



## Mr. Joseph J. "Dooley" Scialdone, Jr.

May 7, 1951 - March 29, 2021

MARCY - Mr. Joseph J. "Dooley" Scialdone, Jr., age 69, passed away unexpectedly after a short illness, on Monday, March 29, 2021 with the love and support of his family in his heart.

Born in Utica on May 7, 1951, Joseph was the son of the late Joseph J. and Eleanor J. (Pugliese) Scialdone. He was a graduate of T.R. Proctor High School/Class of 1969. Joe fell in love with a young lady named Dale and asked her to be his wife. As fate would have it, she loved him back, and on May 22, 1976 he married the former Dale A. Soper and went on to share 44 years with her, decades that included many great memories, mutual friendships, grand times, and after-hour parties because of Joe's work schedule. A key to their happy marriage was their congenial communication and conversations, and the common bond and blessing of their children and a beautiful family life.

One of the first opportunities of great importance for Joe was working as a Chef at the iconic Ventura's Restaurant. He loved pleasing people with his culinary talents and he appreciated the friendship of the Venturas. When Joe began to start a family, he knew his desire was to become a good family man, and to provide for his wife and his children. His initial position in the car industry was with Dodge City, and then continuing his career with Tobin Chrysler Plymouth Dodge and Saab. He started as a salesman in both ventures, and was always promoted to management. Joe was an incomparable sales person because he began from entry level

responsibilities, and he never forgot the old school ways of doing business. Others thought his managerial skills came from his sensitive and outgoing personality, and it was amazing how people at all levels who worked with him felt he was a mentor for patience and was inspirational in knowing, showing, and receiving respect. In a unique business, he had a loyal customer base. He was honest, educated, and he had the innate ability to connect and form a friendship; selling that car was second in the line of importance to him. Joe also excelled at a concurrent vocation ~ being a great dad to three uniquely different sons, and he found a way to build an exclusive relationship with each of them. They were a family unit, and Joe was at the helm. He celebrated Christmas with a mountain of presents, not to spoil the kids, but to see the smiles on their faces when they opened them. He would begin the week before Christmas, planning a treasure hunt. Then, as Christmas drew closer, he would hide scratch-off Lotto tickets. The tradition changed over time, and the kids began hiding the gifts for their parents, a tradition still in existence. All the major holidays were hosted at Joe and Dale's home, because their door was always open wide, their hospitality was always warm, and the food was always wonderful! Joe prepared perfect and bountiful holiday dinners, including his signature prime rib and sea food specialties. Dale especially loved his veal dishes. During these years, his sons watched their dad cook, and magically, they picked it up! Joe not only had a keen sense of cooking, he had a sharp sense of humor, full of one-liners when you least expected it!

As a family man, he was selfless, and his heart belonged to his loved ones. As many can verify, when his two grandsons came into their lives, Joe and Dale were the ultimate grandparents, and these little angels were their whole world. They entertained them, and in turn, they entertained their Papa and Grandma, aka "Peanut". Joe conceded a few years back, and when the grandkids came, he and Dale went to their children's houses to make sure none of the traditions were lost. Joe enjoyed the annual family trip to the Saratoga Race Track, always on a Wednesday, where they watched the final

race down by the finish line! A bit of a procrastinator, it would always be a last call and Dale was the runner to the window. They never remember staying for the last race because he always left early to avoid traffic! Joe's love of sports started as a young man when he made minimal wagers just to make the game exciting, and Larry Bird and Joe Montana were his guys! Joe played stick ball on Kossuth Avenue with "all his good friends", and decades later when his boys were growing up, he encouraged them to give sports a try, and that's all he expected.

In 2011, Joe and Dale had a renewing vacation in Las Vegas, a get-away that was a gentle reflection on their lives.

Joe was a Catholic and had the Lord in his heart. Monsignor Willenburg was a great inspiration for Joe; his pastoral guidance and spiritual solace was never forgotten.

Joseph is survived by his wonderful and devoted wife, Dale; his sons and their loves, Joseph J. III and Andrea Scialdone, Christopher K. Scialdone and Kara Jarmula, and Gregory M. Scialdone; grandchildren who were his pride and joy, Nicolas "Nicky" Scialdone, anticipation of a new grandson, Salvatore; and Mason Scialdone whose favorite pastime was reading with Papa; and his brother and sister-in-law, Anthony J. "Tony" and Anne Marie Scialdone. The boys, Joe and Anthony, were blessed to have a cousin, Peter J. Scialdone who was an additional 'brother' who passed earlier this year and awaits Joe's arrival and their joyous reunion. Joe will also be remembered by his numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins; uncle and aunt, Joe and Betty Ponessa; and his in-laws, David Soper, Douglas Soper, and John Gossage. Joe also had a friend for all the seasons of his life, including the LaNeves. You couldn't ask for better people to call extended family. He was predeceased by father-in-law and mother-in-law, Donald W. and Elveda May (Calhoun) Soper; and his sister-in-law, Donna J. Gossage.

Visitation will be held Monday evening, April 5, 2021 from 4:00-6:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Face

masks are required and social distancing and contact tracing will be implemented. In lieu of floral offerings, memorial contributions in Joseph's honor may be considered to The Kelberman Center online at <https://www.kelbermancenter.org> or by mail to 2608 Genesee St., Utica, NY 13502; envelopes will also be available at the funeral home. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery privately and at the convenience of the family.

During this time of social distancing that we are all experiencing, please take a moment to connect with Joseph's family through the "Memories" section of his obituary. Our prayers go out to all as a sign of our continued support.

# Cemetery Details

## Calvary Cemetery

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 5. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.  
932 South Street  
corner of Hammond Ave.  
Utica, NY 13501  
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# Tribute Wall



“ Pat And Nancy Turnern lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph J. "Dooley" Scialdone, Jr.



pat and nancy turnern - April 06, 2021 at 11:48 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Joseph J. "Dooley" Scialdone, Jr..



April 05, 2021 at 01:04 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. Joseph J. "Dooley" Scialdone, Jr..



April 05, 2021 at 10:54 AM



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April 04, 2021 at 09:46 PM

FW

“ Dale. It has been awhile since we have seen each other. At this point since the summer of 2019 So very hard to read of Joes passing. Hopefully we will each other soon. Life has gone past all of us too quickly during the last 14 months. I pray for his soul and for your peace of mind and heart. Fiora

Fiorinda Grandinetta Wilson - April 03, 2021 at 10:40 PM

FW

“ Fiorinda Grandinetta Wilson lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph J. "Dooley" Scialdone, Jr.



Fiorinda Grandinetta Wilson - April 03, 2021 at 10:32 PM

GB

“ Gary And Brian lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph J. "Dooley" Scialdone, Jr.



Gary and Brian - April 02, 2021 at 08:38 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. Joseph J. "Dooley" Scialdone, Jr..



April 02, 2021 at 03:14 PM

DV

“ We are so sorry to hear of Joey’s untimely passing. He was a very nice person,loved by many. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Scialdone family during this difficult time.  
Diane and Jessica Vaughn

Diane Vaughn - April 02, 2021 at 12:47 PM

AC

“ Dale, I was so sorry to hear about Joe. I have known the Scialdone family literally from the day I was born.Eleanor and Joe were great people and they raised two wonderful sons. Please know that you, your children and the whole Scialdone family are in my prayers.

Angel LaNeve Chmielenski - April 02, 2021 at 10:42 AM

GD

“ So sorry to hear of Joe's passing. He and I were classmates at Proctor and later reconnected at Carbone and Tobin when purchasing cars. Always a true gentleman and willing to help in any way. My prayers are with you. I'm sure he will be greatly missed.

Greg D'Agostino - April 01, 2021 at 10:39 AM

NT

“ i remember being at you home with Jerry was little you wore a pink dress and the was full of love and it was just a lovely day



Nancy Turner - April 01, 2021 at 10:33 AM

LG

“ I first meant Joe at Carbone Dodge. He closed the first car deal I made as a new salesperson. He was a great person and a wonderful person. We have lost a one of a kind gentleman.

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**LYNDON GOOKINS** - April 01, 2021 at 09:58 AM

CS

“ I worked with Joe for many years. He was a hard worker and very dedicated to his co-workers and always strived to bring out the best in his employees. We shared many laughs together and I always have had fond memories of Joe. My condolences to Dale and the rest of the family.

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**Colleen Tobin Servadio** - April 01, 2021 at 09:19 AM

MS

“ So many fond, funny memories of Joe during our children's younger years. He was a great guy and Father. Our sincerest condolences to you and your family during this difficult time.

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**Mary Ellen Sigbieny** - April 01, 2021 at 05:38 AM

MS

“ Words are insufficient to express my sympathies and feelings of loss. But this is a man who I'll always remember and hold dear.

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**Michael Scialdone** - March 31, 2021 at 06:15 PM