

Joseph Rabbia

December 15, 1929 - December 27, 2011

Joseph Rabbia was surrounded by loving family when he was called home to be with the Lord on December 27, 2011. He was born in Utica, NY, on December 15, 1929. He married Melvina D'Acunto, the love of his life, and they enjoyed 61 years of love and devotion to each other and their family. They resided in Utica most of their lives until 2003 when they joined their children and grandchildren in Liverpool, NY.

Joseph was educated in Utica schools and completed training to become a licensed plumber, the field he worked in until retirement.

Retirement brought them the best of both worlds--winters in Florida which they loved and summers in NY. However, the real LOVE of his life was his family. He and his wife truly were soul mates. As the bible says, "the two became one" and they were inseparable. Together they enjoyed their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren who meant the world to them. They focused on faith in their Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, and their loving family, leaving a legacy of LOVE to be rivaled by none. He was always known for his quick wit and sense of humor bringing laughter and smiles to all who knew him. He retained his quick wit, loving nature and winning smile to the end. He will be forever loved and missed by all.

He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Thomas and Andrea Rabbia, and his daughter and son-in-law, Theresa and Joseph Peplinski. He leaves

behind 9 beloved grandchildren: Thomas Rabbia, Diana (Rabbia) & Harley Hinton, Matthew (& Carrie) Rabbia, Sara (Rabbia) & Will Johnson, Michael Rabbia, Nicole Peplinski, Celeste Peplinski, Joseph Peplinski and his fiancée Danielle Zacharek, and Michael (& Rebecca) Peplinski; and his step grandson, Zachary Fitzgerald. Also surviving are his precious great grandchildren: Kailee, Krista & Olivia Rabbia, Norah & Harley Hinton, Jr., and Michael, Alaina & Francesca Peplinski. Survivors also include his sister Emily (Rabbia) Newman and his brother, Thomas Rabbia, and many wonderful nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his precious wife, Melvina (D'Acunto) Rabbia, on January 9, 2011, and longed to be reunited with her. Also predeceasing him were his siblings, Samuel Rabbia, Gloria (Rabbia) Dellaera and Louis Rabbia.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, January 3, 2012 from 4-7 p.m., at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St, Utica, NY, corner of Hammond Ave. Joseph's funeral will commence on Wednesday, January 4th at 10:00 a.m. from the funeral home and 11:00 a.m. at Redeemer Church located at 931 Herkimer Rd, Utica, NY. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Gideon International Bible Society to purchase bibles to spread the Word of God.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

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

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 3. 4:00 PM - 7:00 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

JAN 4. 10:00 AM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.
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corner of Hammond Ave.
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Service

JAN 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

Redeemer Church
931 Herkimer Road
Utica, NY

Tribute Wall



“ *Eannace Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Joseph Rabbia*



Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. - December 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

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“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Nicole Peplinski - December 29, 2024 at 01:00 AM

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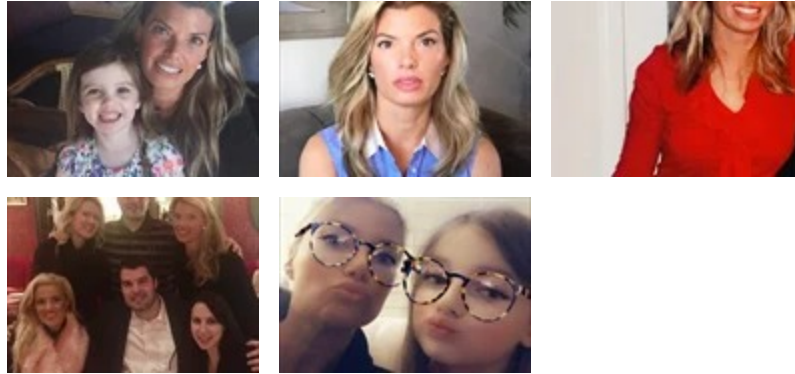
“ *Merry Christmas and Happy New Year in the heavens. Love you Pop. ❤️*



Nicole Peplinski - December 29, 2024 at 12:52 AM

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“ Love you Pop! We think of you and Gram daily. No one has the quick wit and humor like you! You were one of a kind. The Best! Here’s some pics of us. Love you always and always feel your spirit with us.



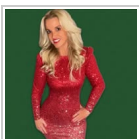
celeste peplinski - May 22, 2019 at 08:38 PM



“ I cracked up laughing today thinking of one of the many witty things you said. You were so sharp and funny. I miss you Pop! I love you! 🥰



Nicole Peplinski - November 29, 2017 at 01:51 AM



“ October is National Italian American Heritage Month and I'm celebrating thinking you Pop & Gram! 🥰🇮🇹 Love you so much!



Nicole Peplinski - October 24, 2017 at 01:19 AM



“ *My mom, Celeste and I are in Napa doing wine tasting and we talk about you and gram constantly. Thank you for making us such important parts of your life. I love you Papa!*



Nicole Peplinski - September 05, 2017 at 08:10 AM

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“ *Love you Pop! Thoughts of your legendary quick wit & humor always make me smile. We all love you & Gram so much.... You both were one of a kind... Always made me feel so loved & cared for. We think of you & gram Everyday! We shall be reunited in heaven someday! Till then...*

celeste - November 10, 2015 at 08:29 PM

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“ *I'm thinking of you Pop. I think of you everyday. You're quick wit and humor still make me laugh. I love you, Pop.*

Nicole Peplinski - April 24, 2014 at 10:58 PM

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“ *Nicole Peplinski lit a candle in memory of Joseph Rabbia*



Nicole Peplinski - April 24, 2014 at 10:57 PM



“ Terri,
My deepest sympathy in the Loss of your Dad. In all the comments I've read, Your Mom & Dad were beautiful people that have created beautiful memories for you all to reflect upon. My thoughts & Prayers are with you.
Love,
Patti (Haddix) Martin

Patti Haddix - January 07, 2012 at 11:53 AM



“ Pat Martin lit a candle in memory of Joseph Rabbia



Pat Martin - January 07, 2012 at 11:35 AM



“ *I will always remember Uncle Joe and Aunt Mel happy, and giving you a good feeling about yourself and the world every time you were with them. Wish we were there to give you all a hug and kiss. Peace and Love to all Janice and Bobby Rabbia*

Janice and Robert Rabbia - January 01, 2012 at 07:05 AM