



Joseph F. Pellegrino

October 5, 1921 - March 12, 2008

Mr. Joseph F. Pellegrino, a resident of Heron House of Indian Rocks, Florida, passed away on Wednesday, March 12, 2008 in Largo, Florida. He was born in Utica on October 5, 1921, the youngest child of Victoria and Cosmo Pellegrino of Blandina Street. His sisters and brothers, Catherine, Santina, Dominick, Anthony, John, and Frank will be welcoming him to God's Kingdom. Joseph was a graduate of T. R. Proctor High School; he was proud to be a graduate of Cornell University. He was a chemistry professor at Alfred University and taught science for many years at T. R. Proctor High School. Joe had a zest for life and loved his family. In his later years, he took delight in his astute poker skills and was "banned" from many assisted living games. On any given morning, Joe could be seen driving up and down East Bay Drive on his three-wheeler, which he claimed was the Cadillac of bikes. Joe made friends wherever he went and he had a great sense of humor.

Joe is survived by his wife of 58 years, Rose (Cardone) Pellegrino; and his daughters and sons-in-law, Linda and John Sakon of Avon, CT, Rosanne and Dennis Hart of New Hartford, and MaryJo and Robert Goodman of Largo, FL. He delighted in his four grandchildren, John J. Sakon, Alexander X. Hart, Tracy Sakon, and Andrew L. Goodman. Always close to his heart was the memory of his grandchildren who predeceased him, Victoria Sakon, Trevor Hart, and Sara Goodman. Survivors also include his nephews, Donald Pellegrino of Clearwater, FL, Anthony Pellegrino, Jr. of New Hartford, and Ray Saraceno of Utica; his nieces, Marie Columbo of Seattle, WA, Bonnie Walsh

of Whitesboro, and Phyllis Saraceno of New Hartford; his sister-in-law, Mary Frances Cardone of New Hartford; and his sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Patricia and Frank DiBerardino of Rome, NY.

A memorial service in Joe's honor will be held at the Reese Funeral Home, 6767 Seminole Blvd. N., Seminole, FL, on Wednesday, March 19 at 2:00 p.m. A graveside service will also be held in Utica at the convenience of his family. Contributions can be made in his name to the Trevor R. Hart Memorial Scholarship, P.O. Box 477, Utica, NY 13502.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave.

Tribute Wall



“ Just thinking today of some of the things I remember about Papi:

- picking up seashells in the morning in clearwater
- watching tom and jerry (it's possible he liked it more than me--i was definitely bring down a DVD when i came down this week)
- him finishing his food before us--particularly ice cream (he ate like someone was going to take it from him)
- me yelling at him for drinking out of my drink
- him trying to get me to go to bed by saying there was an alligator outside, which really had quite the opposite effect
- playing racquetball
- him trying (and succeeding) to convince me people looked better in glasses

I'm sure I'll think of many more in the coming days. Miss you Papi.##imported-begin##John Joseph (JJ) Sakon ##imported-end##

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“ My grandfather has all ways been there for me. I have a sacred spot in my heart were he will stay for ever.##imported-begin##Andrew Goodman##imported-end##

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“ He treated me like a son that he never had and I loved him dearly and will miss him the rest of my life. See you in Heaven Uncle Joey.

From: Patty

Uncle Joe had a wonderful sense of humor in a devilish way & would laugh whole heartily after he made his point. But most of all he was very protective of his wife & daughters to the very end. i am sad he is gone & will miss him. He will always remain in my heart.##imported-begin##Don Pellegrino##imported-end##

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“ I will miss your color-coordinated golf caps and shirts. I will miss your big goofy grin. I will miss your quirky sense of humor. I will miss the stories you used to tell me about raising three daughters. I will miss the times you offered to "beat up" my brother whenever he was mean to me. I will mis the times you told me I was your favorite grand-daughter, even though I am your only one. I love you Papi.##imported-begin##Grand-daughter Tracy##imported-end##

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“ Dad, you would be so happy to know that your (gogoelite) has been donated to Heron House. Hopefully other seniors on the go will think of you in their travels Love, Linda(#1)##imported-begin##daughter Linda##imported-end##

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“ Love ya Dad, going to miss all your stories. You had a great run.
Until we meet again..... Love Rosanne##imported-
begin##rosanne Hart##imported-end##

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