



Joseph D. Pardi Jr.

October 1, 1937 - April 27, 2013

Mr. Joseph D. Pardi, Jr., deeply beloved and loving husband, father, and grandfather, passed into the arms of his heavenly Father on Saturday, April 27, 2013 when he departed this earthly life at the age of 75. He had endured a long illness with great dignity and courage and when he passed at the St. Joseph Nursing Home, he was surrounded by his wife and children until the very end.

Born in Utica on October 1, 1937, Joseph was the son of the late Joseph D., Sr. and Virginia (Rizzo) Pardi. Raised and educated locally, he was a graduate of T.R. Proctor High School Class of 1954. A proud veteran, he honorably served his country in the United States Navy aboard the flagship USS Leyte aircraft carrier and was the recipient of the good conduct medal while he was involved towards the end of the Korean War; additionally he served as a reservist until 1963. On October 18, 1958 he married the former Angela P. Salerno who was his high school sweetheart. They shared an inseparable bond during their 54-year union. They loved each other so deeply, with never-ending devotion. She showed her love to Joe as she stayed by his side each day especially during his illness for which he was deeply grateful.

In his youth, he occasionally worked for Salerno's Food Market, which was his wife's family concern. His professional career began at the UNIVAC Corp. and encompassed nearly 20 years. He lastly held a position and retired from the New York Power Authority where he was a journeyman electrician. Joe, Angela, and their son-in-law Bob operated a concession business serving

local venues.

Joe was a dignified man with strong family ties. A generous and loving father, he believed his greatest legacy was his children and grandchildren. He was proud of their accomplishments, and in each of them he instilled a strong work ethic, high moral standards, and the ability to persevere. He had ears that always listened and a heart full of compassion. His family smiles as they remember the extraordinary and selfless man that enriched the lives of so many. This loss has left a hole in the lives and hearts of the countless people that Joe has touched during his lifetime. He will be sorely missed but his family takes solace in the fact that he is at peace and they will see him again. Among his talents, he was quite a handyman, and could fix just about any broken thing and he enjoyed the art of house painting. He was a minor and Little League Coach with South Utica teams. He was an active sportsman, and enjoyed fishing and hunting for deer with his father-in-law, John S. Salerno, his son, David, son-in-law Bob, as well as other hunting friends. He loved to travel and he treasured the many visits with his children and grandchildren, whether in Pennsylvania or the winter months spent in Florida. One of his favorite pastimes was the enjoyment of spending time at many well known casinos playing Draw Poker, waiting to hit the "Royal Flush." For many years he was affiliated with the Sons of Italy Lodge #2054 where he served on the Board of Directors and as a trustee. He was a parishioner of the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Joe is survived by his treasured wife, Angela; his son, David Pardi and fiancée Sue Jenks of Forestport; his daughters and his sons-in-law, Deborah "Debbie" and Robert "Bob" Jackson of Utica, Denise and Rock Vomer of PA, and Dawn and David McCabe of FL; his adoring grandsons, Rock Paul Vomer II, and Chad Michael Vomer; and Matthew Joseph McCabe; and his brothers, Salvatore Pardi and Gerald Pardi. Also left to honor his memory are his brother-in-law, Rev. Joseph Salerno; and his many cousins. In everyone's life there are special and exceptional bonds – Joe was blessed with the motherly love of Antoinette LaPaglia and the friendship of Phil and Gloria Enea, and Bill

and Carm McCabe. He was preceded in death by his mother-in-law, Genevieve Salerno and his father-in-law, John S. Salerno; and his best friends, who he shared a brotherhood, as well as their wives, John and Joanne Asselta, and John and Annette LaPaglia.

The family extends heartfelt appreciation to the Carmelite Sisters and the entire staff of the St. Joseph Nursing Home, especially those of the 2nd Floor remembering Roy, Carmen, Cheryl, Staci, Colleen, Shirley, Kathy, Kellie, Anida, Brianna, Mary, Pat, Deana, Terry, Scott, Donna, Pam, Darlene, Lindsey, Dora, Connie, Dyan, Robert, Jeff, Katie, and Chet. Sincere gratitude is offered to attending physicians, Dr. Timothy LaFont, Dr. Arul Kannan, the Neurological Department of Bassett Healthcare Center especially Dr. Paul Derringer, and the Cleveland Clinic, remembering Dr. Richard Leiderman. The love, support, spiritual guidance and prayers of Father Joe were the greatest consolation and will forever be held close to the hearts of his family.

Additionally, a special note of thank you to Sister Lois Mary Paciello, whose gentle devotion and constant prayers for Joe and his entire family, were so heartfelt.

The family will receive visitors in the Parish community of the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes, 2222 Genesee St. Utica on Wednesday from 3:30-5:30. His life will be honored and celebrated in a Mass of Christian Burial with military honors at 6:00 celebrated by his brother-in-law, Rev. Joseph Salerno. In lieu of flowers, those wishing to express an act of kindness may make a donation to the St. Joseph Nursing Home Activities Department, the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes or to a charity of choice; envelopes will be available at the service. Entombment will take place in Christ Our Savior Mausoleum at Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

A great man died today. He wasn't a world leader or a famous doctor or a war hero or a sports figure or a business leader, but he was a great man. He was our father. We are thankful because God let us have him for 53 years and we

were able to let him know how much we loved him. Dad, we love and will miss you and thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all you have taught and given to us. Your journey continues to shine through each of us and we will hold you in our hearts forever. God Bless You, Dad.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Mausoleum

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

Tribute Wall



“ Eannace Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Joseph D. Pardi Jr.



Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. - April 27, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Joe & Sue Albanese & Family lit a candle in memory of Joseph D. Pardi Jr.



Joe & Sue Albanese & family - May 04, 2013 at 12:48 PM

JR

“ Angela and family,
Words cannot express how sorry we are to hear of Joseph's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time.

Blessings to you and yours,
Terrie and Jacquelyn Rizzo

Jacquelyn Rizzo - May 01, 2013 at 01:35 PM

AD

“ *Angie Dixon sent a virtual gift in memory of Joseph D. Pardi Jr.*



Angie Dixon - April 30, 2013 at 06:56 PM

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Angela and Family - I'll always keep Joseph in my prayers. He is now in heaven and will no longer suffer the earthly pains. MY deepest sympathy to you and your family. God be with you always.

Angie Dixon - April 30, 2013 at 07:03 PM

MB

“ *To Angela & family:*

*So sorry to hear of the passing of your beloved Joseph.
Our deepest sympathy goes out to you & your family.*

God Bless

*Mike & Gerry Bello
Boca Raton, Fl.*

Mike & Gerry Bello - April 30, 2013 at 02:48 PM

RS

“ To The Pardi Family,

Veronica and I were very sorry to hear about the passing of your beloved husband, father grandfather and brother Joseph.

I have added you and your family to my daily prayer list. And, when I attend mass on Sunday, I will add you and your family to our parish book of prayers.

May our Good Lord watch over, bless, protect and comfort you and your family as you endure this difficult, trying and sad time in your lives.

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to you and yor family in your time of loss and sorrow.

God Bless.

Rob & Veronica Sherman

Rob & Veronica Sherman - April 30, 2013 at 10:02 AM

MH

“ *Mary Hosey lit a candle in memory of Joseph D. Pardi Jr.*



Mary Hosey - April 30, 2013 at 08:49 AM

MH

Dear Angela and Family, I am so sorry of the loss of Joe, I will keep you and your family in my prayers - Mary

Mary Hosey - April 30, 2013 at 08:50 AM

LV

“ We have lost a wonderful, kind, hard-working and loving man and will miss him very much. Joe will always have a special place in my heart and in my memories. My heart goes out to all the family.
Love you Joey---Lisa Sipp-Vallee

Lisa Vallee - April 29, 2013 at 07:13 PM

ME

“ Angela and Family,

When dad told me on Saturday that Joe had died, I was at a loss. We sat and talked about the many years of lives shared together. I remember our years on Hawthorne and growing up with Debbie, Dawn, Denise and David. I remember the days when Joe drove me to school every morning. And who can forget the many (many, many) years of the Sons of Italy! I will really miss Joe. he was truly a good man with a very big heart. You are all in my prayers during this difficult time. Though sorrow fills your hearts now, take comfort in the fact that Joe is now with God and is enjoying the rewards of a good and faithful servant. O love you all, especially you Ang.



Fr. Stephen

Most Rev. Stephen J. Enea - April 29, 2013 at 07:09 PM

PE

“ *Angela, Debbie, Denise, Dawn and David,*

Words cannot express the sadness and depth of loss we feel in our hearts at Joe's passing. The memories we have of him, Angela, Gloria and myself of the many years of friendship and all the things we did together over the years - vacations, Sons of Italy, dinners and family celebrations - will keep Joe alive in our hearts for years to come. To say that we lost a best friend doesn't even begin to describe how much we loved him and will miss him. Angela, we are always here for you. Our prayers are with you and the kids during this difficult time. We love you all.

Phil and Gloria

Philip S. Enea - April 29, 2013 at 06:52 PM

JP

“ *Thank you for the wonderful stories you shared with me of our family. May you rest in peace Uncle Joe.*
Love Jason

jason pardi - April 29, 2013 at 04:55 PM

SP

“ *I will always cherish the memory of my dearest brother Joe. i remember the fun times we had (talking about when we were young) each time we met during my trips up to New Hartford. Farewell my brother. Till we meet again. I love you and will miss you greatly. Sal Pardi*

sal pardi - April 29, 2013 at 03:16 PM

JD

“ To Mrs. Pardi, Debbie and the rest of your families, I offer my sincerest condolences. My prayers are with you during this difficult time. Jennifer White-DiBrango

Jennifer DiBrango - April 29, 2013 at 10:14 AM

CJ

“ Just want to say what a wonderful man Joe was and what a wonderful loveing, careing family he has.Me and Staci want to thank you for trusting in us enough to care for your husband,Dad it was our pleasure. He was and always will be very special to us as all of you are.we will never forget him or all of you.you all are very special from the day you all came into our lives.with much love staci and colleen. "They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint." god bless and we love you Joe.

colleen Jennings - April 29, 2013 at 08:40 AM

NA

Angela and Family, Im so sorry to hear of your loss. Joe was an amazing person. I was honored to have met you, Joe and your family. You are all truly amazing people. Joe was lucky to have you all and you him. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. Fly high, Fly free and watch over us all Joe! RIP Joe ! Love Nadine Tofolo

Nadine - April 29, 2013 at 09:29 AM

JP

“ To my wonderful brother- although I couldn't be there at your passing, you were always in my heart and prayers. I will always praise you for your hard work and your strength in coping with personal difficulties.
A job well done- rest in peace.
Love Jerry

jerry pardi - April 28, 2013 at 04:28 PM

DD

Angela, Deb, Denise, Dawn and Families.... You have been the best caregivers in the world. Joe is smiling down at all of you today. With Sympathy and Love, Dor

Doreen Diodato - April 29, 2013 at 05:56 AM

GJ

My wife and I want to offer our deepest condolences in the loss of your big brother.,,,Gene DiFondi Jr

Gene DiFondi Jr - April 29, 2013 at 10:38 AM

LS

May your beloved brother rest in peace, Gerry. May our heavenly father assuage the anguish of your bereavement and leave you and Sal and your families only with the cherished memory of the loved and lost.

Louis Shkane - April 29, 2013 at 11:12 AM

BC

Angela, and children, your dad, was a wonderful person with a loving spirit. HE WILL BE WITH YOU ALWAYS. HE IS NOW FREE AND AT PEACE!BARB CIRCELLI AND FAMILY

BARBARA A. CIRCELLI - May 01, 2013 at 03:33 PM