



Joseph J. Canarelli, Jr.

December 8, 1943 - April 3, 2009

Mr. Joseph J. Canarelli, Jr., age 65, of Whitesboro, passed away on Friday, April 03, 2009 in the privacy of his home after a courageous battle with brain cancer with his loving family by his side.

Born in Utica on December 8, 1943, Joseph was the son of the late Joseph J. Sr. and Sarah (Brescia) Canarelli. He was raised and educated in N.Y. Mills. A veteran of the U.S. Air Force, he served his country from 1962-1966. On September 20, 1969 he married his high school sweetheart, the former Connie L. Shaw with whom he shared 37 years prior to her passing on March 29, 2007. Joseph shared in an admirable relationship with Connie, who was the love of his life.

Joseph truly loved his work as a letter carrier with the U.S. Postal Service and he found great fulfillment in the service he provided. He is thankful to his many loyal clients that he served on his routes every day until his retirement. A man of true character and integrity, he was an active person who “never let moss grow under his feet”. His priorities were tending to his home and camp, and when able, to friends and neighbors in need. As a loving father, Joseph considered his son to be his best friend. During his spare time he pursued his talents as a craftsman and woodworker. Some of his fondest memories were rooted at the family camp on Kayuta Lake where he spent precious moments with his family. He was a communicant of Our Lady of the Rosary Church. Joseph is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Shawn and Michelle Canarelli of Sauquoit; and his grandchildren, Josh, and “princess” Isabella.

Survivors also include his sister and brother-in-law, Marialana and Mark D. Tubert of New Hartford; his brothers and sisters-in-law, Robert A. and Winifred Canarelli of Sauquoit, Pat and Rachel Canarelli of Cassville, Frank R. and Eva "Jane" Canarelli of Utica, and David and Diane Canarelli of PA; a special aunt, Rachel Chieco; several nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and cousins; his mother-in-law, Stella Shaw, whom he lovingly cared for as his own mother up until his illness; a loving sister-in-law, Lisa Shaw; and a dear aunt, Jane Kaczor. Joseph will be greatly missed by his many friends, especially Vinny LaPaglia, and a special neighbor and dear friend for over thirty years, Roe Kirkland. He was predeceased by his brother-in-law, John Terry Shaw.

The family is grateful to Joe's primary physician, Dr. Gooldy, and his staff for their friendship and loving care; Dr. Desai, nurse practitioner Windy Mitchell, and his nurses and staff; and Dr. Crawford and the staff of Faxton Hospital, including Linda Talerico for their care and transportation. A special thank you to Dr. Marissa Kalil, and to Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc. for their love and compassion. Shawn and Michelle want to extend their sincere appreciation to Caregivers and their excellent staff, especially acknowledging Sue, Brenda, Dolores, Eileen, Dolores, Mary, and John whose loving concern was very much appreciated- they were like "angels" to the family.

Visitation will be held on Monday from 4-7 p.m. at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. By family request, please omit floral offerings. For those wishing to do so, memorial contributions in Joe's honor may be made to Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc. or to the Edward Talerico Scholarship Fund (National Association of Letter Carriers); envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Joe's funeral service will commence on Tuesday morning at 9:30 from the funeral home and at 10:30 at Our Lady of the Rosary Church where his Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated with Military Honors. Joseph will be put to rest beside his beloved wife, Connie, at Calvary Mausoleum.

Previous Events

Service

APR 7. 10:30 AM (ET)

Our Lady of the Rosary Church
1736 Burrstone Road
New Hartford, NY

Tribute Wall



“ I didn't know Joe, but I know Frank and Pat and my heart goes out to the whole Canarelli family. Our deepest condolences to you all.##imported-begin##Gene DiFondi##imported-end##

April 10, 2009 at 05:31 PM



“ Shawn , Michelle, and your Little Princess. It's only been a few days since your father, (my Brothers)passing .The memories we have will be shared for ever. The long telephone conversations will be missed. Plans for retirement,projects we planned, will now have to be altered.What I am going to miss the the most, is just being BROTHERS. Joe !! we will meet in another time. May GOD bless and keep you. LOVE AND MISS YOU BROTHER Frankie##imported-begin##Mr. & Mrs Frank R. Canarelli##imported-end##

April 07, 2009 at 04:09 PM



“ Joe was our mailman for many years. He was a warm, friendly person who did a great job delivering our mail and over the years became a friend. When Joe retired from the USPS, he personally came to our house to tell us and we were very sad to lose him as our mailman. Now Steve and I are very saddened to read about his death. We are sure that he is in heaven with his wife. Rest in peace, Joe.
Sincerely, Dr. Stephen and Mary ann Culver##imported-begin##Mary Ann Culver##imported-end##

April 07, 2009 at 09:57 AM



“ Joe was such an amazing person and I am honored to have been able to know him!! Sean, Shelly and the entire family, my thoughts and prayers are with you all!! He will truly be missed!!!##imported-begin##Jessica Edick##imported-end##

April 06, 2009 at 09:58 PM



“ To the Family,
Please accept our deepest sympathy for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Joseph and Ellen Haug##imported-end##

April 06, 2009 at 08:56 PM



“ I know that Joe will be missed; he was a dedicated person no matter what he did. I first met Joe when I transferred to Utica from Buffalo as a letter carrier. Joe helped me to understand how things worked in Utica. Anytime I asked Joe for help, he was always there to lend a hand. I know Joe's family is proud all of his accomplishments, as they should. Joe you are the best, GOD BLESS YOU AND YOUR FAMILY##imported-begin##Michael Gille##imported-end##

April 06, 2009 at 01:57 PM



“ Joe and family, So sorry to hear of your Dad's passing, he was a wonderful man and he will be missed . It was an honor to take care of Joesph, Linda##imported-begin##Linda Talerico##imported-end##

April 06, 2009 at 12:02 PM



“ Joe was absolutely one of the nicest guys my brother and I have known and had the pleasure to have worked with for 36 years. (Plus being in the Army Reserves with him) We will never forget the little guy with the very big infectious smile. He will be very missed when ever there is a Letter Carrier function. It just won't be the same without our friend Joe there.

Fellow Letter Carriers Fred and Ed Washburn##imported-begin##Ed Washburn##imported-end##

April 06, 2009 at 08:44 AM



“ We will always remember Joe as a kind man and a wonderful neighbor and friend at Kayuta Lake. We will miss him.##imported-begin##Dan, Karen & Lilli Carey##imported-end##

April 06, 2009 at 07:34 AM



“ Shawn and Shelly

We hope that you can find some comfort in your many special memories and in the thought of the happy years with your dad.

With our sincere sympathy our thoughts and prayers go out to you both and your families.##imported-begin##Rob and Dawn Morris##imported-end##

April 06, 2009 at 12:12 AM



“ ##imported-begin##Mr. and Mrs. Frank R. Canarelli##imported-end##

April 05, 2009 at 08:44 PM



“ To the family of Mr. Canarelli, I offer my condolences.

Mr. Canarelli not only provided the most professional service as our letter carrier, but more importantly, he provided it in a personable, friendly way. As others have noted, he always had a smile on his face and encouraging words to exchange.

It was obvious he loved Shawn immensely and was so proud of him.

My sincere sympathy to Maria and Shawn.... Johanna Battista##imported-begin##Johanna Battista##imported-end##

April 05, 2009 at 10:41 AM



“ So very sorry about Joe, I remember him from the "Tasty Creme" days, he would come in for lunch with all the guys and always smiled never seen him in a bad mood. My heart goes out to you I lost my dad at a young age too. God Bless you. Deb Acker.##imported-begin##Debra Acker##imported-end##

April 05, 2009 at 05:24 AM



“ Our prayers go out to Joe's family at this time of sorrow. We had the great pleasure of working with Joe at the post office and the extra pleasure of being one of his customers on one of his routes. He was a true friend who had a kind word for everyone. Joe, you will be missed dearly. God Bless you forever.##imported-begin##Larry and Christy Calenzo##imported-end##

April 04, 2009 at 02:14 PM



“ Joe, you will be truly missed.

My condolences to Shawn and Michelle Canarelli, you are a beautiful family and and it was my pleasure to serve you.

*God Bless Dolores##imported-begin##Dolores
Thompson##imported-end##*

April 04, 2009 at 12:53 PM



“ *Just wanted to let you know my thoughts and prays are with the family. Joe was a wonderful man and I will great memories of him at the multiple Caneralli/Springer functions.##imported-begin##Lynn M. Springer##imported-end##*

April 04, 2009 at 07:19 AM