



Mr. Joseph N. "Joe" Spatuzzi

October 19, 1949 - October 4, 2019

SAUQUOIT - Mr. Joseph N. "Joe" Spatuzzi, age 69, passed away on Friday, October 4, 2019 at the Siegenthaler Center with his loving family by his side. Born in Utica on October 19, 1949, Joseph was the son of the late Samuel and Fannie (Curcio) Spatuzzi. He was raised and educated in East Utica and was a graduate of T.R. Proctor High School/Class of 1967.

Joe possessed a great work ethic and was the family "MacGyver" for his extraordinary knack for unconventional problem solving. He was employed by Friedrich Climate Master for 20 years. He then earned his Airframe and Powerplant License in Aircraft Mechanics and landed a job with US Airways where he worked for more than 14 years. Following his retirement from the airline, Joe held a position at Turning Stone Resort Casino as an HVAC Technician. His final job was at MVCC where he worked part-time in the Maintenance Department until April 19, 2019 when he fell ill.

He was a man who enjoyed and found comfort in being surrounded by family and friends. He had a calm and quiet demeanor, and was a keen observer.

Joe was at his best when his mind and hands were busy working on a problem-solving project. His extensive collection of tools were used to assist his relatives and friends with any repairs or help they needed around the house. He loved to cook, and he loved to eat. He looked forward to his annual trips to Cancun, and he seized the opportunity to travel at anytime.

Joe is survived by his loving wife Wendy and best friend of 38 years; his beloved daughters and their loves, Joelle and Paul Perry, and Janese

Spatuzzi and fiancé, Andrew Graziani; grandchildren, Andrew Almas, Matthew Almas; and Beau Graziani; great-granddaughter, Isabella Almas; his sister, Mary Theresa Zupancic; and his brother, Samuel R. Spatuzzi. He also leaves his many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, (fondly acknowledging Carla Zupancic, "The Favorite"); mother-in-law and father-in-law, Joyce and John Shannon; brother-in-law, Patrick Shannon; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Terri and Leonard Maiolatesi; and his friends, with special mention of Pauline Hahn, JoAnn Musco, and Sarah Hensel for their many acts of kindness and support.

The family extends thanks to Dr. Atul Butala and his staff; and although Joe's stay was brief at the Siegenthaler Center, the family is appreciative for the comfort and dignity provided to Joe and his family.

In keeping with Joe's wishes, there will be no public visitation. Family and friends are respectfully invited to attend Joseph's funeral service and Celebration of Life which will commence on Saturday morning at 11:00 at St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church where his Memorial Mass of Christian Burial will be offered. The family will receive visitors at the conclusion of Mass. Those wishing to express an act of kindness in honor of Joe may make a donation to the Siegenthaler Center online at <https://hospicecareinc.org/donate> or to the American Cancer Society online at <https://donate3.cancer.org>. Envelopes will also be available at the service. Inurnment will take place in Calvary Cemetery Mausoleum at the convenience of the family.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Mausoleum

2407 Oneida Street
Utica, Ny

Tribute Wall

SH

“ *Such a beautiful show of love last nite for joe!!!! Wendy you did such a beautiful job paying tribute to him,,,, I'm so very sorry for your loss Wendy...thank you for allowing me to be a part of his tribute!!! He will be so missed!*

sarah hensel - October 10, 2019 at 08:13 PM

FL

“ *Wendy: I am so saddened to hear of your loss. Please know how very sorry I am. I have fond memories of working with both of you. You are in my thoughts, my heart and my prayers. Fern Ladd*

Fern Ladd - October 10, 2019 at 02:16 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Joseph N. "Joe" Spatuzzi.*



October 10, 2019 at 10:31 AM

AA

“ *I learned more from this man than I realized . Will be missed but never forgotten .
RIP Joe .*

Alexander 2873 Almas - October 08, 2019 at 10:39 PM

CA

“ Thoughts and prayers to Wendy and Family!!
Joe was a great guy! God bless you all! RIP
JOE
Love Carla Rochon and Family



carla - October 08, 2019 at 12:36 PM

DS

“ Wendy, and family, I am really heartbroken to here of Joes passing;
My husband worked with Joe at Fredrichs. I got the pleasure to
work with him at Mvcc. Joe will be missed dearly. So very sorry for
your loss. RIP Joe Spatuzzi, I will never forget you my dearest
friend.

Diana Stefaanovich - October 08, 2019 at 12:30 PM

SH

“ My heart breaks for all of you!!! There are no
words..joe always made me feel like family
and I admired his strength and his personality
as that was joe!!! Strong strong man on the
outside but gentle on the inside!!! I was
privileged to have been made a part of the family and I will always
smile when I hear the word “whatever”!!! Rest In Peace Joe!!!



sarah hensel - October 08, 2019 at 09:00 AM

JJ

I always thought the world of Joe meet him when are kids were young .
Rest In Peace Joe

Judy. Jellencich - October 08, 2019 at 09:37 AM

TG

Great memories of time in the kitchen and around the family table with this delightful human being. His love lives on in the hearts of his beautiful family. Rest in heavenly peace Joe.

Theresa Graziani - October 10, 2019 at 09:28 AM

MA

“ *Sending ,much love and prayers to the family. A wonderful and loving father/grandfather, who can now rest, free from suffering, in eternal peace.*

Maria Arrigo-sequin - October 08, 2019 at 07:22 AM

MA

“ *Maria Arrigo-sequin lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph N. "Joe" Spatuzzi*




Maria Arrigo-sequin - October 08, 2019 at 07:21 AM

NR

“ I will never forget Joe. He was a Great guy and a Better friend. I had the pleasure of working side by side many times with him. If anyone needed anything and mean anything, if Joe could help out in any way, he was able he was there 1000%. I can say it was a pleasure knowing Joe and meeting Wendy. We would often talk about his trips with the Wife to Cancun, where I would pick his brain on how great it was. When the time came when I left the workforce, Joe would ALWAYS, (with out fail), call me up on the Holidays to wish my family Happy Holiday, if I didn't beat him first. I can and must say, I am deeply saddened and my heart is crushed for I will miss my Buddy Joe. People that never got to meet and know him, really missed out. God Bless, God speed, Will miss you. Until we meet again. Love Ya Joe.

Nils & Linda Rundberg - October 07, 2019 at 10:14 PM

 Elisa Simpson

“ I will never forget how he always show me so much love, like a dad. So many times he gave me advise to push myself that I could be whatever I wanted. I'm so thankful for those talks and words they have always been with me. Sending my condolences, love and prayers to the Spatuzzi family and all his loves ones.

Elisa Simpson - October 07, 2019 at 09:40 PM