



## Mr. Joseph G. Plano

April 19, 1964 - July 4, 2025

UTICA – Joseph G. Plano, age 61, passed away on Friday, July 4, 2025, after a courageous eight-year battle with cancer. He was surrounded by his loving family at the time of his passing.

Born in Utica on April 19, 1964, Joe was the son of the late Carl J. and Flora R. (Cuda) Plano. Raised in Frankfort, he was a proud graduate of Frankfort High School/Class of 1982.

In 1990, Joe wed the former Theresa Palumbo, and their union was blessed with the joy of their daughter. Later in life, Joe found love again with the former Anne Longo, and they were married on May 24, 2014. Their relationship was built on understanding, devotion, loyalty, and love.

For about eight years, Joe worked as a resident counselor with The House of Good Shepherd. He later accepted a position as meter repair technician with the Mohawk Valley Water Authority, where he dedicated 17 years of faithful service before retiring. For a time, he and his brother, Carl, proudly operated a local convenience store that was home to their “Famous Plano Sausage,” a true homage to their Italian heritage.

Joe was a fun-loving guy. He was quick-witted, and his comments were always spot on. He enjoyed boating, fishing, and listening to classic rock –

especially The Beatles. He also loved sitcoms and comedies, and could quote just about any line from Seinfeld.

Joe found joy in life's simple pleasures, but nothing brought him greater fulfillment and happiness than being a father. Raising his daughter was the most meaningful journey of his life.

Joe is survived by his devoted wife, Anne; cherished daughter, Therese Plano and Greg Hartunian; and his stepdaughter, Andrea Longo and her husband Ian Browning, along with their daughter, Jordice Browning; and siblings and their spouses, Ellen Laura, Gloria and Ed Smith, and Carl III and Joanne Plano. He is additionally survived by many nieces, nephews, and cousins, and their families; and in-laws, Josephine and Tom Abounader, and Julie and Tim Brown.

The family wishes to extend their gratitude to the staff of the Sitrin Healthcare Center Hickory House – especially Doreen, Kim, and Diamond – for treating Joe like family and for the care and friendship they gave so generously.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Joseph's Memorial Mass of Christian Burial and Celebration of Life, which will commence on Thursday, July 10, 2025, at 12:00 p.m. at St. Joseph & St. Patrick Church, 702 Columbia St. There will be an opportunity to greet the family at the conclusion of Mass.

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

JUL **10**. 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Joseph St. Patrick Church  
702 Columbia St  
Utica, NY 13502-3480  
(315) 735-4429

# Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mr. Joseph G. Plano.

July 09, 2025 at 07:30 PM



“ Ellen Laura purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Mr. Joseph G. Plano.



Ellen Laura - July 09, 2025 at 01:15 PM



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“ Patty, Bob, Brooke and Patrick purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Mr. Joseph G. Plano.



Patty, Bob, Brooke and Patrick - July 08, 2025 at 04:40 PM

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“ *Patty, Bob, Brooke and Patrick planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Joseph G. Plano.*

Patty, Bob, Brooke and Patrick - July 08, 2025 at 04:40 PM

CB

“ *Dear Anne, So sorry to hear of Joe's passing. Robin and I are both sending you our prayers of comfort. God Bless You. Love, Cindy*

Cynthia Brown - July 08, 2025 at 10:48 AM

GC

*Ann I'm so sorry to hear about your husband, my prayers are with you.  
Xo*

Geraldine Chiarello - July 10, 2025 at 04:19 AM

YC

“ *Your Cootsies purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mr. Joseph G. Plano.*



Your Cootsies - July 08, 2025 at 08:59 AM

YC

“ *Your Cootsies planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Joseph G. Plano.*

Your Cootsies - July 08, 2025 at 08:59 AM

EL

“ Dear Anne and Therese,  
Joseph loved you both so deeply. His years with you were a true gift, a grace-filled chapter of joy. I was 16 when he was born, and I'll always remember him as a sweet boy, holding his Pooh bear. May you feel his love embracing you still, and may God's blessings bring you comfort and peace. Ellen



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**Ellen Laura** - July 07, 2025 at 04:31 PM

AC

Dear Anne and family, I just found out today. I am so sorry but Joseph suffered for quite a long time. My prayers are with you all. Sorry I couldn't be there. Love you ❤️

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**Angie Testa Culver** - July 09, 2025 at 09:39 PM

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“ Anne, I am so sad to hear this. Joe and I got along great at the water board and I truly missed him after I left. He and I could talk football for hours and have a laugh or two. He also loved when I brought in my hot peppers and would swap me once or twice for sausage. My deepest condolences to you and the family!

*Peter Inserra*

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**Peter Inserra** - July 07, 2025 at 03:23 PM