



Joseph T. "Smally" Inserra

December 7, 1921 - November 21, 2009

Mr. Joseph T. "Smally" Inserra, age 87, of Utica, passed away on Saturday, November 21, 2009 at his home.

Born in Utica on December 7, 1921, Joseph was the son of the late Joseph and Lena (DiBrango) Inserra. Raised and educated locally, he attended St. Mary of Mt. Carmel School.

Prior to retirement, Smally worked many jobs in the Utica area, starting with the family business and ending his career with the Observer-Dispatch. He was a communicant of St. Mary of Mt. Carmel/Blessed Sacrament Parish.

Joseph is survived by his daughter, Lynne Bratcher of FL; his sons and daughters-in-law, Joseph Timothy Inserra of AZ, Emmett and Kim Inserra of Utica, Peter and Sarah Inserra of Oriskany, Patrick and Patricia Inserra of Sauquoit, and David and Tammy Inserra of AZ; his grandchildren, Jeremy and Becky of FL, Kelli and J. Timothy, Jr. of AZ, Jessica and Caity of Yorkville, Henry of Oriskany, Dorothy of Turin, John of Yorkville, Patty of Chadwicks, and Taylor and Emily of AZ; his 10 great-grandchildren; and his brother, Pasquale "Pat" Inserra of Frankfort.

In keeping with Smally's wishes, there will be no public visitation. By family request, please omit floral offerings. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend his Memorial service and Celebration of Life which will be held on Saturday afternoon at 2:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. with Sister Elizabeth Giarrusso, CSJ officiating. For those wishing to do so, please consider memorial contributions

in Joseph's honor to the American Cancer Society, or the Alzheimer's Association; envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

Tribute Wall



“ *Eannace Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Joseph T. "Smally" Inserra*



Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. - November 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *To my second cousins,*

Please know that I'm thinking of you all and that you are in my prayers. God bless.

*Gina (Patty's daughter)##imported-begin##Regina Inserra
Rose##imported-end##*

January 15, 2010 at 11:45 PM



“ *To Lynne, Timmy, Emmett, Peter, Patrick, and David... I am thinking of you all during this very sad time. Uncle Smally was such a part of my life, and I am so sad that he is gone. I used to call him Uncle Yeah, Yeah, Yeah because of how often he used to say that. Please know that I send my deepest, deepest sympathies and that I will remember all of you and Uncle Smally for the rest of my life. With love, your cousin Tina.##imported-begin##Tina (Inserra) Harris##imported-end##*

November 30, 2009 at 09:59 AM



“ While it's been a many of years ago (38 to be exact) I've never forgotten Uncle smally and found myself wondering as to what ever happened to him & the boys, of whom I remember as a small boy, going every weekend to play.

Being the middle son of Pat & Joseph Taylor was never an easy task, but they always seemd to make it worth while when they would take me up toplay with the boys.

One fond memory I do have of uncle smally was the last family reunion I remember. I must have been around 7 or 8 and the boys & I were playing teasing one of our female cousins who was there. The boys caught me kissing her and they began teasing me, and as luck would have it, the word traveled fast throughout the party. While my mother (pat) took the "Oh my God" road to the situation and was prepared to give me a lashing, it was Smally that came to my rescue by scooping me up up under his arm and off to his easy chair there in the house.

While my mothr wanted to scold me, it was smally that defended me by telling her that it was ok, for how was I suppose to know how to kiss a girl if I didn't get any practice in before hand. While that made my mother angry, he held up his can of beer, and gave me my first taste of beer and told me not to worry about kissing the girls and that I best get all of the practice in that I could for when I got old enough to get married, the only thing I would be kissing then would be the knots on my head.

Thanks Smally, I really mean it. And while I never gotten the chance to come back to NY after my folks moved us to NC, you had & alway will, hold a special place in my heart.

Jamie###imported-begin##James (Jamie) E. Taylor##imported-end##

November 27, 2009 at 10:03 AM



“ *Wife and I have all the family in our prayers##imported-begin##Joel E Taylor##imported-end##*

November 26, 2009 at 07:08 PM



“ *Sending you our deepest condolences at this time. May you find strength in each other, in knowing others share your loss and although we are unable to be with you in person we are with you in spirit. Uncle Joe and Aunt Pat##imported-begin##Joseph and Patricia Taylor##imported-end##*

November 24, 2009 at 07:57 PM



“ *Lynne, Tim, Emmett, Peter, Patrick and David Although miles separates us all, I want you to know that my deepest of sympathy goes to all of you at this time. Please feel free to contact me. I am still in NC. I would love to hear from any of you. Love from your cousin##imported-begin##Robin Taylor Bailey##imported-end##*

November 23, 2009 at 07:40 PM