



Mr. Joseph Valenti

August 18, 1918 - October 6, 2016

Mr. Joseph Valenti, age 98, a longtime Utica resident, passed away on Thursday, October 6, 2016 at the Abraham House with his loving daughter by his side.

Born in Utica on August 18, 1918, Joseph was the son of the late Giovanni “John” and Immaculata (Russo) Valenti. He was raised and educated in Utica and was a member of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) during the Great Depression. He was united in marriage to the former Joan Mills with whom he shared a loving union prior to her passing on February 15, 1993.

Joe was proud of his position with Carparelli Brothers for over 20 years, the position from which he retired. He honored the relationship that he developed with Peter Carparelli and the Carparelli family during the two decades that he was in their employ. Joe was a devoted family man and was always available to offer assistance and advice to his loved ones. He was selfless, and he set aside his own needs to meet the needs of others. He had a keen wit and a warm sense of humor, and his family marveled at his ability to remember special dates and precious memories. He lived a long and happy life.

Joe was a member of the Teamsters Local #182 and he enjoyed attending events at the former Sons of Italy. He was of the Catholic faith.

Joseph is survived by his daughters, Josette Lucenti, “Debbie” Williams, and Elisha Zimdars who Joe cherished and was like a daughter to him, all of Utica; his sons, Joseph Valenti of Florida, Bill Williams of Massachusetts, and Richard Williams. He was predeceased by his son-in-law, Frank Lucenti. He

also leaves his grandchildren, Frank J. Lucenti Jr. and wife Andrea, Joseph R. Lucenti; Tim Kilburn, Matthew Kilburn; Brianna Valenti; Janet Marie and Steve Anderson, and Alyssa Williams; many cherished great-grandchildren; several nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, in-laws, and many friends who were close to him, especially in his last days. He enjoyed the companionship of Victor Calguiri at the Presbyterian Home. He was predeceased by his brothers and sisters-in-law, Fred R. and Theresa Ann Valenti, Daniel and Rosemary Valenti, Dominick Valenti, Eugene Valenti, Biase "John" Valenti, James Valenti, and Anthony Valenti; his sisters and brothers-in-law, Marie Rose and Gerardo Durso, Carmella and Antonio Conino, Antoinette Vitale, and Josephine and Joseph DiNigro.

The family wishes to express their gratitude to the personnel of the Presbyterian Home for Central NY for the loving care they provided to Joe during his stay; and the entire staff of the Abraham House, especially Lynn (who he adored), for their loving support, care, and compassion.

The family will honor and celebrate Joseph's life in a private gathering.

Funeral services and Interment in Calvary Cemetery will be private and at the convenience of the family.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

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

Tribute Wall

JV

“ To cousins; Josette, Debbie, Joey, Richard and William.
Please accept my deepest sympathy and condolences for the passing of "Uncle Joe". The man with so much wisdom, good old common sense and humor. There is no doubt that each and every niece and nephew has a special memory of your Father. The (true) stories about the speeding and overweight warning and citations he received when he was driving the cement block truck, were the most detailed and funniest stories that will always remain in my memories. N.Y.S. Trooper on the thruway near Herkimer; quote: "Mr. Valenti, you were clocked on radar at 70MPH and the speed limit is 55MPH and your truck looks to be overweight" Uncle Joe; "Hey, are you going to give me a ticket or talk all day?" Yeah, that was Uncle Joe! Who else would get away with that? :)
We will all miss Uncle Joe, but we will never forget the terrific and wonderful times he shared with us as we were growing up.

God Bless,
Cousin,
Johnny Valenti

John C. Valenti - October 18, 2016 at 01:41 AM

MV

“ Madeline Voce lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Valenti



Madeline Voce - October 11, 2016 at 03:54 PM

JM

“ So sorry for your loss to the whole Valenti family. He was a very funny man and always made me laugh. Great family man a will be missed very much. God bless him and rear in peace Joe.



Jill Murphy McGowan - October 09, 2016 at 06:43 PM

JC

“ My deepest condolences to Joe's family and friends. Joe was a great friend to my father Rudy , always running errands with him and carting him around when my father could not drive anymore. May you Rest In Peace Joe.. hope you and my dad are having a nice reunion up in heaven 🌹 Love Judi , Gene and Paul Ciccolella

Judi Ciccolella - October 09, 2016 at 04:49 PM

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Judi Ciccolella - October 09, 2016 at 04:47 PM

CR

“ This world has lost a very special, one in a million most kind hearted man I have ever known . I can say that we were blessed to have you in our lives like we did. You could light up a room with smiles on faces ...and you did all the time..I love you and will sadly miss you... Rest in Peace Uncke Joe.

Colleen DiNigro Rhyde - October 09, 2016 at 03:40 PM

MC

“ Marie Cavoly lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Valenti



Marie Cavoly - October 09, 2016 at 03:40 PM

MC

“ Uncle Joe there are so many memories I can share. The one that stands out the best for me are the Friday night cards games with my Mom and Uncle Jimmy, Uncle Freddy, Aunt Theresa, Uncle Danny, Aunt Rosie and my sister Madeline. When you became "Bet the Pot" man. We laughed and talked and had a great time. Now you are all together again and don't forget to Bet the Pot. Love you and will miss all your wonderful stories. RIP
Your niece Marie.

Marie Cavoly - October 09, 2016 at 03:39 PM

DD

“ Uncle Joe, I will always hold you very close to my heart and will never forget all the memories we shared. I love you so much, rest easy Unc. 💕

Desiree DiNigro - October 09, 2016 at 03:16 PM

MK

“ It's in The Book. Love n miss u papa.

Matthew Kilbourn/Williams - October 09, 2016 at 04:44 AM

TP

“ Tracey Pietruszka lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Valenti



Tracey Pietruszka - October 09, 2016 at 02:26 AM

Roxie Pietruszka

~ a moment on EARTH forever in our HEARTS ~

Roxie Pietruszka - October 09, 2016 at 02:32 AM



Uncle Joe you will always hold a special place in my heart. I was so grateful to have had you in my life for as long as I did. My children were also grateful to have known you. May you rest in peace along with my grandma (your sister) and the entire Valenti family. RIP. Your great niece Deanna Cavoly.

Deanna Cavoly - October 09, 2016 at 12:28 PM

Maryanne Taverne

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Maryanne Taverne - October 09, 2016 at 12:12 AM

RB

“ Robin Bailey lit a candle in memory of Mr. Joseph Valenti



Robin Bailey - October 08, 2016 at 05:07 PM

RB

“ *I remember all the jokes he would tell us and always made us laugh. We will never be forgotten and will be missed. I still have the puzzle he made for my mom of the twin towers. RIP Uncle Joe.*

Robin Bailey - October 08, 2016 at 05:07 PM