



Joseph F. Saraceno

June 30, 1955 - August 1, 2007

Mr. Joseph F. Saraceno, age 52, a native Utican currently of Rome, passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, August 1, 2007 in his home.

Born in Utica on June 30, 1955, Joseph was the beloved son of the late Peter F. and Rose M. (Spina) Saraceno. Raised and educated in Utica, he was a 1973 graduate of T. R. Proctor High School. He pursued his collegiate studies in England for a semester and earned a B.A. in Criminal Justice from SUNY. At one time he was married to the former Cheryl Mumford of Sherrill. Joe worked alongside his late father, Peter, at Broadway Body Works. Formerly, he was a Utica Firefighter and Emergency Medical Technician for many years and was credited for numerous heroic acts during his career. Joe also knew the love and companionship of Nancy Nigro; this relationship was bonded by the joy of their daughter.

Joe was a generous man who enjoyed socializing. He was also a true storyteller, a quality defined by his uniquely dynamic and humorous personality. He watched the news to be informed of worldly happenings, and was always well-versed in current events. He enjoyed cooking and the get togethers of family and friends on holidays and special occasions. The greatest fulfillment of his life was the blessing of his four daughters. A devoted son, Joe adored his parents and was very saddened by their passing, and now he will be especially remembered and loved by his family at his untimely passing.

Joe is survived by his daughters, Sarah L. Saraceno, Lisa M. Saraceno, Abby

R. Saraceno, and Kathryn E. Saraceno; and his companion, Nancy Nigro. Also surviving are his brothers and sisters-in-law, Frank and Carol Saraceno of Barneveld, and Peter and Patricia Saraceno of Sauquoit. He was preceded in death by his sister, Donna M. Reed, who passed away on October 5, 1990, and an infant brother, Anthony, who passed away in 1949. He also leaves his uncles and aunts, Joseph and Gail Saraceno of CA, Daisy Spina, Elinor Spina, and Leo Hobaica; his nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews, cousins; and his longtime friends, Russell Carcone, Bob Durante, and Msgr. Francis Willenburg, his spiritual advisor and confidante. He was predeceased by his paternal grandparents, Frank and Lena Saraceno; and his maternal grandparents, Anthony and Perdella Spina.

The family extends gratitude to the City of Rome Emergency Medical Technicians and Ambulance Service for their timely response, and the Rome Police Department for their kindness and compassion which was greatly appreciated.

Visitation and funeral services will be held at the convenience of the family. By family request, please omit floral offerings. For those wishing to do so, please consider memorial donations in Joe's honor to his children or to a Mass offering. Donations may be sent to the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., Utica, NY 13501.

Previous Events

Service

JAN 1. 12:00 AM.

At the convenience of the family

Tribute Wall



“ *My thoughts and prayers to all of you in your time of difficulty. Though we haven't met since childhood, Joseph and his family have always been in mind. My sister Loretta will be contacting you.*

*love, your cousin, Francine
(Sister Daniella Spina)##imported-begin##Sister Daniella
Spina##imported-end##*

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“ *Dear Buddy,Pete,and Family,
God has taken a loved one and no one knows why. We have a
Higher power who decides when we shall be called home.
Celebrate Joey's life wheather good times or bad, just remember he
is safe and in a better place.
My love to you all,
Sandy Montalbano##imported-begin##Sandy
Montalbano##imported-end##*

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“ My thoughts and prayers go out to my grandchildren Sarah, Lisa and Abby. I know that they always loved their father deeply and he loved them back just as much. Joe was always kind and considerate of myself and had a deep connection with my mom, Marion (the girls great grandmother). Grandma is always here for all of you when ever you need me. I'm sure your Dad is smiling down from heaven right now and will always be watching over his three angels.

Love Grandma

Joanie###imported-begin##Joanne Mumford###imported-end##

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“ We remember Joe as a kind and compassionate man. He had a generous heart and a contagious smile.
We remember Joe as a proud and dignified man. Joe left behind a beautiful legacy in the lives of his four beautiful daughters, Sarah, Lisa, Abby and Katherine. He will be sadly missed.###imported-begin##Judi and Richard Sullivan###imported-end##

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“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to our three amazing nieces. Sara, Lisa and Abby you are truly amazing beautiful, young women inside and out. We know your Dad was very proud of you and loved you all so much. God bless you all. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. We love you so very much.

Uncle Bob, Aunt Julie, Jessica, Jaime, Robert###imported-begin##Bob & Julie Sweet and Family###imported-end##

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