

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**Chris Eck** - April 18, 2011 at 09:43 AM

CE

“ Christine Eck lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph J. Morgia Sr.



christine eck - April 16, 2011 at 03:09 PM

CE

“ Dad, I thought of you with love today, but that is nothing new. I thought about you yesterday and days before that too. I think of you in silence, I often speak your name. All I have are memories and your picture in a frame. Your memory is my keepsake with which I'll never part. God has you in his keeping I have you in my heart!!!

Christine Eck - April 15, 2011 at 09:02 AM

CA

“ Miss you so much



Camille - March 05, 2011 at 08:37 PM

CA

“ Two months ago today I was holding your hand and telling you I loved you I wish I could do that today Miss You



Camille - February 16, 2011 at 07:17 PM

CA

“ *Happy Valentines Day Love Love You Always*



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**Camille** - February 14, 2011 at 05:46 PM

CA

“ *Thinking of you always Love You*



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**Camille** - February 08, 2011 at 03:35 PM

CA

“ *As the days go by I wish I can hear your voice  
on the phone everyday I hear it in my heart  
and always will*



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**Camille** - February 02, 2011 at 04:11 PM

CA

“ *Missing you today and everyday*



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**Camille** - January 30, 2011 at 07:24 PM



“ *I little knew that morning God was going to call you home, In life I loved you dearly, in death I do the same. It broke my heart to loose you you did not go alone for part of me went with you the day called you home, You left me beautiful memories your love is still my guide and though we cannot see you, youre always at my side. Our family chain is broken and nothing seems the same but as God calls us one by one, the chain will link again.*



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**Chris Eck** - January 27, 2011 at 05:37 PM

CA

“ *1 file added to the album Photos*



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**Camille** - January 16, 2011 at 08:44 AM

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**Camille** - January 16, 2011 at 08:40 AM

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**Camille** - January 16, 2011 at 08:38 AM

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**Camille** - January 16, 2011 at 08:37 AM

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**Camille** - January 16, 2011 at 08:35 AM

CA

“ One month has gone by and I miss you more everyday



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**Camille** - January 16, 2011 at 08:23 AM

CA

“ *Missng you more everyday*



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**Camille** - January 13, 2011 at 09:20 PM

 Steve  
Nicotera

“ *As my grandmother always said Joe the lord  
takes the good ones heaven needs you now  
Rest in Peace'*



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**Steve Nicotera** - December 23, 2010 at 06:07 AM

JL

“ *Life goes by so fast for all of us and the memories that come from  
wonderful moments together are forgotten until news comes of a  
death. To Gloria and family along with My  
Aunt Paul and family I'm very sorry to hear of your loss. Memories  
always should be kept  
close to your heart. Janice Luciano Lucadamo*

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**Janice Lucadamo** - December 19, 2010 at 03:04 PM

RP

“ *I was very sorry to hear about Joe's passing. I have so many  
memories of the 4th of July parties with my beloved grandfather and  
Joe providing the action. Somehow it is very easy to picture them  
setting up a great fireworks show in heaven. Please accept my  
heartfelt condolences and I hope all of you find peace in your  
memories.*

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**Roe Polczynski** - December 19, 2010 at 01:12 PM

TL

“ SO MANY EMOTIONS THAT CANNOT BE PUT INTO WORDS. PLEASE KNOW THAT IN OUR HEARTS WE ARE THERE WITH ALL OF YOU. WE LOVE ALL OF YOU SO MUCH. OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU.



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**TOM JOANNE LAFLUER** - December 19, 2010 at 10:30 AM

DT

“ I write this with a very heavy heart. Uncle Joe, you are and will be forever in our hearts. I have so many memories when we lived next door to each other and used to talk through the screen of the windows and coming over at the holidays and seeing what a beautiful job that you and Aunt Gloria did decorating the house. Those memories will stay with me forever as will my love for you. You were very special to me and my family and you will be truly missed. Rest in Peace Uncle Joe, I will love you forever. Aunt Gloria and family, I am so sorry for your loss. Uncle Joe was such a special man. Keep your memories and his love for you all in your hearts always. He truly loved his family which anyone could see when you were all together. Hold on to that always and know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers through this difficult time. Love to all of you.

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**Donna Toussaint** - December 19, 2010 at 09:47 AM

DT

“ Donna Toussaint lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph J. Morgia Sr.



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**Donna Toussaint** - December 19, 2010 at 08:47 AM

MB

“ *Mary Brady lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph J. Morgia Sr.*



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**Mary Brady** - December 19, 2010 at 05:51 AM

NL

“ *Nicole Leonard lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph J. Morgia Sr.*



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**Nicole Leonard** - December 18, 2010 at 11:54 PM

EC

“ *Elaine Cancelino lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph J. Morgia Sr.*



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**Elaine Cancelino** - December 18, 2010 at 09:42 PM

MH

“ *Grandpa how Im going to miss you. You have been such an inspiration in my life and all who knew you I love you so so so much you will be in my heart evry second I love u dearly Grandpa I Love You.....xoxoxoxo*

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**Melissa Hanzalik** - December 18, 2010 at 09:11 PM

MR

“ *Mary Richards lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph J. Morgia Sr.*



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**Mary Richards** - December 18, 2010 at 02:00 PM




“ *Benjy N Jamie Davis lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph J. Morgia Sr.*



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**Benjy N Jamie Davis** - December 18, 2010 at 12:15 PM

 Nicole LaFluer Pinto

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. We wish we could be closer to be there with you all. Gloria, Camille, Dave, Melissa, Michelle, Lil David. As well as the rest of your family please know how truly sorry we are for your loss. You all have always been so amazing to us and we love you all very much. Joe was an amazing man and will truly be missed. Love Keith and Nicole Pinto*



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**Nicole LaFluer Pinto** - December 18, 2010 at 12:00 PM

CS

“ *Cindy Sprouse lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph J. Morgia Sr.*



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**Cindy Sprouse** - December 18, 2010 at 09:47 AM

CS

“ *Aunt Gloria and family, you are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Uncle Joe was a kind man and a caring father and I know he will be missed. As you move through these rough times try to remember all of the memories that you have created together. I am sure that his family greeted him with open arms in heaven. Take care and we love you. Cindy, Angelo and Davy and families.*

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**Cindy Sprouse** - December 18, 2010 at 09:46 AM



“ *Aunt Gloria and family, your are in my thoughts and prayers. Uncle Joe was a kind and gentle soul. He will be missed by all of us. Rest in Peace Uncle Joe, know how much we love you!!!*



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**Rene Carone** - December 18, 2010 at 07:44 AM



Jennifer  
Wood  
Ellixson

“ *As I sit here and try to write, I am filled with great sadness. Aunt Gloria and family there are no words that will ease your pain only memories to fill your days and bring you comfort. Uncle Joe my godfather, thank you for giving me so many memories from my childhood, your smile, your laugh and your love for the holidays. I will think of you often and I will hang a Christmas ornament for you on the tree. Rest in peace my dear Uncle, I love you and I will miss you...*

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**Jennifer Wood Ellixson** - December 18, 2010 at 06:51 AM

DE

“ *My best memories of Joe are the many bowling tournaments we went on together thruout New York State, and the many years we worked together working in the Utica Men's Bowling Association and the Utica Bowling Council. As one past president of the UMBA to another, You will be missed. Rest in peace old friend. Dave Excell Sr.*

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**Dave Judie Excell** - December 18, 2010 at 06:37 AM


MV

“ *Aunt Gloria and family,  
Please know our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family as your tears of loss and laughter of memories become intertwined in the next few days. As the Holidays approach, cry at your will and embrace your memories, both strengthen and heal your hearts. Love you!*



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**Michele Vanno** - December 18, 2010 at 05:55 AM

 Brenda  
Eck  
D'avolio

“ *A heart of gold stopped beating, two shining eyes at rest, God broke our hearts to prove, he only takes the best. So they needed an angel, he took the best, free from pain, now you can rest. . Rest in Peace~ You will be truley missed ~*



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**Brenda Eck D'avolio** - December 17, 2010 at 11:24 PM

 Sue  
Testa

“ *Aunt Gloria and Family There are no words that can express the pain that I feel in my heart. Uncle joe was a gentle man whose heart was filled with love for all his family. I have lost a very special uncle who will remain in my heart forever. RIP Uncle Joe I love You I know you will be our special angel watching over us.*

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**Sue Testa** - December 17, 2010 at 09:18 PM

RW

“ *He was my uncle, the best man at our wedding and my daughter's godfather. Love You Uncle Joe. Peace be with you now. You will never be forgotten.*

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**Roseanne Wood** - December 17, 2010 at 08:11 PM