



Joseph A. "Chubby" Piccola

March 19, 1914 - February 28, 2008

Mr. Joseph A. "Chubby" Piccola, age 93, of Utica, passed away on Thursday, February 28, 2008 at the Katherine Luther Home. At the time of his passing, his family was by his side.

Born in Utica on March 19, 1914, Joseph was the son of the late Bruno and Domenica (Nicotera) Piccola. A lifelong Utica area resident, he attended local schools and earned his G.E.D. in 1956. He graduated from the New York State Police Academy with honors in 1959. He subsequently entered the Empire State College Utica Campus in 1974 and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Athletics & Recreation with the class of 1978. A proud Army veteran of World War II, he served his country stateside in the 716th Military Police Battalion. On October 3, 1959 he married the former Marion Elizabeth Herz who passed away on March 30, 1963. He was blessed with a second marriage on April 24, 1965 when he was wed to the former Marguerite Herz who passed away on August 3, 1983.

Chubby's working life was monumental and groundbreaking. At one time, he was the Playground Director for the City of Utica Department of Recreation. He was appointed to the Utica Police Department on February 28, 1939 and promoted to Sergeant in 1953. He served as chief of the Auxiliary Police and the coordinator of the Civil Defense Force Police Service. He was credited with instituting the Juvenile Aid Division of the Police Department which is still in existence today. In 1958 he was promoted to Inspector and Department Chief and in this position he supervised police training, coordinated the Youth

Bureau, and established the first mandated police training course. He retired from the Utica Police Department in September of 1964. He then assumed the position of Director of Safety & Security at Utica College, initiating the first Safety & Security program. He resigned this position when he was elected Oneida County Sheriff in November of 1967 with the endorsement of all parties. He retired from the Sheriff's Department on January 1, 1974 after his six year tenure. He taught "Correction Facility Administration" from 1974-75, the first such course offered in New York State. In January of 1992 he was appointed to a four year term on the Oneida County Jail and Alternatives to Incarceration Committee. He was proud of his civic and social affiliations and life memberships in the Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree, Professional Police & Firefighters Retirees Association, Mohawk Valley Umpires Association, National Association of Approved Basketball Officials, Central New York Football Officials Association, Sons of Italy Lodge #2054, Castagnese Society, past president of the Police Holy Name Society, past president of the Mt. Carmel Holy Name Society, and member of the Christ the King Retreat group at Mt. Carmel. More recently, he was a communicant of the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Joseph is survived by many cherished nieces and nephews, especially acknowledging Betty and Dick Kistner, Marie Bossone, Doris and Dick Ernest, Louis and Rosemary Mastroianni, Theresa and Dan Paciello, Anthony and Dolly Mastroianni, Marie and Joe Bertell, and Juanna and Michael Raiene; great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and his sister-in-law, Beatrice Herz of Syracuse. He was predeceased by his brother and sister-in-law, Anthony and Angela Piccola; his sisters and brothers-in-law, Lena and Anthony Tomaino, Mary P. and Michael Arcuri, Antoinette Piccola, Philomena P. "Fanny" and Anthony Irone, Marion and Louis M. Mastroianni, Sr., and Frances and Anthony Payne; and his nieces and nephews, Muzzy and Ginger Tomaino, Bob and Rose Tomaino, Grace M. and Joseph J. Greco, Fred, Dick and Fannie, Carmen, Bruno, and Rose Arcuri.

Chubby's family would like to express their heartfelt appreciation to the staff of

the Gordon Unit at the Katherine Luther Home. A special thank you to his nephew, Louis Mastroianni and his two great-nieces, Elaine Chambrone and Maryjo Manno for overseeing his medical care with love and compassion. In keeping with Mr. Piccola's wishes, there will be no public visitation. By family request, please omit floral offerings Memorial contributions may be considered in Chubby's name to the Joseph A. Piccola Continuing Education Scholarship Fund at Utica College; envelopes will be available at the church. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend his Mass of Christian Burial which will be celebrated on Wednesday morning at 11:00 at the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes. The family will receive visitors at the conclusion of the service. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave.

"I am grateful to my mom and dad, sisters and brother, for the influence, guidance, and support shown throughout my life that helped render services to the wonderful people of this community."

Tribute Wall



“ I was the secretary to Mr. Piccola when he worked at Utica College until he left to become Oneida County Sheriff. I enjoyed working with him. My best memory was when a student came to him to confess that he made phone calls that were billed to Utica College. After talking with the young man, he told him to reimburse the College for the calls and then "GO TO CONFESSION". The student worker, Sandy and I gave him a tie tack when he left that had a star on it. I have often wondered if he still had it. May God Bless him and I know he is watching over all his family and friends.##imported-begin##Jane Bogan Brown##imported-end##

March 05, 2008 at 01:15 PM



“ We are sorry that we will not be able to be there, however our prayers and deepest sympathy are with you You were a roll model of integrety and honesty .;a person of genuine candor. May God rest your soul in peace and tranquillity. You will be missed.

Your Loving nephew and wife.

Anthony and Dolly##imported-begin##Anthony & Dolores
Mastrino##imported-end##

March 04, 2008 at 09:43 AM



“ My sincere regrets to Chubby's family. He was one our best Sherrif's and as the Manager of WIBX and member of the Central New York Heart Association , Chubbys aid and cooperation during the many Heart Radio thons and Runs was deeply appreciated.
Sincerely,
Frederic C. Bowen##imported-begin##Frederic Bowen##imported-end##

March 03, 2008 at 07:23 PM



“ My father , Joe Sr., always talked of the great times growing up with his cousin Chubby and then working with him as a Utica Police officer. My dad was very proud when Chubby became the Oneida County Sheriff. Now that they both are gone, I hope they can enjoy each other forever on.##imported-begin##Joseph F. Arcuri Jr.##imported-end##

March 03, 2008 at 12:56 PM



“ My father, Jim Harding, insurance investigator and you nicknamed "Sam Spade" was proud to call you friend. Now you both a counted among those who love the Lord.##imported-begin##James Colin Harding##imported-end##

March 03, 2008 at 12:16 PM



“ Lou and Rosemary; our deepest sympathy.
Carol and Philip Scampone##imported-begin##Philip Scampone##imported-end##

March 03, 2008 at 07:06 AM



“ Chubby,
In the beginning of my law enforce career at UPD, in 1966, you were my mentor and made me understand the professionalism of being a police officer. That I can thank you for. You were always a true friend to myself and my family. May you rest in peace my dear friend.##imported-begin##Nicholas R Parrotta##imported-end##

March 01, 2008 at 11:38 AM



“ *When I was a little girl my family and I lived upstairs of Chubby and his sister on West Street. I will always remember both of them as being warm, loving people. They had a very positive impact on me and the memory of those days has stayed with me for many years.*

My condolences to his family. They were very lucky to have him in their lives for so many years.##imported-begin##Judith Goldstone##imported-end##

March 01, 2008 at 10:44 AM



“ *Rest in peace.##imported-begin##Debra Tartaglia##imported-end##*

February 29, 2008 at 08:52 PM



“ You filled many hearts with your knowlegde, stories, wit and everylasting love.

I loved playing golf with you at the Utica college course.

Love

Danny##imported-begin##Daniel J. Ernest##imported-end##

February 29, 2008 at 12:03 PM



“ There was a close bond between my father, Funzi Rienzo, and Mr. Piccola up to the time of my father's passing. My condolences to his family for the loss of this wonderful man.##imported-begin##John Rienzo##imported-end##

February 29, 2008 at 08:36 AM