



Mr. Jules J. "Joe" Poma, Sr.

September 12, 1932 - June 1, 2023

CLINTON- Mr. Jules J. "Joe" Poma, Sr. passed away peacefully on Thursday, June 1, 2023, at the age of 90.

Joe was born in Tunisia, Africa on September 12, 1932, to the late Vincent and Antionette Poma. Joe was raised and educated in Tunisia and France. With his family, he relocated to the United States at the age of 17. At one time Joe was married to Suzanne Rizzo, and from that union came the blessing of 3 children. Michele, Jules (Joe) and Tina. He later shared in a second union with Denise Incandella.

Joe was employed as a union painter and wallpaper hanger. His skilled work could be seen in many churches and homes throughout the east coast. He was an exceptional athlete and boxed professionally for a period of time. He was proud to have won the Golden Glove twice. Joe also had a passion for soccer. He helped establish Utica's first soccer team in the 1950's. He was not only a great fighter in boxing but also fought and beat cancer three times. He was an "old-schooler" who held great and steadfast convictions. When he was determined, nothing stood in his way. He was always attuned to helping his family with their needs. Joe's favorite pastime was fishing.

Joe is survived by his children and their companions, Michele Poma and Thomas V. "Tom" Maugeri, Sr., Jules (Joe) Jr. and Tammy Poma, Tina Marchione and Chuck Bick, Sylvain and Cheryl Poma, and Stepdaughter Corrin and Michael Maldonado. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Harmony (Hanna) Collins, Christine (Hanna) Fusco, Adrienne (Marchione)

and Jim Fitzgerald, Nicole Poma and John Lints, Adam Maldonado, and Casey Poma. Joe also cherished his ten great-grandchildren. He held close to his heart the memory of three grandchildren who predeceased him; Jules J. Poma III, Jolene Poma, Joseph Jules Poma. He is survived by his sister, Claudine (her late husband Al Albercio); his brother, Charles Poma and Sandy; and his sister-in-law, Maneau Poma, He is predeceased by his brothers, Bernard Poma, Anthony Poma, and Paul Poma, as well as his special friend Terry.

Joe's family would like to extend a special thank you to the entire staff at Foltsbrook Center for their care and compassion. In keeping with Joe's wishes, there will be no public services. His family will honor his life in a private gathering.

Tribute Wall

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“ Dearest Jules & family, Ray & I are so sorry to hear of your Dads passing. Enclosed is a poem for you & your family. Prayers to you & yours.

WE'RE NEVER REALLY READY

*We're never really ready
when a loved one leaves this world.
There's always so much left that we want to say.
We long to turn back time
and tell them all that's in our hearts.
We think, "If only I had one more day"*

*We catch ourselves recalling
little moments that we shared
and smile at every sweet "remember when"
We tell our favorite stories
and we laugh and cry and sign
and somehow we feel close to them again.*

*We're never really ready
when it's time to say good-bye
but slowly we accept what has to be,
letting go of what we must
but keeping those we love
forever close to us in memory.*

*We are thinking of you and
your family at this very sad time.*

*Love,
Sunshine & Ray Stone & Jazzie & Sammy
XOXO*

Sunshine & Ray Stone - June 07, 2023 at 11:10 PM

DA

“ So Sorry to hear of your fathers passing thinking of everyone
AnnMarie

David - June 07, 2023 at 07:47 PM

NP

“ 6 files added to the tribute wall



Nicole Pressley Poma - June 07, 2023 at 03:56 PM

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*Enjoyed our phone calls... wished we could've spent one more visit
with you. You will be missed...*

Nicole Pressley Poma - June 07, 2023 at 03:58 PM

FD

“ Michelle and family, so sorry to hear of your dad's passing. My
thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Sincerely, Flo
DeSimone

Florence Desimone - June 06, 2023 at 09:52 PM