



Mr. Joseph A. Rositano, Ret. UFD

August 29, 1924 - February 12, 2019

VERO BEACH, FL - Mr. Joseph A. Rositano, Ret. UFD, age 94, passed away on Tuesday, February 12, 2019 in Vero Beach, Florida with his loving family at his side.

Born in Utica on August 29, 1924, Joseph was the son of the late Giuseppe and Adele (Cochi) Rositano. He was raised and educated locally. A proud veteran of World War II, he honorably served his country from 1943-1945 in the United States Army Air Corps. A German Prisoner of War, Joe was the recipient of 2 Purple Heart Medals; he will be remembered as one of our country's last true American heroes of the Greatest Generation. On November 10, 1945 he was joined in marriage with the former Elizabeth "Betty" Peltier. Prior to her passing on November 1, 1996, Joe and Betty shared 51 years in a union graced with mutual respect and devotion.

Through his hard work ethic, Joe lived up to his personal and patriarchal responsibilities, an attribute that characterized his era. He was employed as a firefighter with the Utica Fire Department retiring after 32 years of service with the rank of Deputy Chief. In addition, he founded the JPJ Electronics Company in 1955. Still a family business, its proud tradition of service is currently being carried on by his son and granddaughters in Yorkville. Since his military service during World War II, Joe was active with a number of veteran's groups: he was a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), Stars & Stripes Chapter #82, as well as a former member of the New Hartford branch of the American Legion, the Central New York Chapter of

Prisoners of War, and the Central New York Chapter #490 Military Order of the Purple Heart. He was also a member of the Upstate New York Police and Fire Retirees Association, and the former Sons of Italy Lodge. He was a parishioner of St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church. Like many of their fellow snowbirds, Joe and Betty enjoyed their winters in sunny Florida.

Joseph is survived by his sons and their loved ones, Joseph F. and Doreen Rositano, Robert L. Rositano and his partner Ron Albano, Richard F. and Dawn Rositano, Rocco T. and Carol Rositano, and Stephen M. and Deborah Rositano. He held close to his heart the memory of his infant daughter, Elizabeth; and he cherished the memories of his son and daughter-in-law, David Rositano who passed on May 6, 2000, and his wife Celeste (DeBernardis) Rositano who passed on March 20, 2012. He also leaves 12 grandchildren, and held close to his heart the memory of his grandson Marcus Rositano who preceded him on February 9, 1980; and 23 great-grandchildren. He will also be remembered by his sister, Mary Dumas; brother and sister-in-law, Len and Virginia Rositano; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and brother-in-law, Michael DePietro. He was predeceased by his sisters and brother-in-law, Josephine and Charles Cimino, and Ida DePietro; his in-laws, Lucille and Frederick Peltier, and Bill Dumas; and his mother-in-law, Mary Morgan.

Joe was blessed to be cared for by his devoted and compassionate daughter-in-law, Doreen; the family will always remain grateful for her commitment in caring for their Dad.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Joseph's funeral service and Celebration of Life which will commence on Saturday, March 9, 2019 at 1:00 at St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church where his Memorial Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. Mark Kaminski with Military Honors conferred. The family will receive visitors at the conclusion of the mass. In lieu of flowers, please consider contributions in Joe's memory to Massachusetts General Hospital – Faustman Lab online at <https://www.faustmanlab.org/donate/>; or The 21 Club of CNY, Inc. online at <https://www.the21club.org/> ;

envelopes will also be available at the service.

We Love You!

RIP

Tribute Wall

PY

“ Patrick Young lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph A. Rositano, Ret. UFD



Patrick Young - March 06, 2019 at 07:25 PM

VS

“ Mr Rositano was a second father to me while I attended Roosevelt School with his boys. I remember seeing a picture of him and the flying crew under the plane they flow in. It hung at the bottom of the staircase at their home on Mohawk St.I never knew details of his time in WWII but remember his kind heart to all us kids that called his backyard home.

Proud to have known him and the Family.

Vince Santino - Satellite Bch FL

Vincent Santino - March 02, 2019 at 09:14 AM

BR

Hello Vince, this is Bobby Rositano, I remember you & thank you for your kind words. He will be missed by many.

Bobby Rositano - March 02, 2019 at 01:20 PM

HF

“ I have always had the greatest respect for you and think about often. Rest in peace chief.

Henry

Henry Frate - March 01, 2019 at 05:31 PM

LP

“ *Mr. Rositano, I am thankful for the opportunity I had to hear of your exploits in the U. S. Army Air Corps during WWII. From your home to a ball turret in a B 24 to a prison of war camp and back home. That, Sir, was a heck of a trip. I thank you for your bravery and your service. May you Rest In Peace.-*
Lee Phillips
Bryan, TX

Lee Phillips - March 01, 2019 at 03:28 PM

AS

“ *Rest in peace Mr. Rositano. I loved visiting you back in the late 70's at Central Fire Station on Elizabeth St. when you were working. You are a true American Hero. God Bless you and your family.*

Anthony Stack - February 27, 2019 at 10:24 PM

RS

“ *Rest In Peace Sir. God bless you and your family. The more and more I learn about you, the more and more I see that the term “Hero” is an understatement.*

Respectfully,

Robert Snider

Rob Snider - February 27, 2019 at 07:48 PM

PM

“ *To the Rositano Family: So many, many fond memories of growing up and spending time at the Rositano's. Great times with Joe Sr. at the Boonville picnics and the hockey games.*

*Sorry for the loss.
Phillip Macero, Jr.*

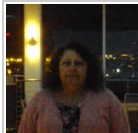
Phillip Macero - February 20, 2019 at 01:59 PM

DM

“ *Don Marino lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph A. Rositano, Ret. UFD*



Don Marino - February 20, 2019 at 11:03 AM



“ *Tricia Tomaino lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph A. Rositano, Ret. UFD*



Tricia Tomaino - February 17, 2019 at 01:23 AM

NP

“ *Many fond memories of Joe ! We were very sorry to hear of his passing!! Our sincere condolences to all the Rositano Family !! <3
Bill and Nancy Piperata*

Nancy and Bill Piperata - February 16, 2019 at 05:01 PM

AS

“ I am very sorry for you loss. My prayers and thoughts are with you all at this difficult time.
We were neighbors on Mohawk Street and have many memories of our families together.
Sincerely,
Ann Marrone Spina

Ann Spina - February 16, 2019 at 08:52 AM

SR

Thank you Ann if you remember your parents were my God parents.
Steve

Steve Rositano - February 16, 2019 at 08:42 PM

JM

I worked with Joe at UFD. He was a true gentleman and great Deputy. I also have memories of him when he started his radio repair business on Bleeker St. My thoughts and prayers are with him and his family at this time of sorrow.

Jim Mauthe

Jim Mauthe - February 20, 2019 at 09:46 AM

KP

“ Steve, Debbie and the entire Rositano family,
We are so very sorry for your loss. He was a great man and left a wonderful legacy!!!!
Sincerely, John and Kathy Pugh

Kathy Pugh - February 14, 2019 at 11:32 AM