



## Mr. Joseph Raucci

March 28, 2012

Mr. Joseph Raucci passed away quietly in his home on March 28, 2012 surrounded by his family.

Born in Ruviano, Caserta province, Italy, to the late Geremia and Lucia (Ortale) Raucci, Joseph came to the United States in his late teens. He enlisted in the United States Air Force and served his adopted country for twenty-one years, earning eleven commendation medals, his bachelor's degree and ultimately retiring at the rank of Senior Master Sergeant. After retirement, he continued to serve as a civilian employee of the Air Force for an additional twenty years. During his time in the Air Force, Joseph served all over the world and in active war zones. While stationed in Athens, Greece he met and married his wife, Despina, who stood by him through thick and thin. Her love and support allowed him to achieve more than he ever imagined and together they raised three upstanding children of which he was very proud. Joseph was an honest and hard working man who sacrificed everything to provide for his family. They were everything to him. He loved gardening and created a sanctuary in his own little patch of heaven here on earth. Everything he touched grew and flourished under his love.

He is survived by his beautiful wife Despina, his three children, Jeremy, Leone, and Lucy (Sandra) Raucci, his two daughters – in –laws Lisa, and Jennifer and son–in–law Dimitris Kotsinas and his entire heart and soul, his eight grandchildren Eleni, Odysseas, Sophia, Joseph, Danai, Justin, Miltiadis, and Addison. In addition, Joseph is survived by his sister Antoinetta, Brother-

in-law Pat, nieces and nephews Amy, Vincent and Michael DeLeonardis and their families, his Aunt Erminia Cusano and many cousins. Also, brothers in law Dimitris Siscos, Konstantinos Athanassiadis-Manos and their wives and families as well as too many relatives to mention here.

Joseph's family would like to express their heartfelt thank you to all of the wonderful friends and neighbors who cared about him and supported him at all times. If you would like to make a donation in Joseph's name, the family requests consideration of St. Mark's Church in North Utica or else a charity of your choice; envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

Visitation will be held Friday from 4:00-7:00 at Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Joseph's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Saturday morning at 11:00 at St. Mark's Church where his Mass of Christian Burial will be offered with military honors. Interment will take place at St. Joseph Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Joseph Cemetery

Utica, NY

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAR 30.** 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

**MAR 31.** 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mark's Church  
440 Keyes Road  
Utica, NY 13502

# Tribute Wall



“ *Eannace Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. Joseph Raucci*



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**Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.** - March 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

NL

“ *I didn't know mr Raucci very well, i only saw him once, at his daughter Lucy's wedding. But i had a very good impression of him. It was evident to me that he was a good man who loved ,and loves, his family dearly.  
I would like to offer my condolences to the family. You are in my prayers...*

*Natalia (a friend of Lucy Raucci)*

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**Natalia Leviti** - April 27, 2012 at 05:56 AM

TM

“ *Tina Messina lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Raucci*



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**Tina Messina** - April 03, 2012 at 09:29 AM

TM

*Joe was one of the sweetest and most kind men around. Always had a joke to share or a beautiful story from back in the day. He loved to talk about his family. I will miss his gardening stories and the many tomatoes he would share. We will miss his visits to the Griffiss AmeriCU office, his smile and his hugs. He was a wonderful man to have known and remember always.*

*Love, Tina*

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**Tina Messina** - April 03, 2012 at 09:32 AM

WB

*I totally agree with everything that Tina wrote. Joe was a wonderful man and will miss him and his stories. God Bless.*

*Wendy*

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**Wendy Bowers** - April 03, 2012 at 12:26 PM

GR

*“ Dear Debbie and family, We were so sad to learn of Joe's death. George spent many years at Griffiss with Joe, both in the 49th FIS and in the Supply squadron. We remember Joe and you very fondly and appreciated all you did to help in selling our house before we left for North Carolina. Again except our deepest condolences for your loss. You are all in our prayers!!! George & Linda Rivera*

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**George M. & Linda P. Rivera** - March 31, 2012 at 12:13 PM

SG

*Jeremy and family - it has been too long. I just heard of your father's passing and I wanted to express my sincere condolences. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers. Sincerely Steve Gassner and family*

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**Steve Gassner** - April 01, 2012 at 07:46 PM

HS

“ *Debbie, Jeremy, Leo, and Lucy- I was soo sad to hear of your lost. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this difficult time. We are so sorry we were unable to pay our respects. Please let us know if there is anything you need or we can do.*

*Heidi and Jeff Szemecko  
Stephanie and Megan Raiser*

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**Heidi Szemeczko** - March 30, 2012 at 06:34 PM

AP

“ *To Debbie and family, I was so sorry to hear about Joe's passing. Although we haven't seen to much of each other lately we never will forget Joe. He had so many great attributes. One being his family and another being his friends. We were lucky to be one of his friends. We spent many good times around your kitchen table discussing family, politics, old country and all the cultures we shared with one another. I know that you and your family will miss him dearly. I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers.*



*Charlie and Annette Papelino*

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**Annette and Charlie Papelino** - March 30, 2012 at 03:26 PM

LS

“ *Despina, Leo, Jeremy and Sandra- I am so sorry to hear of your husband and dad's passing. I can remember how nice he was when you all came to Albany to visit my Aunt. I am also sorry for our wonderful Aunt Toni, Uncle Pat and their family who loved him so much. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Lisa Sciocchetti-Green*

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**Lisa Sciocchetti-Green** - March 30, 2012 at 11:06 AM

JP

“ Deeply saddened to hear of Joe's passing. I so enjoyed the interesting stories he would tell as well as his unique talent for growing such a green garden. His love for his family and warm for friends always shined. Thoughts and prayers are with Joe and his family.—Jeannine Papelino



Jeannine Papelino - March 30, 2012 at 09:29 AM

AM

“ Uncle Joe was an honorable, intelligent, proud man who loved his family fiercely. There are no words to describe what his loss means to his adoring family that he left behind. Thank you to Aunt Despina for the care that you took of him while he was sick.



Amy, Vincent, Michael - March 30, 2012 at 09:06 AM



“ Eunice Matt lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Raucchi



Eunice Matt - March 29, 2012 at 08:19 PM



We are deeply sorry for your loss. Your family is in our hearts and our prayers....

Eunice Matt - March 29, 2012 at 08:26 PM

ER

“ Eddie And Tina Rivera sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Joseph Raucchi



Eddie and Tina Rivera - March 29, 2012 at 07:46 PM

ER

Debbie, Jeremy, Leo and Lucy-We are deeply sorry for your loss of your loving husband and wonderful father. We are so grateful that we were able to be in his life and share memories with him for the past 7 years. He will certainly be missed throughout the neighborhood but we know that he will be smiling down on all of us..God Bless you all..The Rivera Family..

Eddie and Tina Rivera - March 29, 2012 at 07:50 PM

NV

“ Deeply sorry for your loss, your family is in our thoughts and prayers. -Angela and Domenico Palmieri, Nina Venturiello and Santo DiPalma



Nina Venturiello - March 29, 2012 at 07:11 PM

NO

“ Norman & Elaine OConnor lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Raucchi



Norman & Elaine OConnor - March 29, 2012 at 05:48 PM

DL

*May Joe rest in peace. Worked with him at Griffiss. He was always cheerful and went out of his way to help solve and service his customers needs.*

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**David V. Lia** - March 30, 2012 at 07:05 AM