



## Joseph Tofani

October 2, 1921 - July 9, 2008

Mr. Joseph Tofani, age 86, of Utica, passed away on Wednesday, July 9, 2008 at the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center surrounded by the love and comfort of his family.

Born in Utica on October 2, 1921, Joseph was the son of the late Enrico and Josephine (DiBiase) Tofani. He was raised and educated in Utica and was a graduate of T. R. Proctor High School. A proud veteran of World War II, he served his country in the U.S. Army Air Corps stationed in the European Theater of Operations. On January 22, 1944 he married the former Marie Margott who passed away on November 2, 1987. Marie was the most important person in his life, and he lived in her pleasant memory ever since her death.

Endowed with an enduring work ethic, Joseph continued his career until the age of 79. During his working life he was employed by the General Electric Company on Kent St., the M & L Electric Company as a contractor salesman, and the Independent Electrical Inspectors, Inc. He was a remarkable family man, and his honesty, integrity, and unselfish ways made him a wealthy man in harmony and love. He was the historian of the family, well-versed in political issues, worldly concerns, historical matters, and geography. He saw life through his travels to Las Vegas, his winter trips to Florida where he stayed with his brother Henry, and his voyage with his daughter on a Mediterranean cruise which was the highlight of his life. A former golden glove boxer, he was an avid boxing fan throughout his life. Joe was a member of the American

Legion Post #229, and a former member of the Knights of Columbus. He was a parishioner of St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish.

Joseph is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Janice M. and Donato M. "Danny" Nappi; his son, Dennis R. Tofani, all of Old Forge; his grandchildren, Dale H. Lockwood, Jr., Donato "Danny" Nappi, Jr. and his wife, Leslie, Dana Lynn Tofani and fiancé Josh Mattson, and Nicholas D. Tofani; his great-grandchildren, Kandace Lockwood, Koren Lockwood, Dale H. Lockwood, III, Drew Lockwood, and Isabella Valencia Nappi. Survivors also include his sisters, Margaret Wolkowicz of FL, Eleanor Borello, and Phyllis Tofani, both of Utica; his brothers and sisters-in-law, Richard and Edith Tofani of GA, Henry Tofani of FL, and Frank and Angela Tofani of Utica; his nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, great-great-nieces, great-great-nephews, cousins, especially mentioning Mary Lewis, and sisters-in-law, Margaret LaDuc, and Claire Graeme. He also leaves his longtime friend, Tom Morosco and his friends at the Brook Apartments. He was predeceased by his brothers and sister-in-law, Enrico and Paulina Tofani, Pat Tofani, and infant Frank Tofani; his sisters and brothers-in-law, Elvira Ceci, Cora and Rocco Grande, Antoinette and Sam Paciello, Betty and Joseph Fiaschetti, Rose and Mario Palmano; and his in-laws, Stanley Wolkowicz, Vincent Borello, Florence Tofani, Anthony "Tony" and Connie Margott, Florence and Peter Fabbio, Louise and Sam Sangiacomo, Bernard LaDuc, Genevieve and Salvatore Butera, Richard Graeme, and Angelo and Joan Margott.

The family is grateful to Dr. Joseph C. Booth for his support and compassionate care throughout the years as well as his congenial staff. Visitation will be held Sunday from 2:00-4:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. 932 South St. corner of Hammond Ave. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Joseph's Mass of Christian Burial which will be celebrated on Monday morning at 11:30 at St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery. In honor of his service to our country, military honors will be offered at his funeral services.



# Tribute Wall



“ *Janice, I was so sorry to hear of your father passing. Pa was a very kind, pleasant and generous man, and his passing will be felt deeply by anyone who knew him!##imported-begin##Amy Lamberto##imported-end##*

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August 05, 2008 at 08:11 PM



“ *Sincere condolences  
Mray Anne Reid Laraby##imported-begin##Mary Anne Reid Laraby##imported-end##*

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July 15, 2008 at 05:25 PM



“ *My husband, Mario, my daughters, Alicia and Sarah, and I will miss Uncle Joe very much. We will miss his constant smile and his stories about growing up in the Tofani household. He always made us laugh and has left us all with great memories.##imported-begin##Diane (Borello) LaPolla##imported-end##*

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July 13, 2008 at 10:25 PM



“ *Janice, Dennis & family:  
Please find peace and comfort in knowing a good man has gone home and has reunited with Aunt Mary and our many family members who have gone before. They're having one heck of a party! Our love to you all. See you soon.*

*Alan, Alana & Jennifer##imported-begin##Alan Sangiacomo##imported-end##*

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July 13, 2008 at 04:22 PM



“ I have so many nice memories of Uncle Joe. We will all miss his stories of our family and the adventures of his life. We spent so many Saturday Nights around the kitchen table on Lansing Street listening to his every word of our family history. He was one of the most optimistic men I ever knew and we all will miss him very much. Our thoughts are with you all : Vinny,Shelby, Delaney, and Vincent##imported-begin##Vinny & Shelby Borello##imported-end##

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July 13, 2008 at 02:44 PM



“ Our hearts and prayers go out to Joe's family. I've known him for many years through his friendship with our family; we worked together at my dad's inspection agency; he attended my wedding; etc. He was a great man, always with a smile and kind word for everyone. We will miss him. Mark and Lisa (Morosco) Sassman.##imported-begin##Lisa (Morosco) Sassman - Indianapolis##imported-end##

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July 13, 2008 at 12:49 PM



“ Uncle Joe - What a wonderful uncle he was - loving, kind & witty - oh so witty! His stories were always interesting & always funny. He could bring a smile to the saddest person's face. His stories were full of warmth & humor, but they also told the "story" of our family. His memories were clear & sharp & we are all so thankful that he shared his many tales with us. Our only regret is that we never wrote them all down. Well, Uncle Joe, we hope they have a big Italian feast waiting for you in heaven. We will miss you. Janice & Dennis, we hope you know how much we wanted to be with you, but always remember all the many times your Dad made us all smile & happy! We may not be together in person, but we're together in our thoughts, prayers, and hearts. We love you! Shay, Tony, James, Kat & Kimi  
!##imported-begin##Shay LaDuc Karrat##imported-end##

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July 13, 2008 at 09:49 AM



“ I wish I could be there for the funeral. As everyone has already said, Uncle Joe was always so welcoming and loving. Even though we lived in FL (and now CA for me), he made us feel like we were just down the street. Please know I'm sending prayers and hugs your way!##imported-begin##Katherine Karrat##imported-end##

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July 13, 2008 at 12:07 AM



“ *Janice & Dennis,  
You know how much we loved Uncle Joe & it is so sad to lose him. This world will definitely have a large void without him. This is a very difficult time for my mom. She lost my dad 15 years ago today and now a much loved brother. We wish we could all be with you at this very sad time, but please know that our thoughts are with you and we send our deepest sympathy.*

*Patti###imported-begin##Patti & Bill Baugh & Aunt  
Margaret###imported-end##*

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July 12, 2008 at 11:59 PM



“ *Hi Janice, So sorry about your dad. As you know, there is never a good time for us left behind, but your dad lived many long & healthy years. Do not have any regrets. All dads should have a daughter like you. I don't know if you got my message from Thursday. I was in town and saw Judy who told me about your dad. Sorry I can't be there tomorrow, but I will be thinking of you. Please call any time. Love, Paula & family###imported-begin##paula dontino###imported-end##*

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July 12, 2008 at 09:00 PM



“ *Uncle Joe, you meant a lot to me when i was growing up in Utica. I still remember how many times you and aunt Mary would come to my house and play cards with my mom and dad, and you always had time to play around with me. thanks from my heart uncle Joe*

*Anthony###imported-begin##Anthony Margott###imported-end##*

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July 12, 2008 at 07:34 PM



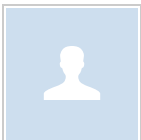
“ For my dear friend Joe.....

*Life is but a stopping place..  
A pause in whats to be..  
A resting place along the road..  
to sweet eternity..  
We all have different journeys..  
Different paths along the way..  
We all were meant to learn some things..But never meant to stay..  
Our destination is a place..  
Far greater than we know..  
For some the journey's quicker  
For some the journey's slow..  
And when the journey finally ends..  
(Joe) will claim a great reward..  
And find everlasting peace  
Together with the Lord.....*

*when the journey finally ends...##imported-begin##Del  
Dyman##imported-end##*

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July 12, 2008 at 12:45 PM



“ *Uncle Joe had a charming and witty personality. He always had a smile and a story to tell. It was such a joy to spend time with him. I will miss him. Janice and Denny, please know that Roger and I will keep you in our thoughts and prayers. Love, Your Cousin Ricci##imported-begin##Ricci Leone##imported-end##*

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July 12, 2008 at 11:24 AM



“ *I will always remember Uncle Joe smiling when the "California Girls" came to visit. He had a lovely peaceful presence. Love to you both Janice and Dennis, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your families.*

*Love;*

*Cousin Dawn##imported-begin##Dawn Graeme##imported-end##*

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July 11, 2008 at 11:43 PM