



Joseph A. Passalacqua, Sr.

October 11, 1918 - June 4, 2010

Mr. Joseph A. Passalacqua, Sr., of Whitesboro, passed away on Friday, June 4, 2010 at the St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

Born in Utica on October 11, 1918, Joseph was the son of the late Dominick and Rachel (Panuccio) Passalacqua. Raised and educated locally, he was a 1936 graduate of Utica Free Academy. On October 6, 1951 he married the former Elizabeth "Bette" Falbo at Blessed Sacrament Church, a union of 42 years until her passing on March 15, 1994; their life together was filled with love, concern, and devotion.

In 1963, Joe and his brother Dominic purchased and operated the St. James Center Hotel on Bagg Square, a venture that prospered for 23 years.

Concurrently, Joe held a position with the U. S. Postal System for over 40 years, retiring in 1978. A kind and generous man, his simple life was made rich by the love he shared with his family. Joe was one of the last of a generation of true gentlemen, the epitome of courtesy, civility, and commitment. He was a member of the American Postal Workers Union where he served as the financial secretary for 25 years, the Sons of Italy Utica Lodge #2054, and an honorary life member of the Knights of Columbus 4th Degree for 65 years. He was a communicant of The Catholic Community of Whitesboro At St. Paul's Church.

Joseph is survived by his sons and daughters-in-law, Dominic and Tina Passalacqua of Utica, and Joseph A., Jr. and Lisa Passalacqua of Whitesboro; and his grandchildren, Alissa Passalacqua and her partner,

Bryon; Nicholas and Kara Passalacqua, Elizabeth Passalacqua, Courtney Passalacqua, Cody Passalacqua, Connor Passalacqua, and McKenna Passalacqua. Survivors also include his brother and sister-in-law, Vincent and Nancy Passalacqua of Sauquoit; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, many godchildren, in-laws, John and Lenora DeKime, and Rose DeKime, all of Utica; and his friend, Jan Gaetano and her late husband, Louis. He was predeceased by his brothers and sister-in-law, Dominic and Carmella Passalacqua, Anthony Passalacqua, and John Passalacqua; his sisters and brothers-in-law, Biondina "Bea" and Joseph Winkler, Theresa F. and Thomas J. Ruggiero, and Carmella and Mac Pardi; and his brother-in-law, James DeKime.

The family extends heartfelt thanks to Dr. Gordon Fung for his years of care; Ollie Rudd for making many visits and offering Joseph Holy Communion every week; Dr. Joseph Booth, Renee and Gayle for their compassion during a difficult time; and the many wonderful doctors and nurses at the St. Elizabeth Medical Center Intensive Care Unit.

Visitation will be held Sunday (today) from 3:00-6:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. For those wishing to do so, please consider memorial contributions in Joe's honor to the St. Jude Children's Hospital or the American Heart Association; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Joe's Mass of Christian Burial which will be celebrated on Monday morning at 9:30 at The Catholic Community of Whitesboro At St. Paul's Church. Entombment will take place in Calvary Cemetery Mausoleum at the convenience of the family.

Previous Events

Service

JUN 7. 9:30 AM (ET)

The Catholic Community of Whitesboro at St. Paul's Church

16 Park Ave.

Whitesboro, NY 13492

<https://stpaulswhitesboro.org/>

Tribute Wall



“ Eannace Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Joseph A. Passalacqua, Sr.



Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. - June 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ Dom, Tina and family - we loved Papa Joe. I will always remember Papa Joe and Eddie - my dad - at Dutch Fair - cooking all day at the snack bar. They had a great time. My dad always asked about Joe and how he was doing. Hope they meet each other again.##imported-begin##Nils and Karen Steika##imported-end##

June 06, 2010 at 02:23 PM



“ I remember Uncle Joe,he was so nice to my sister Bridget and I. We will remember him making us laugh.Aunt Betty was a sweet womam.We always felt welcome at their house,where we shared so many wonderful great meals at their dinner table.Rest in Peace.##imported-begin##Virginia (DeKime) Zajac##imported-end##

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“ So sorry for your loss. I have plenty of childhood memories of going to the house. Its been years since of seen of of you folks. I have been gone a long time. He was loved by all who knew him.##imported-begin##Bridget DeKime Todaro##imported-end##

June 06, 2010 at 10:04 AM



“ *Dom and Tina*
Sorry to hear of the passing of your father. However, the great time comes to us all.

We remember Joe at CCC many times especially playing chefat the Dutch Fair.

Dave and Louise Yeaton##imported-begin##Dave & Louise Yeaton##imported-end##

June 06, 2010 at 06:50 AM



“ *I remember Uncle Joe,he was always so nice to my sister Bridget and I. We will remember him making us laugh. Aunt Betty was a sweet woman,we always felt welcome at their house where we shared so many wonderful great meals at their dinner table. Rest in piece.##imported-begin##Virginia Zajac##imported-end##*

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